

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reviewed the draft June Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting agenda ([Agenda Item D.7, Attachment 2](#)) and the draft Year at a Glance ([Agenda Item D.7, Attachment 1](#)) in the advanced briefing book. We also considered the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) Report on Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning ([Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)).

We propose the following adjustments for the Year-at-a-Glance, based on NMFS staffing capacity (Table 1):

- We support the GMT's suggestion to add an item on the June agenda to discuss changes to P* and a phased-in acceptable biological catch (ABC) approach. We envision the Council developing these approaches parallel with specifications, and expect to implement any changes the Council adopts under this item as part of the 2021-2022 biennial harvest specifications.
- We recommend the Council schedule an agenda item in June to select a final preferred alternative for ESA Seabird Mitigation Measures.
- We recommend the Council schedule an agenda item in June to select a preliminary preferred alternative for ESA Salmon Mitigation Measures.
- We reiterate our recommendation to delay selection of the range of alternatives for sablefish gear switching and area management until September to give the Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee (SaMTAAC) time to prepare and submit a report on its May meeting for the advanced briefing book.
- If desired, we would support a Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee (GEMPAC) meeting after the whiting and fixed gear final rule and the non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl proposed rule publish to review the draft national policies and receive an informational briefing from NMFS on those rules.
- NMFS supports GEMPAC meetings in September and November to discuss the program guidelines.

June 18-25, 2019	September 11-18, 2019	November 13-20, 2019	March 3-9, 2020	April 3-10, 2020	June 11-18, 2020	September 10-17, 2020	November 13-20, 2020
<i>San Diego, CA</i>	<i>Boise, ID</i>	<i>Costa Mesa, CA</i>	<i>Rohnert Park, CA</i>	<i>Vancouver, WA</i>	<i>San Diego, CA</i>	<i>Spokane, WA</i>	<i>Garden Grove, CA</i>
NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report	NMFS Report
Inseason Management	Inseason Management	Inseason Management	Inseason Management	Inseason Management	Inseason Management	Inseason Management	Inseason Management
21/22 Harvest Specs & MM planning	21/22 Harvest Specs & MM initial actions	21/22 Spex PPA, MM ROA, preliminary EFP approval	(21/22 Spex check-in) tent.	21/22 Spex Management Measures PPA	21/22 Spex Management Measures FPA		
Adopt Stock Assessments	Adopt Stock Assessments	Remaining Stock Assessments/ Rebuilding Analyses	Initial Stock Assessment Plan and TOR	Cost Recovery Report			
ESA Seabird Mitigation Measures FPA	(MWT EFP for 2020 FPA) tent.		Whiting Treaty Implementation		(Non-trawl Management Area P&N/ROA) tent.		(Non-trawl Management Area PPA) tent.
ESA Salmon Mitigation Measures PPA	ESA Salmon Mitigation Measures FPA						
EM 3rd Party Transition Plan	(Trawl logbook PPA)	(Trawl logbook FPA)					
(SaMTAAC update)	(SaMTAAC report)	(Sablefish gear switching and area management P&N/ROA) tent.	?	(Sablefish gear switching and area management PPA) tent.		(Sablefish gear switching and area management FPA) tent.	
ESA Workgroup Report	Methodology Review Topic Selection						
Sigma effects exploration and phase-in scoping discussion	(Science Improvements and Methodology Review Report) tent.						
Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)	Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)	Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)	Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)		Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)	Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)	Groundfish Workload Planning (<i>Omnibus Open Comment</i>)

**Items listed in parentheses are included as tentative items both based on how they are noted on the Council's year at a glance and based on NMFS suggested changes to their scheduling

