



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019

TO: Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2019 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 19 – 25, 2019, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, California (not to be confused with the other Doubletree hotels in the area. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet June 19 - 20. Major topics for discussion at this meeting are below. For more detailed information, please refer to the situation summaries in the Briefing Book materials, which are scheduled to be posted to the Council website on June 3.

#### **National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report (F.1)**

NMFS and the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) will provide updates on regulatory and science activities.

#### **Stock Assessment Prioritization Process (F.2)**

The Council will consider a CPSMT report on a potential process for prioritizing assessments for CPS finfish stocks, and will consider data that is available for a potential stock assessment of the central subpopulation of northern anchovy.

#### **Pacific Mackerel Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures – Final Action (F.3)**

The SWFSC completed a Pacific mackerel benchmark stock assessment, which was reviewed by a Stock Assessment Review Panel in April 2019. The CPSAS and CPSMT should be prepared to make recommendations on directed and incidental harvest for both the 2019 – 2020 and the 2020 – 2021 fishing years.

#### **Review of Management Categories (F.4)**

In November 2018, the Council asked the CPSMT to bring forward options for potentially revising the description and/or function of the management categories as currently described in the CPS fishery management plan (FMP). The CPSMT and CPSAS should be prepared to review those materials and develop supplemental reports with recommendations for how to proceed.

#### **Allocation Review Procedures – Final (D.4)**

In 2016, NMFS issued Policy Directive 01-119 the generally describes the responsibilities and processes for allocation reviews. Each Regional Fishery Management Council is responsible for determining the applicable triggers for each or their FMPs, and NMFS has requested information pertaining to those triggers for when to review an allocation and recommend best practices and factors to consider when reviewing allocations. The CPSMT and CPSAS commented on this topic at the April meeting, and should review the agenda item materials for any further comment.

**Phased-In Approaches to Changing Harvest Limits (D.5)**

The Council will consider a change in the groundfish and CPS harvest management frameworks to allow a phase-in of declining harvest limits in cases when a new assessment or any other analysis affecting the available harvest of a key stock indicates a dramatic decline in harvest opportunity. This meeting is considered scoping. If the Council chooses to move forward, it would establish a multi-meeting process to develop alternatives in advance of a final decision.

Enclosed are June agenda materials for your review. Thank you for your continued participation in the Council process and for your part in maintaining sustainable fisheries on the U.S. West Coast.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
3. Agenda Item F.1 – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report
4. Agenda item F.2 – Stock Assessment Prioritization Process
5. Agenda Item F.3 – Pacific Mackerel Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures – Final Action
6. Agenda Item F.4 – Review of Management Categories
7. Agenda Item D.4 – Allocation Review Procedures - Preliminary
8. Agenda Item D.5 – Phased-in Approaches to Changing Harvest Limits - Scoping
9. Agenda Item D.10 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
10. CPSMT Agenda
11. CPSAS Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: June 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 19-25, 2019, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92108, telephone: 619-297-5466.

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Hub Room on Thursday, June 20 starting at 3 p.m. and as necessary thereafter, through Monday, June 24).

Enclosed are materials for items on the EC Agenda and additional items that might be of interest to you. Your agenda allows you to add other items from the Council agenda, if you should decide there are other issues on which you would like to comment.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda
2. EC Agenda
3. CPSAS Agenda
4. CPSMT Agenda
5. GAP Agenda
6. GMT Agenda
7. HC Agenda
8. HMSAS Agenda
9. HMSMT Agenda
10. LC Agenda

***(Administrative Matters)***

11. Agenda Item D.6 Electronic Monitoring Program Procedural Directive
12. Agenda Item D.10 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

***(Enforcement)***

13. Agenda Item E.1 Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report

***(Coastal Pelagic Species Management)***

14. Agenda Item F.3 Pacific Mackerel Assessment, Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Final Action

***(Salmon Management)***

15. Agenda Item G.2 Southern Resident Killer Whale Endangered Species Act Consultation Progress Report

***(Pacific Halibut)***

16. Agenda Item H.1 Commercial Directed Fishery Transition Process and Workshop Planning

***(Groundfish Management)***

17. Agenda Item I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report
18. Agenda Item I.2 Workload and New Management Measure Update
19. Agenda Item I.3 Trawl Logbook Requirement
20. Agenda Item I.4 Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Report
21. Agenda Item I.5 Endangered Species Act Seabird Mitigation Measures – Final Action
22. Agenda Item I.7 Final Action on Inseason Adjustments

***(Highly Migratory Species Management)***

23. Agenda Item J.5 Exempted Fishing Permits

***(General Information)***

24. Informational Report 1 NMFS OLE Annual Report
25. Hotel-related Information
26. Council Roster



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Mr. Todd Phillips, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 19-25 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, California (not to be confused with the other Doubletree hotels in the area. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 21 in the Great Room 1/2 and Shutters West 1/2, respectively.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest, including:

- Matters raised during the Open Comment Period;
  - Current Habitat Issues;
  - Update on Implementation of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018;
  - Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report;
  - Legislative Matters;
  - Allocation Review Procedures – Final Action;
  - Commercial Directed Fishery Transition Process and Workshop Planning;
  - Phased In Approaches to Changing Catch Limits – Scoping;
  - Groundfish: National Marine Fisheries Service Report;
  - Workload and New Management Measure Update;
  - Trawl Logbook Requirement;
  - Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Report;
  - Endangered Species Act Seabird Mitigation Measures – Final Action;
  - Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2021-2022 Fisheries;
  - Final Action on Inseason Adjustments;
  - Electronic Monitoring Program Procedural Directive;
  - Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.
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As a reminder, the Council's web-based public comment [e-portal](#) will be the only way to submit comments to the advanced and/or supplemental Briefing Book.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week. As always, all briefing materials are also available on the web at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/>.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C – Habitat
4. Agenda Item D – Administrative
5. Agenda Item E – Enforcement
6. Agenda Item H – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Agenda Item I – Groundfish Management
8. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
9. GAP Agenda
10. GMT Agenda
11. Habitat Committee Agenda
12. Scientific and Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019

TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species

SUBJECT: June 2019 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meets June 19-25, 2019, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Center Drive in San Diego, California. (Please note this hotel is located on Hazard Center Drive, not to be confused with the nearby Hilton Mission Valley on Camino del Rio South.) The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Friday through Monday, June 21-24. The HMSAS will be in the Brickstones Room and the HMSMT will be in Shutters East 2 Room. The meetings begin at 8 a.m. each day. Six HMS topics are on the Council agenda. Summaries of these topics follow. I am also including briefing materials for a number of administrative items.

#### J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region will report on recent regulatory activities. The Southwest Fisheries Science Center will report on HMS-related research activities.

#### J.2 Recommend International Management Activities

The International Scientific Committee (ISC) for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean has initiated management strategy evaluations (MSE) for North Pacific albacore and Pacific bluefin tuna. This is an opportunity to get another progress report on these efforts and for the Council to make recommendations for their further development.

NMFS will report on recent Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) meetings. The IATTC 94th meeting and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee (NC) meeting both occur between the June and September Council meetings so the Council could consider recommendations for U.S. positions at these meetings.

In 2018 the Council directed its advisory bodies to bring forward ideas for a long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna. Further development of this strategy should occur at this meeting.

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### J.3 Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing Response

On November 2, 2018, NMFS notified the Council that the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) stock of yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) is not overfished but is subject to overfishing, and the Council must make recommendations within one year of that date to address the status of the stock. At this meeting the Council will need to determine what recommendations it may make, with the option of continuing the discussion in September.

### J.4 Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics Review

Beginning in 2017, the Council has received an annual report on estimated bycatch in the large mesh drift gillnet (DGN) fishery against performance metrics originally adopted by the Council in 2015. The HMSMT will submit a report on performance metrics for the 2017/18 DGN fishing season using the more statistically robust methodology for estimating rare event bycatch endorsed by the Council in 2018. The Council also assigned the HMSMT several tasks related to the implementation of this method for bycatch reporting, as described in the Situation Summary.

### J.5 Exempted Fishing Permits

Eighteen applications were submitted to test deep-set buoy gear. The Council will make recommendations on issuance. NMFS has also asked the Council to make a recommendation on the reissuance of existing permits set to expire at the end of this year.

### J.6 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization Update and Review of Analyses

The Council adopted the range of alternatives for authorizing deep-set buoy gear in November 2018 and is scheduled to take final action in September 2019. NMFS has provided a draft of its analysis of the biological impacts of authorizing the fishery for Council review and comment.

### Administrative Items

There are a number of administrative items on the June agenda, aside from the standard topics, that may be interest to you so I'm including the briefing materials for these items primarily for informational purposes. As always, you may wish to comment on the topics scheduled on future Council agendas as described under Agenda Item D.10.

At its April 2019 meeting, the Council adopted revisions to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 22 for public review. These revisions would establish a framework for essential fish habitat reviews for all four Council fishery management plans (FMPs), including HMS (currently the COP is specific to the Groundfish FMP). The Council is scheduled to adopt this revised procedure at the September meeting. I am including the public review of draft in your briefing materials in case you want to begin developing comments on it in preparation for the September meeting.

Paper copies of referenced briefing materials are enclosed. You may obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website as they become available after distribution of the advanced briefing book.

As always, thank you for your service to the Council process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item J.1: NMFS Report
3. Agenda Item J.2: Recommend International Management Activities
4. Agenda Item J.3: Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing Response
5. Agenda Item J.4: Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics Review
6. Agenda Item J.5: Exempted Fishing Permits
7. Agenda Item J.6: Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization Update and Review of Analyses
8. Agenda Items D.1-D.6, & D.10: Administrative Items Including Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
9. Public Review Draft of Council Operating Procedure (COP) 22 – Essential Fish Habitat Review Process
10. HMSAS and HMSMT Meeting Agendas
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019  
TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup, and Interested Persons  
FROM: Robin Ehlke, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: June Council Meeting

In conjunction with the June 2019 Council meeting, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and the Salmon Technical Team (STT) will each meet on Thursday, June 20, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meetings will be held in the Shutters West Room-1/2 (SAS) and the Great Room-1/2 (STT) of the Doubletree Mission Valley in San Diego, California. Please note - there are two Doubletree Hotels in San Diego; BE SURE to travel to the HAZARD CENTER DRIVE location.

The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) and the Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Workgroup (Workgroup) will not attend the meeting; however, a Workgroup representative will attend to provide a statement on topics of interest that are on the Council agenda.

The Chair's reception is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20 in the South and West Foyer.

The Council will cover the salmon agenda items on Friday, June 21. Two topics will be discussed by the Council. The first salmon topic (Agenda Item G.1) is the salmon rebuilding plans. Under this agenda item the Council will review all five plans, and possibly adopt the two Chinook plans as final and approve the three coho plans as drafts for public review. The second salmon topic (Agenda Item G.2) is a progress report on the consultation process for SRKW. At the April meeting, the Council formed the ad-hoc SRKW workgroup. The progress report will include a summary the workgroup's first meeting in May, and an outlook for work to be completed by November 2019. Another salmon-centric topic of interest, though not on the Council agenda, is the salmon troll 'ping rates'. In April, the Council tasked the Enforcement Consultants to provide an informational report at the June Council meeting in response to concerns expressed by the SAS in the validity and associated costs of an increased 'ping rate' for salmon trollers. Look for a supplemental Enforcement Consultants Report under Agenda Item I.1.

Pacific halibut is on the Council agenda for Saturday, June 22. The Council will discuss the potential management transition process and workshop planning related to the commercial directed non-Indian fishery (Agenda Item H.1). Under this agenda item the Council will look for clarity in tasks and timelines in the potential transfer of management of this fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Council. In addition, a workshop focused on the structure of this fishery and near-term changes will be discussed.

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Other topics of interest include Habitat Issues (Agenda Item C.1) and the U.S. Coast Guard Annual Report (Agenda Item E.1), which are both scheduled on Thursday, June 20. Legislative Matters (Agenda Item D.3) is scheduled on Friday, June 21. There are multiple Administrative Matters of interest on the Council's agenda. On Thursday, June 20, the Council will receive a report on the Council Coordination Committee meeting (Agenda Item D.1) and an update on the Modern Fish Act (Agenda Item D.2). Agenda Item D.4 which covers allocation review procedures is scheduled on Friday, June 21. On Tuesday, June 25, the Council will consider membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures under Agenda Item D.9, and future Council meeting agendas and workload under Agenda Item D.10. In addition, both the SAS and STT agendas will include a briefing on progress being made on updating Council Operating Procedure (COP) 22 which currently guides Council review and modification of groundfish Essential Fish Habitat. The Council has adopted for public review an updated draft COP 22 that is expanded to provide review guidance in all four Fishery Management Plans.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.1 – Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item D.1, D.2, D.3, D.4, D. 9, D.10 – Council Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item E.1 - Enforcement
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Salmon topics
6. Agenda Item H.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
7. March 2019 Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 3

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2019  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: June 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 19-25, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, California (not to be confused with the other Doubletree hotels in the area). The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday June 20, starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Brickstones Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC packet will include the materials for Agenda Item D.5 – Phased-In Approaches to Changing Catch Limits - Scoping for informational purposes only.

The SSC will also discuss future workload planning and may report to the Council on their plans under Agenda Item D.10.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will review a proposed stock assessment prioritization procedure from the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and will provide their recommendations on CPS assessment prioritization to the Council. The SSC will also review the quantity and quality of data available, and make a recommendation relative to a potential assessment of the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA).

The SSC will review a new assessment for Pacific mackerel and will consider endorsing the assessment as best available science to inform Council management decisions. The SSC will also recommend overfishing limits for Pacific mackerel for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fisheries.

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### Salmon Management

The SSC will review draft rebuilding plans for three coho salmon stocks recently declared overfished and provide their comments and recommendations to the Council. The SSC Economics Subcommittee will review the economic analyses in the draft rebuilding plans. A supplemental report of the SSC Economics Subcommittee detailing their recommendations from their June 4 webinar (webinar details can be found [here](#)) will be available to the SSC supplemental to your briefing book packet.

### Groundfish Management

The SSC packet will include the materials for Agenda Item I.6 - Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2021-2022 Fisheries for informational purposes only. While the SSC is not expected to provide a report to the Council on this agenda item, it does provide a proposed process and timeline for determining 2021-2022 harvest specifications, which affects future SSC workload.

### Highly Migratory Species Management

The SSC will review the data indicating the Eastern Pacific Ocean stock of yellowfin tuna is subject to overfishing and will report their recommendations on yellowfin stock status. The SSC will also recommend reporting improvements for assessments of highly migratory species.

The SSC will review the analysis of biological impacts associated with implementing the deep-set buoy gear fishery and may recommend the analytical results and effort projections for management decision-making.

Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

JDD:rdd

Enclosures include:

### Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item D.5 – Phased In Approaches to Changing Catch Limits - Scoping
3. Agenda Item D.10 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

4. Agenda Item F.2 – Stock Assessment Prioritization Process
5. Agenda Item F.3 – Pacific Mackerel Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures – Final Action

Salmon Management

6. Agenda Item G.1 – Rebuilding Plans

Groundfish Management

7. Agenda Item I.6 – Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2021-2022 Fisheries

Highly Migratory Species Management

8. Agenda Item J.3 – Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing Response
9. Agenda Item J.6 – Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization

SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Closed Session, Etc.

10. June 2019 SSC Agenda
11. Draft April 2019 SSC Minutes
12. Administrative Closed Session
13. Informational Reports
14. Hotel-Related Information
15. Council Roster