

**COUNCIL MEETING RECORD**  
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## INTRODUCTION

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1. **Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda** – These documents are available on the Council Website prior to and following each meeting at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.
2. **Attendance Records** – These documents are available for the Council meeting and each advisory body meeting by request from the Council office.
3. **All Documents, Reports, and Presentations for Council Consideration** – These items include (1) all documents produced or received for the meeting briefing book, validated by a label assigned by the Council Secretariat and distributed to Council Members; (2) written public comments received at the Council meeting in accordance with agenda labeling requirements; and (3) electronic material or handout materials used in presentations to Council Members during the open session. They are available from links in the Meeting Summary of this document or at [https://www.pcouncil.org/council\\_meeting/june-19-25-2019-council-meeting/](https://www.pcouncil.org/council_meeting/june-19-25-2019-council-meeting/).
4. **Council Decisions Summary Document** – This document is distributed shortly after each Council meeting. It provides very brief descriptions of most key Council decisions and is available at <https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2019/06/june-2019-decision-document.pdf/> and also provided by agenda item in the Meeting Summary of this document.
5. **Draft or Final Decision Documents Finalized after the Council Meeting** – Documents such as Environmental Impact Statements or Environmental Assessments are available on the Council website as they are completed.
6. **Gavel-to-Gavel Audio Recordings and Summary Transcripts** – These recordings contain the testimony, presentations, discussions, and actions occurring at the meeting and are labeled by date and time (e.g., 04-11-15am1) and have been annotated as to the time on the recording for the start of each agenda line item to help facilitate review. For additional reference, verbatim transcripts of Council Actions are available on the Council website. The recordings and transcripts may be accessed from the links contained within the Meeting Summary of this document or at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/past-meetings/>.
7. **Meeting Summary** (immediately follows this section) – The Meeting Summary lists, in agenda item order, the briefing book documents, reports, presentations, and Council motions and actions, including a brief summary from the Council Decisions Summary Document for each agenda item. It constitutes the meeting record formally approved by the Council. The agenda heading for each agenda item, and most listed documents, serve as internet links to the actual briefing book documents. Internet links in brackets (e.g., [[mp3: 11-11-14pm1 @01:21:15](#)]) refer to the audio recording and elapsed time on the recording at which the agenda item was initiated. Links to the audio recordings are annotated by agenda item and may also be accessed at <https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2019/06/june-2019-meeting-recordings.pdf/>.



8. **Voting Log** – The voting log lists, in Agenda order, the summarized Council motions and actions for each agenda item that took place during the meeting.

## MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Call to Order [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:00:28](#)]

#### 1. Opening Remarks – Phil Anderson, Chair

Mr. Phil Anderson, Council Chair, called the 250th meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 20, 2019. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### 2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:06:26](#)]

##### Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee
	Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee
	Ms. Kelly Ames, designee
	Ms. Aja Szumylo, designee
	Ms. Susan Bishop, designee
Alaska State Official:	Ms. Rachel Baker (nonvoting designee)
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee
	Ms. Michele Culver, designee
	Mr. Corey Niles, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Rich Lincoln
Oregon State Official:	Dr. Caren Braby, designee
	Mr. Chris Kern, designee
	Ms. Maggie Sommer, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Christa Svensson
California State Official:	Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee
	Mr. Brett Kormos, designee
	Mr. John Ugoretz, designee
	Ms. Briana Brady, designee
California Obligatory:	Mr. Robert Dooley
Idaho State Official:	Mr. Peter Hassemer, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Herb Pollard
Tribal Official:	Mr. Joseph Oatman
At-Large:	Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair
	Mr. Louis Zimm
	Mr. Brad Pettinger
	Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Vice-Chair
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Scott McGrew, nonvoting designee
	Mr. Chris German, nonvoting designee
	LCDR Lee Crusius, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Mr. John Netto, nonvoting designee

## Absent from the Meeting:

U.S. State Department: Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee

### 3. Executive Director's Report – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:07:45](#)]

Mr. Tracy introduced the Informational Reports and called the Council's attention to [Informational Report 2](#): Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee Progress Report to the Council (June 2019) as it may need discussion under Agenda Item D.10.

### 4. Agenda – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:12:33](#)]

#### a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

**Motion 1** [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:12:53](#)]: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, June 19-25, 2019](#) Council Meeting Agenda.

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion carried unanimously)

## B. Open Comment Period

### 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:17:32](#)]

#### a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

[Agenda Item B.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Report on the WCR Web Transition and Quick Guide

[Agenda Item B.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): West Coast Geographic Strategic Planning Presentation to Pacific Fishery Management Council (*Kristen Koch*)

[Agenda Item B.1.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

#### b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-20-19am1 0:47:57](#)] & [[mp3: 6-20-19am2 0:00:19](#)]

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Diane Pleschner-Steele, California Wetfish Producers Association presented [Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): Diane Pleschner-Steele Video (*large mp4 file*)

Peter Guglielmo

Vince Torre, Tri-Marine Fish Company

Corbin Hanson

Rick Bramhall, Oceana & Audubon Society

Tom Schiff

Peter Halmay, San Diego Fisherman's Work Group

Barry Cohen

Steve Fitz, California Groundfish Collective

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Association & Brent Paine, United Catcher Boats

Geoff Shester, Oceana presented [Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 2](#): Oceana Courtney Preis, Oceana

Lizbeth Vrruiza, Oceana

Alison Bucher, Oceana

April Gallardo, Oceana

Katie Jalette, Oceana

Kaily Wakefield, Surfrider Foundation

Mandy Sackett, Surfrider Foundation

Mary Morrison, Oceana

Mark Helvey, California Pelagic Fisheries Forum  
Susan Sheakley, Sea and Sage Audubon  
Robert Kurz, CCA- Cal & Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans  
Paul Shively, PEW Charitable Trusts  
Anna Weinsten, Audubon  
Katie Gherard  
Sammy Flohr, San Diego Coast Keeper  
Raechel Kadoya, Soichi Sushi  
Brian Zach, Scuba Community  
Megan Flaherty, San Diego Audubon  
Robert Waller, Audubon San Diego  
Jeff Tracey  
Mike Beur, Shark Stewards  
Kristintia Anding, Blessing Flag Project  
Dave Rudie, Catalina Offshore  
John Gibbs  
Caleb McMahan, Hawaiian Fresh Seafood

**c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate** [[mp3: 6-20-19am2 1:33:58](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**C. Habitat**

**1. Current Habitat Issues – Jennifer Gilden** [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 0:00:41](#)]

~~Agenda Item C.1., Supplemental Attachment 1: Letter to Bureau of Reclamation (not provided)~~

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Draft letter to FERC, re: Jordan Cove LNG project

**a. Report of the Habitat Committee – Lance Hebdon** [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 0:02:04](#)]

**b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

**c. Public Comment**

None

**d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations**  
[[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 0:22:01](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council directed staff to finalize and send a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas facility ([Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 2](#)). The Council also directed the Habitat Committee to prepare two letters for the September briefing book: a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation on the Central Valley Project Biological Assessment, and one to the U.S. Forest Service on forest management standards for riparian zone management related to the Jordan Cove project.

## **D. Administrative Matters**

1. **[Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report](#)** – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 0:48:45](#)]

[Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1](#): Final Agenda, Council Coordination Committee Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, May 14-16, 2019

[Agenda Item D.1, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Meeting Report, Council Coordination Committee; May 14-16, 2019

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 1:12:47](#)]

Mike Conroy

- c. **Council Action: Consider Report on the Council Coordination Committee Meeting** [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 1:18:12](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

2. **[Update on Implementation of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018](#)** – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 1:21:12](#)]

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 1:22:23](#)]

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): The Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Act of 2018; Overview & Implementation (*Kelly Ames*)

- b. **Public Comment**

None

- c. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 6-20-19pm1 1:42:57](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

3. **[Legislative Matters](#)** – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 0:53:13](#)]

[Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 1](#): Staff Summary of Federal Legislation

[Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 2](#): Draft CCC Working Paper (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item D.3, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Draft letter to Cantwell re: response request for comment on HR 2236, the Forage Fish Conservation Act

[Agenda Item D.3, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Draft Letter to Senator Cantwell

- a. **[Report of the Legislative Committee](#)** – Dave Hanson [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 1:03:20](#)]

- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 0:54:07](#)] & [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 1:18:03](#)]

[Agenda Item D.3.b, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.3.b, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

- c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 1:20:04](#)]

[Agenda Item D.3.c, Public Comments \(\*Electronic Only\*\)](#)

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

- d. **Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 1:22:55](#)] & [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:02:52](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the draft language proposed for the Council Coordinating Committee working paper consensus positions. The Council also approved a letter to Senator Maria Cantwell on House Bill 2236, the Forage Fish Conservation Act, in response to the Senator's request for comment.

**4. Allocation Review Procedures – Final Action – Jim Seger**

[Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1](#): Procedural Directive 01-119-01: Criteria for Initiating Fisheries Allocation Reviews (Council Coordinating Committee Allocation Workgroup Guidance Document)

[Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2](#): Draft Council Operating Procedure 27, Process for Initiating Allocation Reviews

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

[Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment**

- c. **Council Action: Final Adoption of Criteria for Triggering an Allocation Review, Including Council Operating Procedure 27**

**Motion 7:** Council adopt draft Council Operating Procedure 27 entitled Process for Initiating Allocation Reviews as presented in Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2 with the following modification:

- Replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the first paragraph of the section on procedure with the following:

For allocations that are not already specified in an FMP/CSP (periodic reviews) or required by court order, the Council will consider public interest requests before it undertakes a review. Taking public interest into account the Council will evaluate the need for the review and, if a need is identified, integrate the associated tasks and timelines into its workload planning process.

- With this change, the entirety of the paragraph would read as follows:

In general, allocation reviews, and especially revisions, are often time consuming and contentious, and once established should not be altered without good cause and adequate Council/agency capacity. For allocations that are not already specified in an FMP/CSP (periodic reviews) or required by court order, the Council will consider public interest requests

before it undertakes a review. Taking public interest into account the Council will evaluate the need for the review and, if a need is identified, integrate the associated tasks and timelines into its workload planning process. For limited access privilege programs (LAPPs) that have periodic reviews specified, the Council will consider the need for review of allocations that are part of the LAPP during the initial scoping process for the LAPP review. However, new or revised allocations that are adopted as part of an FMP or FMP amendment may include other procedural pathways for future allocation review(s).

Phil Anderson/Herb Pollard (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted as final [Council Operating Procedure 27](#), modifying the second and third sentences of the first paragraph under “Procedure,” in order to better portray the relationship between public comment and determination of the need for and Council capacity to engage in a review.

**5. [Phased-In Approaches to Changing Catch Limits - Scoping](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-22-19am2 0:00:07](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.5, Attachment 1: Excerpt of Section 600.310\(f\) from the National Standard 1 Guidelines](#)

**a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 6-22-19am2 0:07:29](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.5.a, NMFS Report 1](#): National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Phased-In Approaches to Changing Harvest Limits: Scoping

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): Phased-in Approaches to Changing Harvest Limits (*Szumylo*)

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 2](#): Phased in Approaches to Changing Catch Limits National Standard 1 – Technical Guidance (*Hastie*)

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1](#): Phased-In Approaches to Changing Harvest Control Limits: Scoping

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Review the Impacts of Revised Sigma Values and Scope the Potential Benefits of Phased-In Changes to Catch Limits [[mp3: 6-22-19am3 0:00:32](#)] & [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 0:00:07](#)]**

**Motion 9 [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 0:06:40](#)]:** Council take the following actions for groundfish stocks:

1. Further explore Approaches 4 (case-by-case phase-in), 5 (phase-in), and 6 (adjust maximum P\*) as described in Agenda Item D.5.a, NMFS Report 1, as alternative approaches to the default acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule for groundfish stocks
2. Consider using criteria to determine which groundfish stocks are eligible for deviation from the default ABC control rule. Suggested criteria could include:
  - a. Stock status (depletion) – consider whether to have different approaches for healthy stocks (e.g., stocks with depletion levels  $\geq$  B40), precautionary zone (e.g., rockfish

- stocks between B25 and B40), overfished, and/or for stocks with a status trend that has continually declined over time
- b. Stock category – consider whether to have different eligibility for Category 1 and Category 2 stocks
- c. Stock complexes – consider whether and how to apply alternative approaches to stocks managed as part of a complex
- d. Attainment – consider whether to have a minimum average level of attainment of annual catch limits
- 3. Consider placing a limit on the frequency of using alternative approaches, such as:
  - a. Deviation from the default ABC control rule cannot apply to a specific stock for two consecutive biennial cycles (i.e., full application of the default ABC control rule would occur in year 3)
- 4. Consider the following additional process steps:
  - a. Re-run the 10-year projections based on the most recent stock assessment for stocks with proposed alternative approaches to assess the risk of overfishing and evaluate the effect on stock status
  - b. Require sufficient time for deviations from the default ABC control rule be evaluated relative to Council criteria, risk of overfishing, and 10-year effect on stock status
  - c. Provide specificity on the calculation method (e.g., sigma and P\* calculation) and values (e.g., if sigma phase-in used on combination with maximum P\* of 0.45, what the sigma values are) used for review and approval by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) prior to Council final adoption
- 5. For the 2021-2022 biennial cycle, include the following steps in the Council process:
  - a. September 2019 – Council consider approving items 1-4 for public review and identify a preliminary list of stocks to apply alternative approaches to
  - b. November 2019 – Council select a preliminary preferred alternative (PPA) for items 1-4 and list of stocks
  - c. April 2020 – SSC provide ABC recommendations for the stocks identified in the PPA, and Council select final preferred alternative (FPA) for items 1-4 and list of stocks
- 6. Direct the SSC to review, discuss, and provide recommendations on items 1-5 at the September 2019 meeting

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion 9 carried, Ms. Yaremko abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council decided to further consider new approaches to phase in more conservative catch limits for groundfish stocks to mitigate short-term negative economic impacts when new analyses indicate significant reductions in catch limits. Such new approaches include a three-year phase-in of new ABCs as allowed in the National Standard 1 guidelines and the potential of basing interim ABCs over a limited period on overfishing probabilities (P\*s) larger than the current maximum of 0.45 (see [NMFS Report 1](#)).

The Council is requesting comment on these new harvest control rules (HCRs) in September, particularly. The criteria for implementing these new HCRs, a time limit for the duration of the phase-in period (or frequency of their use), the types of analyses needed to assess the risk of overfishing, and the preferred timing of a fishery management plan amendment process that synchronizes with the 2021-22 biennial specifications decision-making process. The Council



further requested a list of candidate stocks for these alternative HCRs to be reported under the 2021-22 biennial specifications agenda item.

**6. [Electronic Monitoring Program Procedural Directive](#) – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 1:33:11](#)]**

**a. National Marine Fisheries Service Presentation – Brett Alger [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 1:37:12](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.6.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Revised Electronic Technologies Policy Directive

[Agenda Item D.6.a, NMFS Report 2](#): Final EM Cost Allocation Procedural Directive

[Agenda Item D.6.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): Electronic Technologies Policy Development (*Brett Alger, Electronic Technologies Coordinator, Office of Science and Technology*)

**b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 2:07:50](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.6.b, Supplemental GEMPAC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.6.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

**c. Public Comment**

Tom Schiff, \*\*did not testify\*\*

**d. Council Action: Review the Procedural Directive and Develop Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 2:10:57](#)]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**7. [Fiscal Matters](#) – Patricia Crouse [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:11:07](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.7, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Budget Committee Agenda, June 2019

[Agenda Item D.7, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Executive Director's Report to the Budget Committee Agenda, June 2019

**a. [Report of the Budget Committee](#) – Pete Hassemer [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:11:54](#)]**

**b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

**c. Public Comment**

**d. Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:19:49](#)]**

**Motion 18:** Council adopt the Budget Committee Recommendations as presented in Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental Budget Committee Report 1:

1. Recommend a Calendar Year 2019 Operational budget of \$5,203,673 as presented in the Executive Directors Report.



2. Recommend the Draft Project Narrative and Budget for the 2020-2024 Grant period as presented, but asked Council Staff to modify the language in the narrative to reflect actions that are taken during this Council Meeting.
3. Recommend the Staff Proposed Draft Projects for the No-Cost Extension and include any items that come before the Council between now and extension submission.
4. Recommend having a November Budget Committee Meeting but have a September meeting only if necessary as identified in the Executive Director's Report.

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** Council approved a calendar year 2019 Operational Budget of \$5,203,673, the draft Project Narrative and budget for the 2020-2024 Grant (also identified as the 2020 Provisional budget), and a list of No-Cost Extension Projects. The Budget Committee is next scheduled to meet in November, unless the need for a September meeting arises.

**8. Approval of Council Meeting Record – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:22:31](#)]**

Agenda Item D.8, Attachment 1: Draft Council Meeting Record: 248th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (March 5-12, 2019)

Agenda Item D.8, Attachment 2: Draft Council Meeting Record: 249th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (April 9-16, 2019)

**a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record**

**Motion 19 [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:23:14](#)]:** Council approve draft March 2019 and April 2019 Council meeting records as shown in Agenda Item D.8, Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None

**9. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures – Mike Burner [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:24:04](#)]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Elect Council Chair and Vice-Chair, Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures as Necessary [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:28:05](#)]**

**Motion 20 [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:28:44](#)]:** Council suspend the provision of Council Operating Procedure 1 that states that the Chair may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, and that Mr. Phil Anderson serve as Council Chair and Mr. Marc Gorelnik serve as Council Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 term.

Pete Hassemer/Herb Pollard (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

**Motion 21** [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:32:08](#)]: Council appoint Ms. Jessica Watson to the vacant Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council suspended the provision of Council Operating Procedure 1 that states that the Chair may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, and re-elected Mr. Phil Anderson as Council Chair and Mr. Marc Gorelnik as Council Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 term.

The Council appointed Ms. Jessica Watson to the vacant Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife positions on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team and the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup.

Additionally, the Council appointed Mr. Bob Dooley to the Council Coordination Committee's Council Member Ongoing Development Subcommittee and asked Ms. Christa Svensson to shadow U.S. Commissioner Dorothy Lowman, the Council's representative to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, as a means of building understanding and international working relationships.

**10. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning – Chuck Tracy** [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:36:19](#)]

[Agenda Item D.10, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary

[Agenda Item D.10, REVISED Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 11-18, 2019, Boise, Idaho

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary (v. 06/24/19)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 11-18, 2019, Boise, Idaho (v. 06/25/19)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): Candidate Items for Future Council Meeting and Workload Planning

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): Draft letter to Secretary Ross; Re: Need for Secure Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) Funding and Budget Line Item

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-25-19am1 0:46:00](#)]

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental CCCT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.10.a, Supplemental EC Report](#) from Washington/Oregon/California

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-25-19am2 0:00:54](#)]**

Tara Brock, Oceana

Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts

Austen Brown

Mark Helvey, California Pelagic Fisheries Association presented [Agenda Item D.10.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): (Mark Helvey; California Pelagic Fisheries Association)

Lisa Damrosch, California Groundfish Collective

Dave Rudie, California Pelagic Association

**c. Council Action: Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning [[mp3: 6-25-19am2 0:29:36](#)]**

**Motion 22 [[mp3: 6-25-19am2 2:14:42](#)]:** Council Recommend that NMFS not issue an EFP to the California Groundfish Collective for 2019, as the Council and its advisors have not had an opportunity to review and comment on the application pursuant to COP 19.

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 22 failed – Mr. Pettinger, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Zimm, Mr. Wulff, Ms. Svensson, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Hassemer voted no)

**Staff Summary:** None

**E. Enforcement**

**1. [Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report](#) – Jim Seger [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:00:52](#)]**

**a. U.S. Coast Guard Annual West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report – LCDR Scott McGrew [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:01:21](#)]**

[Agenda Item E.1.a, USCG Report 1](#): U. S. Coast Guard 2018 Report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, June 2019; Prepared by Thirteenth and Eleventh Coast Guard Districts

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental USCG Presentation 1](#): U.S. Coast Guard Districts 11 & 13

**b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:27:27](#)]**

**c. Public Comment**

None

**d. Council Action: Consider the U.S. Coast Guard Report [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:27:41](#)]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council received a [presentation](#) on the [annual U.S. Coast Guard report](#) and requested for September, additional detail on fatal incidents in West Coast recreational fisheries, with particular attention to whether regulatory restrictions contributed to any of the fatalities.

## **F. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

### **1. [National Marine Fisheries Service \(NMFS\) Report](#) – Kerry Griffin [mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:30:53]**

#### **a. Regulatory Activities – Frank Lockhart [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:31:52](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Regulatory Activities

#### **b. Fisheries Science Center Activities – SWFSC [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 0:36:31](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): SWFSC Activities Center and Coastal Pelagic Species (*Sweetnam and Koch*)

#### **c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

#### **d. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 1:00:59](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.1.d, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Ben Enticknap & Geoff Shester presented [Agenda Item F.1.d, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): Oceana

#### **e. Council Discussion [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 1:13:41](#)]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. [Stock Assessment Prioritization Process](#) – Kerry Griffin [mp3: 6-20-19pm2 1:19:15]**

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1](#): Staff Summary Report

#### **a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 1:19:26](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental REVISED CPSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

#### **b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-20-19pm2 1:46:49](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts

Geoff Shester, Oceana

#### **c. Council Action: Consider an Assessment Prioritization Process for Coastal Pelagic Species Stocks and Review the Quality and Quantity of Data to Support an Assessment of the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy [[mp3: 6-21-19am1 0:03:17](#)]**

**Motion 2 [[mp3: 6-21-19am1 0:10:06](#)]:** Council:

1. Adopt the recommendation by the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 2 to schedule a CPS stock assessment prioritization process as a biennial November agenda item to begin in November 2020 and select the CPS stock(s) to be assessed in 2021 and 2022. This process

would not use a ranking matrix approach, but would include Council deliberations for CPS stock assessments on a biennial cycle with advice provided by the SSC, Council advisory bodies, management agencies, and the public relative to data quantity and quality and assessment resources.

2. Adopt the following recommendations from the SSC as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1:
  - a. Provide flexibility in the process to allow for revisions in the intervening year given new information because CPS are subject to rapid fluctuations in abundance and fisheries catch.
  - b. Consider how selection of stock assessment priorities may affect survey design and potentially compromise the long-term integrity and value of resulting abundance indices.
3. In 2020, conduct a model-based integrated assessment for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) as the highest priority. If resources are available for a benchmark assessment on Pacific sardine in addition to CSNA, this would not preclude assessing both stocks in 2020.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln

**Amendment 1** [[mp3: 6-21-19am1 0:31:31](#)]: Make the following changes in the first bullet, “strike 2021 and” and change the third bullet to: “In 2020, conduct a benchmark assessment on Pacific sardine and, in 2021 conduct a model-based integrated assessment for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA).”

Frank Lockhart/Bob Dooley (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

(Motion 2, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted a biennial stock assessment prioritization process for use in 2020 to inform stock assessment priorities beginning in 2022. This process will include sufficient flexibility to allow for revisions in the intervening year based on new information. The new process is also intended to guide stock assessment priorities, survey design, and the long-term integrity and value of abundance indices. The Council also recommends a benchmark assessment for Pacific sardine in 2020 and a model-based assessment of the CSNA in 2021.

**3. Pacific Mackerel Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures – Final Action – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 6-21-19am1 0:36:33](#)]**

Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1: Stock Assessment Report: Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment for U.S. Management in the 2019-20 and 2020-2021 Fishing Years (*Full Report Electronic Only*)

Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2: STAR Panel Report

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-21-19am1 0:39:17](#)]

Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1

Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1

Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-21-19am1 1:00:33](#)]

[Agenda Item F.3.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Geoff Shester, Oceana

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Fisheries [mp3: 6-21-19am1 1:07:08]**

**Motion 3 [mp3: 6-21-19am1 1:08:18]:** Council:

1. Approve the Pacific Mackerel stock assessment for U.S. management in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 (June 2019, Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1).
2. Adopt Tables 1 and 2 in Supplemental CPSMT Report 1 (June 2019, Agenda Item F.3).
3. If the ACT is met, adopt a 45 percent incidental landing allowance when Pacific Mackerel are landed with other CPS, with an exception that up to 3 mt of Pacific Mackerel per landing could be landed in non-CPS fisheries.

Briana Brady/Louis Zimm (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the 2019 Pacific mackerel stock assessment, reference points, and management measures for the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 Pacific mackerel fishing seasons. These include the harvest specifications below and the following management measures: the directed fishery will close if it reaches the annual catch target and shift to an incidental-only fishery for the remainder of the fishing year with a 45 percent incidental landing allowance when Pacific mackerel are landed with other coastal pelagic species (CPS) and no more than 3 mt of Pacific mackerel per landing in non-CPS fisheries.

**Table 1. 2019-2020 Pacific Mackerel Harvest Specifications**

Biomass	71,099
OFL	14,931
ABC <sub>0.45</sub> (Tier 2)	13,169
ACL (=ABC)	13,169
HG	11,109
ACT	10,109
Incidental	1,000

**Table 2. 2020-2021 Pacific Mackerel Harvest Specifications**

Biomass	56,058
OFL	11,772

ABC <sub>0.45</sub> (Tier 2)	10,289
ACL (=ABC)	10,289
HG	7,950
ACT	6,950
Incidental	1,000

**4. Review of Management Categories – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 6-21-19am2 0:00:18](#)]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-21-19am2 0:03:07](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental REVISED CPSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-21-19am2 0:29:20](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.4.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Geoff Shester, Oceana, presented [Agenda Item F.4.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): Oceana  
Megan Flaherty, San Diego Audubon, presented [Agenda Item F.4.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 2](#): San Diego Audubon  
Susan Sheakley, Sea and Sage Audubon  
Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts

**c. Council Action: Review Existing Management Categories, the Draft Purpose and Need Statement, a Proposed Process and Timeline, and the Workload Associated with Revising Management Categories [[mp3: 6-21-19am2 1:06:44](#)]**

**Motion 4 [[mp3: 6-21-19am2 1:15:26](#)]:** Council direct the CPSMT to prepare draft revisions to the CPS FMP in a manner that retains the management approaches for the CPS management unit stocks and describes how each stock is managed in a stock-specific manner, rather than through use of a categorical assignment. Specifically, the intent is to remove references to the named management categories, but not to revise the manner in which the CPS stocks are managed. Should the Council wish to consider whether and how to change the way specific CPS stocks are managed, then that could be a separate item for future consideration.  
Michele Culver/Maggie Sommer (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council asked the CPS Management Team to produce a revised CPS Fishery Management Plan that removes the Active and Monitored management categories, and, instead, provides individual descriptions of the management of each CPS stock. The Council is tentatively scheduled to consider a draft Fishery Management Plan revision at the June 2020 meeting.



## G. Salmon Management

### 1. **Rebuilding Plans** – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 6-21-19am3 0:00:16](#)]

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1](#): Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan – Klamath River Fall Chinook (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2](#): Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan – Sacramento River Fall Chinook (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 3](#): Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan – Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 4](#): Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan – Queets River Coho (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 5](#): Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan – Snohomish River Coho (*Electronic Only*)

#### a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-21-19am3 0:04:08](#)]

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

#### b. **Public Comment**

None

#### c. **Council Action – Review Rebuilding Plans and Consider Adopting Final Plans for Sacramento River and Klamath River Fall Chinook and Preliminary Plans for Strait of Juan de Fuca, Queets River, and Snohomish River Coho for Public Review** [[mp3: 6-21-19am3 0:20:40](#)]

**Motion 5** [[mp3: 6-21-19am3 0:22:40](#)]: Council adopt the Klamath River and Sacramento River fall Chinook Rebuilding Plans as final, adopt Recommendation 1 in both plans establishing the default rebuilt criterion consistent with the FMP for these stocks, and adopt Alternative I, Status Quo Control Rule from Recommendation 2, as the preferred alternative management strategy for recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as presented in Agenda Item G.1, Attachments 1 and 2.

Brett Kormos/Bob Dooley (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

**Motion 6** [[mp3: 6-21-19am3 0:038:23](#)]: Council adopt the Strait of Juan de Fuca coho, Queets River coho, and Snohomish River coho rebuilding plans as presented in Agenda Item G.1, Attachments 3, 4, and 5 respectively as drafts for public review.

Kyle Adicks/Rich Lincoln (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted rebuilding plans for Sacramento River fall Chinook and Klamath River fall Chinook choosing Alternative I (status quo) as the final preferred alternative for both plans for recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The Council also adopted three coho salmon rebuilding plans (Strait of Jaun de Fuca, Queets River, and Snohomish River) as drafts for public review with plans to finalize them at the September Council meeting.



2. **[Southern Resident Killer Whale Endangered Species Act Consultation Progress Report](#)** – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 0:00:08](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1](#): NMFS re-initiation letter

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 0:03:16](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental SRKWW Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 0:14:24](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Verner Wilson, Friends of the Earth

Ben Enticknap, Oceana, presented [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): (Oceana)

c. **Council Action – Review Progress of the Ad Hoc Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup, and Provide Guidance on the Preliminary Risk Assessment Criteria and Methods, Proposed Schedule, and Future Analyses** [[mp3: 6-21-19pm1 0:38:41](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

## **H. Pacific Halibut Management**

1. **[Commercial Directed Fishery Transition Process and Workshop Planning](#)** – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 6-22-19am1 0:01:37](#)]

[Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1](#): Workgroup Report on the Commercial Directed Fishery: Transition Process and Workshop Planning

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-22-19am1 0:06:05](#)]

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

[Agenda Item H.1.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

c. **Council Action: Consider a Process for Transitioning Management Authority of the Commercial Directed Fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission to the Council and Provide Guidance on the Purpose and Scope of a Future Stakeholder Workshop on Regulatory Alternatives for the 2020 Fishery** [[mp3: 6-22-19am1 0:20:37](#)]

**Motion 8** [[mp3: 6-22-19am1 0:48:21](#)]: Council:

1. Indicate the Council's commitment to transition the management of the 2A directed commercial halibut fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the Council.
2. Request that IPHC continue to issue licenses for the 2A halibut fisheries, including the directed commercial halibut fishery for 2020 and 2021, at a minimum, to provide the

Council and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) sufficient time for the Council to develop and consider alternatives relative to permitting and regulating the commercial directed halibut fishery and for NMFS to promulgate implementing regulations, as appropriate.

3. Request the IPHC enter into a data sharing arrangement for the IPHC 2A halibut licensing system and the commercial directed halibut fishery logbook data to facilitate the Council's management of the fishery.
4. Signal to commercial directed halibut fishery participants the Council's intent to not consider any major changes (e.g., limited entry, incidental fishery only) to the management structure of the fishery for the next few years, but would focus on ensuring the management infrastructure is in place.
5. Utilize the Council's September/November Catch Sharing Plan process to solicit and consider annual directed commercial halibut fishery regulations within the existing season structure (i.e., an open access fishery managed by fishing periods and vessel limits) beginning in 2019 for 2020 regulations. During the transition period, these proposed regulations would be transmitted from the Council to IPHC in November for the IPHC Interim Meeting and again in January 2020 for the IPHC Annual Meeting.
6. Convey the Council's commitment and a summary of the items described here in the form of a letter from the Council Chair to the IPHC Executive Director following this meeting and prior to the IPHC Commissioners' work session scheduled for late September.

Michele Culver/Herb Pollard (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council committed to working closely with the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and stakeholders on transitioning the management of the non-Indian commercial directed halibut fishery from the IPHC to the Council and outlined intentions for the management and structure of the fishery in the near future. The Council plans to:

1. Request that IPHC continue to issue licenses for the 2A halibut fisheries, including the directed commercial halibut fishery for 2020 and 2021 at a minimum, and to provide sufficient time for the development and promulgation of new permitting regulations.
2. Request the IPHC enter into a data sharing arrangement for the IPHC 2A halibut licensing system and the commercial directed halibut fishery logbook data.
3. Signal to commercial directed halibut fishery participants the Council's intent to not consider any major changes to the fishery management structure for the next few years.
4. Utilize the Council's September/November Catch Sharing Plan process rather than a separate workshop to solicit stakeholder input and consider annual directed commercial halibut fishery regulations within the existing season structure for 2020 regulations.

## **I. Groundfish Management**

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 0:50:19](#)]

- a. **Regulatory Activities** – Aja Szumylo [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 0:52:08](#)]

[Agenda Item I.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices

[Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Rulemakings

[Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#): Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Program Implementation Schedule

- b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities – Jim Hastie** [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 1:00:37](#)]

[Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental NMFS NWFSC Presentation 1](#): Factors Contributing to the Reduction in Vessels Contracted for the 2019 Groundfish Bottom-Trawl Survey (*Hastie*)

- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

- d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 1:36:29](#)]

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

- e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 6-22-19pm1 1:51:13](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

2. **[Workload and New Management Measure Update](#)** – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-22-19pm2 0:00:01](#)]

[Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1](#): Proposed GMT Workload Prioritization Process

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-22-19pm2 0:06:18](#)]

[Agenda Item I.2.a, GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-22-19pm2 0:58:49](#)]

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative and Dave Smith, F/V Lisa Melinda  
Kevin Dunn

- c. **Council Action: Review the List of Proposed Projects, Fishery Management Plan Amendments, and New Management Measures, Consider Overall Workload, and Provide Guidance on Priorities and Schedules** [[mp3: 6-22-19pm2 1:18:45](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed the groundfish [workload list](#) and recommended four new items: [increasing cowcod](#) annual vessel limits for vessels in the California Groundfish Collective, salmon troll vessel VMS [ping rate](#), creation of regulations regarding [conversion rates for dressed landings including petrale sole](#), and [revisiting the shortbelly](#) annual catch limit and accountability measures for 2020. These new items will be considered with existing items on the workload list for potential future prioritization.

**3. [Trawl Logbook Requirement](#) – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-22-19pm3 0:00:24](#)]**

[Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 1](#): Excerpt from Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4

[Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 2](#): NMFS Trawl Logbook Program Regulation

[Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 3](#): Trawl Logbook Form

[Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 4](#): Excerpt from MSA Sec. 402(a)(1)

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-22-19pm3 0:03:10](#)]**

[Agenda Item I.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item I.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Review the Trawl Logbook Program and Provide Recommendations to NMFS on a Federal Data Collection Program [[mp3: 6-22-19pm3 0:10:50](#)]**

**Motion 10 [[mp3: 6-22-19pm3 0:14:10](#)]:** Council:

1. Reaffirm its intent under Amendment 4 regarding Fishery Data Collection Programs;
2. Recommend the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) implement a Federal Trawl Logbook Program; and
3. Recommend a Federal Data Collection Program for Trawl Logbooks to NMFS.

Phil Anderson/Marci Yaremko (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council reaffirmed a commitment to State and Federal data collection programs as described in Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4, and approved the implementation of a Federal logbook program for the shorebased IFQ trawl fishery as soon as possible to minimize data loss from California fisheries. The logbooks are anticipated to be part of a new Federal data collection program intended to ensure continued coverage and to streamline potential future data collection programs.

**4. [Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Report](#) – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-23-19am1 0:01:38](#)]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-23-19am1 0:06:27](#)]**

[Agenda Item I.4.a, Groundfish Endangered Species Act Workgroup Report](#)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Report (*Brian Hooper*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Fishing Effort in the 2002-2017 U.S. Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, NMFS Report 2](#): Observed and Estimated Bycatch of Eulachon in 2002–2017 U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, NMFS Report 3](#): Observed and Estimated Bycatch of Green Sturgeon in 2002–2017 U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, NMFS Report 4](#): Humpback whale bycatch in 2016 – 2017 in the U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, NMFS Report 5](#): 2018 Leatherback Sea Turtle Estimated Bycatch Reporting Requirements As Set Out In The NMFS Biological Opinion For The Continuing Authorization Of The Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, NMFS Report 6](#): Observed and Estimated Bycatch of Short-tailed Albatross in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries 2016-2017 (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-23-19am1 0:30:22](#)]

Michele Longo Eder

Anna Weinstein, Audubon

**c. Council Action: Review Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Recommendations and Identify Measures to be Evaluated for the 2021-2022 Biennial Management Period or Other Appropriate Actions** [[mp3: 6-23-19am1 0:39:53](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council received [the biennial report of the Endangered Species Workgroup](#) (ESWG) and adopted the recommendations therein including a reaffirmation of Council support for a fixed-gear logbook. The Council also discussed adding industry representatives to the Workgroup and intends to work with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel on potential future appointments.

**5. [Endangered Species Act Seabird Mitigation Measures – Final Action](#) – Kit Dahl**  
[[mp3: 6-23-19am2 0:00:21](#)]

[Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 1](#): Final Review Draft Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for Proposed Regulatory Amendment under the Pacific Groundfish FMP

[Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 2](#): Maps Showing Alternative Depth Contours

[Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 3](#): Proposed Seabird Streamer Line Requirements

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-23-19am2 0:09:22](#)]

[Agenda Item I.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item I.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-23-19am2 0:38:16](#)]

Jeff Miles

Robert Alverson, Fishing Vessels Owner Association

Anna Weinstein, Audubon, presented [Agenda Item I.5.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#):  
(Weinstein)

c. **Council Action: Review Mitigation Measures for Seabird Interactions in Groundfish Fisheries Pursuant to the 2017 United States Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion and Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative** [[mp3: 6-23-19am2 1:07:03](#)]

**Motion 11** [[mp3: 6-23-19am2 1:28:24](#)]: Council adopt the following seabird mitigation measures as final:

Require non-tribal vessels 26 feet and greater length overall (LOA) using bottom longline gear as defined under 50 CFR 660.11 in the limited entry fixed gear, open access fixed gear, and longline vessels under the Shorebased IFQ Program to either use streamer lines according to the Alaska streamer line requirements or deploy gear between one hour after local sunset and one hour before local sunrise when declared into a Federal fishery and fishing in Federal waters. In addition:

When fishing south of 36° N. latitude, vessels would be exempted from the requirement to deploy streamer lines or night set.

For vessels 26-55 feet LOA, deploying streamer lines would be discretionary when a small craft wind advisory or higher is declared in the area where the vessel is fishing.

In addition, encourage continued collaborative research to develop and test enforceable floated mainline gear configurations that can sink within the streamer line zone to reduce seabird interactions.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Motion 12** [[mp3: 6-23-19am2 1:49:06](#)]: Council:

Direct the ESWG to locate and review any new short-tailed albatross telemetry or observer data south of 36° N. latitude at a future meeting (anticipated in 2021), and provide this review in its report back to the Council, for purposes of possibly reconsidering the exemption from the streamer requirement for longline vessels operating south of 36° N. latitude.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** In 2017, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published its Biological Opinion (BiOp) addressing observed take of endangered short-tailed albatross in commercial groundfish longline fisheries and developed recommendations to extend seabird mitigation measures to vessels 26-55 feet LOA. At this meeting, the Council selected its final preferred alternative:

Require non-tribal vessels 26 feet and greater LOA using bottom longline gear as defined under 50 CFR 660.11 in the limited entry fixed gear and open access fixed gear sectors, and longline vessels under the Shorebased IFQ Program to either use streamer lines according to the Alaska streamer line requirements or deploy gear between one hour after local sunset and one hour before local sunrise when declared into a Federal fishery and fishing in Federal waters. In addition:

- When fishing south of 36° N. latitude, vessels would be exempted from the requirement to deploy streamer lines or night set.
- For vessels 26-55 feet LOA, deploying streamer lines would be discretionary when a small craft wind advisory or higher is declared in the area where the vessel is fishing.

In addition, the Council encourages continued collaborative research to develop and test enforceable floated mainline gear configurations that can sink within the streamer line zone to reduce seabird interactions.



**6. Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2021-2022 Fisheries – John DeVore/Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 0:00:10](#)]**

Agenda Item I.6, Attachment 1: Proposed Schedule for Developing the 2021-2022 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 0:04:56](#)]**

Agenda Item I.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1

Agenda Item I.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 0:22:33](#)]**

Agenda Item I.6.b, Public Comments (Electronic Only)

Jon Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

Dave Kirt, Port San Luis commercial Fisherman's Association

Tom Schiff

**c. Council Action: Initial Scoping of Issues and Adoption of a Process for Developing Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2021-2022 Fisheries [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 0:42:27](#)]**

**Motion 16 [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 0:46:03](#)]**: Council adopt a schedule for 2021-2022 groundfish harvest spec and management measures as presented in Agenda Item I.6, Attachment 1, June 2019.

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion 16 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted a [proposed process and schedule for deciding the 2021-22 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures](#). The Council intends to implement a streamlined decision-making process limited to new harvest specifications and accompanying management measures necessary to attain but not exceed new annual catch limits. Such a streamlined process would allow timely implementation of new specifications and management measures on January 1, 2021 and free up resources to forward other new Council initiatives on a parallel track. The Council is scheduled to continue the process with the adoption of new stock assessments and harvest specifications at the September meeting in Boise, Idaho.

**7. Final Action on Inseason Adjustments – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 0:58:48](#)]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-24-19pm1 1:01:03](#)]**

Agenda Item I.7.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1: 2019 Trawl Gear EFP

Agenda Item I.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1

Agenda Item I.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 0:00:22](#)]**

Agenda Item I.7.b, Public Comments (Electronic Only)

Karl Haflinger, Sea State, presented Agenda Item I.7.b, Supplemental Revised Public Presentation 1: (*Karl Haflinger, Sea State*)

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative, presented Agenda Item I.7.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 2: (*Heather Mann, MTC*) and Dan Smith

Tara Brock, Oceana  
Sarah Nayani, ASMG  
Chris Kubiak, CCJCFCLC  
Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood  
Dan Waldeck, Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative  
Lisa Damrosch, California Groundfish Collective

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2019, as Necessary, to Achieve, but Not Exceed, Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives** [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 0:58:48](#)]

**Motion 17** [[mp3: 6-24-19pm2 0:59:38](#)]: Council adopt (utilizing Agenda Item I.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1):

- For incidental Pacific halibut retention in the primary sablefish fishery north of Pt. Chehalis:
  - Alternative 2, 250 lbs dressed weight halibut per 1,000 lbs dressed weight sablefish, plus 2 Pacific halibut
- For limited entry bocaccio trip limits between 40° 10' N. lat. and 34° 27' N. lat.:
  - Alternative 1, 1,500 lbs/2 months
- For big skate trip limits in the trawl IFQ fishery:
  - Alternative 2, 70,000 lbs for Jul-Aug, 20,000 for Sep-Oct, and 20,000 for Nov-Dec
- For sablefish daily trip limits:
  - Alternative 2 for Open Access North (300 lb/day, or one landing per week up to 1,400 lb, not to exceed 2,800 lb/2 months), and
  - Alternative 1 for Open Access South (300 lb/day, or one landing per week up to 1,600 lb, not to exceed 4,800 lb/2 months)

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion 17 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council considered routine inseason actions for groundfish fisheries as well as adjustments to incidental landings of Pacific halibut in the primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis. The Council adopted the recommendations of the [Groundfish Management Team](#) as follows:

- Recommend increasing incidental Pacific halibut landing allowance to 250 lbs dressed weight halibut per 1,000 lbs dressed weight sablefish, plus 2 Pacific halibut in the primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis.
- Recommend increasing the limited entry bocaccio trip limit for the area between 40° 10' N. lat. - 34° 27' N. lat. to 1,500 lbs per 2 months.
- Recommend revised trip limits for big skate in the shorebased IFQ program as shown:

Jan/Feb	March/Apr	May/June	July/Aug	Sept/Oct	Nov/Dec
5,000 lbs	25,000 lbs	30,000 lbs	70,000 lbs	20,000 lbs	20,000 lbs

- Open Access sablefish recommendations:
  - Open Access North 300 lb/day, or one landing per week up to 1,400 lb, not to exceed 2,800 lb per 2 months.
  - Open Access South 300 lb per day, or one landing per week up to 1,600 lb, not to exceed 4,800 lb per 2 months.



In addition, the Council discussed the unexpectedly high bycatch of shortbelly rockfish in 2019 and heard from the California Groundfish Collective regarding the potential for annual vessel limits for cowcod to curtail this year's season. The Council did not recommend inseason actions for 2019 to address these two matters, but is anticipated to consider fishery adjustments for 2020 this fall and for the 2021-2022 biennial management process.

## **J. Highly Migratory Species Management**

### **1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:01:00](#)]**

#### **a. Regulatory Activities – Ryan Wulff [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:01:54](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Report on Highly Migratory Species Activities

#### **b. Fisheries Science Center Activities**

#### **c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:07:56](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.1.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

#### **d. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:13:29](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.1.d, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

John Harder, Pacific Albacore Trollers Association

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts

#### **e. Council Discussion [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:22:13](#)]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. [Recommend International Management Activities](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:26:17](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.2, Attachment 1](#): Report for the First Round of North Pacific Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation, Document SAC-10 INF-L

[Agenda Item J.2, Attachment 2](#): Response to requests from IATTC-WCPFC NC Joint Working Group, ISC PBFWG, Document SAC-10 INF-M

[Agenda Item J.2, Attachment 3](#): Meeting Notice: Fifteenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC15)

#### **a. Report on the IATTC-NC Pacific Bluefin Joint Working Group Activities – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:33:32](#)]**

#### **b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 0:43:36](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): ISC Pacific Bluefin MSE Workshop Outcomes

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Summary of Recent RFMO-Related Meetings

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#): Pacific Bluefin Tuna Stakeholder Meeting and Input to Development of Council Harvest Strategy

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): Provisional results of 1st round of MSE and proposed work plan for North Pacific Albacore (*Teo*)

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.2.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#): IATTC DRAFT Resolution (*attachment for Supplemental HMSAS Report 1*)

Doug Fricke – Summarized the North Pacific Albacore MSE Workshop

**c. Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 1:41:22](#)]

[Agenda Item J.2.c, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

John Harder, Pacific Albacore Trollers Association

Tom Schiff

Mike Conroy

Peter Flournoy, American Fisherman's Research Foundation

**d. Council Action: Review Progress on Albacore and Bluefin Tuna Management Strategy Evaluations and Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's Northern Committee and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, As Appropriate** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm1 1:56:57](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council reiterated its support of U.S. stakeholder participation in the North Pacific albacore and Pacific bluefin management strategy evaluation processes. Furthermore, these processes should provide equitable opportunity for U.S. stakeholder participation by holding workshops in the U.S. (as well as the Asia-Pacific region) and facilitating U.S. stakeholder participation in meetings outside the U.S.

With regard to the upcoming 94th Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) meeting (July 22-26), the Council took note of:

- The U.S. proposal to strengthen the existing sea turtle bycatch resolution (C-07-03), recognizing that this would implement mitigation requirements on foreign fleets comparable to measures currently required by U.S. pelagic longline vessels (e.g., circle hooks, finfish bait).
- A proposal presented in [Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#) to address fishing effort by longline vessels fishing for North Pacific albacore in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). While not taking a position on whether the U.S. should submit such a proposal, the Council endorses the goal of this proposal to prevent any substantial increase in fishing effort directed at North Pacific albacore.

The Council supports the appropriate international entity (whether the International Scientific Committee or IATTC) conducting a new assessment of the EPO swordfish stock to better understand current stock status.

The Council agreed to fund travel costs for two Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Team (HMSMT) members and four HMS Advisory Subpanel members to attend the Pacific bluefin IATTC Northern Committee Joint Working Group and Northern Committee meetings the week of September 2, 2019 in Portland, Oregon. This will allow advisory bodies to better

understand the Regional Fishery Management Organization process and communicate those lessons to the Council.

**3. [Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing Response](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 0:00:28](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.3, Attachment 1](#): November 2, 2018, Letter to Mr. Phil Anderson from Mr. Barry Thom Notifying Council on EPO Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing

[Agenda Item J.3, Attachment 2](#): Status Of Yellowfin Tuna In The Eastern Pacific Ocean In 2018 And Outlook For The Future, Document SAC-10-07

[Agenda Item J.3, Attachment 3](#): Stock Status Indicators For Yellowfin Tuna In The Eastern Pacific Ocean, Document SAC-10-08

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 0:06:27](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.3.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Report on Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing Response

[Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Review Status and Develop a Pacific Council Position on an Overfishing Response for Yellowfin Tuna for Public Review, as Appropriate [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 0:19:14](#)]**

**Motion 13 [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 0:21:39](#)]**: To address the overfishing status of the EPO stock of yellowfin tuna, pursuant to Section 304(i) MSA, the Council recommends:

1. to the Secretary of Commerce, making no changes to domestic fishing regulations at this time, and
2. to the Secretary of State and Congress, that tasks intended to improve the assessment model for EPO yellowfin be prioritized among others in the IATTC scientific staff's work plan, including examining sensitivity of the model to the 2018 catch-per-unit-effort longline data and obtaining the necessary additional data to explore spatial and temporal factors (e.g., fleet behavior).

John Ugoretz/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 13 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** On November 2, 2018, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) notified the Council that the EPO stock of yellowfin tuna is subject to overfishing, and the Council must make recommendations within one year of that date to address the status of the stock pursuant to section 304(i) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act within one year. The Council had concerns about the quality or the most recent stock assessment and recognized the small impacts of West Coast fisheries to this stock and recommended no changes to domestic regulations to address the relative impact of fishing vessels of the U.S. at this time. The Council also requested that IATTC scientific staff prioritize tasks intended to improve the EPO yellowfin benchmark assessment to be completed in 2020, including examining the sensitivity of the model to the 2018 catch-per-unit-effort longline data and obtaining the necessary additional data to explore spatial and temporal factors (e.g., fleet behavior). This recommendation will be submitted to the Secretary of State and Congress.

4. **Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics Review** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 0:30:16](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 0:44:47](#)]

[Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental REVISED HMSMT Presentation 1](#): Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics Review (*Stohs*)

[Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 1:15:31](#)]

[Agenda Item J.4.b, Public Comments \(\*Electronic Only\*\)](#)

John Harder, Pacific Albacore Trollers Association

Tara Brock, Oceana

Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts

c. **Council Action: Review Annual Estimates Against Performance Metrics for Bycatch Species, Consider a Methodology for Multi-Year Bycatch Evaluation, and Provide Guidance on a Proposed Process for Potential Bycatch Reduction Measures** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 1:30:52](#)]

**Motion 14** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 1:35:46](#)]: Council adopt the bycatch-per-unit-effort (BPUE) rate approach to evaluating performance in the DGN fishery as proposed by the HMSMT (Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1). The Council will task the HMSMT with providing BPUE for the 22 species of interest at the Council's June 2020 meeting. Additionally, the Council will task the HMSMT with reporting any single-year bycatch events with exceptional levels and developing an action line suitable for detecting these exceptionally high bycatch rates, for these same species.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley

**Amendment 1** [[mp3: 6-23-19pm2 2:06:40](#)]: Make the following changes to the motion (strike out/underline):

The Council will task the HMSMT with providing BPUE for the ~~22~~ species of interest from Motion 11 from the September 2018 Council Meeting, and deliver to the Council at the Council's June 2020 meeting. Additionally, the Council will task the HMSMT with ~~reporting any single-year bycatch events with exceptional levels and~~ developing an action line suitable for detecting ~~these~~ exceptionally high bycatch rates, for these same species.

Caren Braby/Christa Svensson (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

(Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** In [Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#), the HMSMT presented drift gillnet performance metrics for the 2017 calendar year and described an alternative, multi-annual method for assessing bycatch performance in the fishery. The Council directed the HMSMT to present an assessment of fishery performance using this method at the June 2020 Council meeting. (This assessment will cover the species of interest identified in Motion 11 from the September 2018 Council Meeting.) In further developing this method, the HMSMT will include an additional assessment threshold for detecting exceptionally high bycatch rates.

**5. Exempted Fishing Permits – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-24-19am1 0:03:09](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 1](#): Summary of DSBG EFP applications received for the June 2019 Council meeting

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 2](#): DSBG EFP Application from Nathan Lins

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 3](#): DSBG EFP Application from J.J Gerritsen

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 4](#): DSBG EFP Application from Jordan McCaffrey

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 5](#): DSBG EFP Application from Nathan Smith

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 6](#): DSBG EFP Application from Zachary Roach

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 7](#): DSBG EFP Application from Douglas and Lucas Dirkse

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 8](#): DSBG EFP Application from Nicholas Guglielmo

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 9](#): DSBG EFP Application from John Gibbs and Anthony Grey

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 10](#): DSBG EFP Application from Michael Flynn

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 11](#): DSBG EFP Application from Dave Stephens

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 12](#): DSBG EFP Application from Antonio Estrada

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 13](#): DSBG EFP Application from Anthony Green

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 14](#): DSBG EFP Application from Sean Burke

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 15](#): DSBG EFP Application from John Bateman

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 16](#): DSBG EFP Application from Brock Marvin

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 17](#): DSBG EFP Application from Nathan Perez and Thomas Carson

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 18](#): DSBG EFP Application from John Kirkpatrick

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 19](#): DSBG EFP Application from John Doljanin

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 20](#): 2018 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Activity

**Reports**

[Agenda Item J.5, Attachment 21](#): 84 FR 20108, Notice Announcing Issuance of Exempted Fishing Permits

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-24-19am1 0:08:02](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.5.a, NMFS Report 1](#): EFP Performance, Issuance, and Renewals

[Agenda Item J.5.a, PIER Report 1](#): 2018-2019 PIER Research Update; Progress and Preliminary Summary

[Agenda Item J.5.a, Supplemental Pier Presentation 1](#): (*Chugey Sepulveda*)

[Agenda Item J.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.5.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-24-19am1 0:58:32](#)]**

Dave Stephens

Nathan Perez, Bearflag Fish Co

Nathan Lins, Lins Maritime

Jonathan Gonzales, Pacific Seafood

**c. Council Action: Recommendations on Non-Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Applications, Final Recommendations on New Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Applications, and Recommendations on Extending 2019 EFPs [[mp3: 6-24-19am1 1:10:41](#)]**

**Motion 15** [[mp3: 6-24-19am1 1:17:33](#)]: Council, consistent with the HMSMT report (J.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1):

1. Approve the new deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications with the exception of Attachment 5, Nathan Smith, which is a duplicate of Attachment 2.
2. Recommend that NMFS prioritize issuance of these EFPs over previously approved applications within the limits in the existing protected resources consultation.
3. Preliminarily approve the Perez/Carson EFP for night set buoy gear under 100 percent observer coverage and consider final recommendation at the Council's September 2019 meeting.
4. Recommend that NMFS extend currently approved EFPs through 2020 and to consider any EFP applications previously approved by the Council that have not been issued due to inaction by the applicant by December 31, 2019, as invalid.

John Ugoretz/Herb Pollard (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed 18 DSBG exempted fishing permit EFP applications submitted by the May 23 deadline and:

1. Approved 16 applications for EFP issuance by NMFS
2. Preliminarily approved the Perez/Carson EFP for night set buoy gear ([Attachment 17](#)) under 100 percent observer coverage. The Council will make a final recommendation on this EFP at its September 2019 meeting

Recommended that NMFS prioritize issuance of these EFPs over previously approved applications for which EFPs have not yet been issued, within the limits in the existing protected resources consultation, recommended that NMFS extend currently issued DSBG EFPs through 2020 (see [Attachment 21](#)), and recommended that NMFS consider any EFP applications previously approved by the Council but not issued by December 31, 2019, due to inaction by the applicant, as ineligible for issuance.

#### **6. [Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-24-19am2 0:00:05](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.6, Attachment 1](#): Council's Final Range of Alternatives for Authorization of a DSBG Fishery

##### **a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 6-24-19am2 0:02:59](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.6.a, NMFS Report 1](#): DSBG Authorization/Biological Impact Analysis

[Agenda Item J.6.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Biological Impact Sensitivity Analysis

[Agenda Item J.6.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization and Review of Analyses (Enriquez)

[Agenda Item J.6.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.6.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item J.6.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

##### **b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 6-24-19am2 1:02:38](#)]**

[Agenda Item J.6.b, Public Comments \(Electronic Only\)](#)

Alexis Johnson, The Nature Conservancy

Donald Krebs

Bill Sutton

Scott Albers, PIER

Nathan Perez



Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts  
Mike Thompson

- c. **Council Action: Review the Range of Alternatives and Updated Analyses on Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization and Provide Guidance** [[mp3: 6-24-19am2 1:40:40](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** NMFS presented its preliminary analysis of the biological impacts of authorizing a DSBG fishery. The Council noted the potential socioeconomic effects stemming from the number of limited entry permits issued to fish in the Southern California Bight and asked that the analysis of the range of alternatives to be provided in September include information to facilitate an informed final Council decision on the permit issuance process. The Council is scheduled to choose a final preferred alternative at its September 2019 meeting.

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Informational Report 1](#): NOAA Fisheries Annual Report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council; West Coast Enforcement Division, June 2019

[Informational Report 2](#): Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee Progress Report to the Council (June 2019)

[Informational Report 3](#): Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife description of proposed research for the Pacific Fishery Management Council's information: Assessing benthic habitat impacts and recovery processes in association with major changes in bottom trawl closed areas off the Oregon coast

[Supplemental Informational Report 4](#): Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program 2020

[Supplemental Informational Report 5](#): NMFS Report on Recreational Fisheries Engagement Plans

## VOTING LOG

**Motion 1:** Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, June 19-25, 2019](#) Council Meeting Agenda.  
Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 2:** Council:

1. Adopt the recommendation by the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) as described in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 2](#) to schedule a CPS stock assessment prioritization process as a biennial November agenda item to begin in November 2020 and to select the CPS stock(s) to be assessed in 2022. This process would not use a ranking matrix approach, but would include Council deliberations for CPS stock assessments on a biennial cycle with advice provided by the SSC, Council advisory bodies, management agencies, and the public relative to data quantity and quality and assessment resources.
2. Adopt the following recommendations from the SSC as described in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#):

- a. Provide flexibility in the process to allow for revisions in the intervening year given new information because CPS are subject to rapid fluctuations in abundance and fisheries catch.
  - b. Consider how selection of stock assessment priorities may affect survey design and potentially compromise the long-term integrity and value of resulting abundance indices.
3. Make the following changes in the first bullet “strike 2021 and”, and change the third bullet to: “In 2020, conduct a benchmark assessment on Pacific sardine and, in 2021 conduct a model-based integrated assessment for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA)”.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln

(Motion 2, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 3:** Council:

1. Approve the Pacific Mackerel stock assessment for U.S. management in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 ([June 2019, Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1](#)).
2. Adopt Tables 1 and 2 in [Supplemental CPSMT Report 1 \(June 2019, Agenda Item F.3\)](#).
3. If the ACT is met, adopt a 45 percent incidental landing allowance when Pacific Mackerel are landed with other CPS, with an exception that up to 3 mt of Pacific Mackerel per landing could be landed in non-CPS fisheries.

Briana Brady/Louis Zimm (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Motion 4:** Council direct the CPSMT to prepare draft revisions to the CPS FMP in a manner that retains the management approaches for the CPS management unit stocks and describes how each stock is managed in a stock-specific manner, rather than through use of a categorical assignment. Specifically, the intent is to remove references to the named management categories, but not to revise the manner in which the CPS stocks are managed. Should the Council wish to consider whether and how to change the way specific CPS stocks are managed, then that could be a separate item for future consideration.

Michele Culver/Maggie Sommer (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 5:** Council adopt the [Klamath River](#) and [Sacramento River fall](#) Chinook Rebuilding Plans as final, adopt Recommendation 1 in both plans establishing the default rebuilt criterion consistent with the FMP for these stocks, and adopt Alternative I, Status Quo Control Rule from Recommendation 2, as the preferred alternative management strategy for recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as presented in Agenda Item G.1, Attachments 1 and 2.

Brett Kormos/Bob Dooley (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

**Motion 6:** Council adopt the [Strait of Juan de Fuca coho](#), [Queets River coho](#), and [Snohomish River coho](#) rebuilding plans as presented in Agenda Item G.1, Attachments 3, 4, and 5 respectively as drafts for public review.

Kyle Adicks/Rich Lincoln (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Motion 7:** Council adopt draft Council Operating Procedure 27 entitled Process for Initiating Allocation Reviews as presented in [Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2](#) with the following modification:



- Replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of the first paragraph of the section on procedure with the following:

For allocations that are not already specified in an FMP/CSP (periodic reviews) or required by court order, the Council will consider public interest requests before it undertakes a review. Taking public interest into account the Council will evaluate the need for the review and, if a need is identified, integrate the associated tasks and timelines into its workload planning process.

- With this change, the entirety of the paragraph would read as follows:

In general, allocation reviews, and especially revisions, are often time consuming and contentious, and once established should not be altered without good cause and adequate Council/agency capacity. For allocations that are not already specified in an FMP/CSP (periodic reviews) or required by court order, the Council will consider public interest requests before it undertakes a review. Taking public interest into account the Council will evaluate the need for the review and, if a need is identified, integrate the associated tasks and timelines into its workload planning process. For limited access privilege programs (LAPPs) that have periodic reviews specified, the Council will consider the need for review of allocations that are part of the LAPP during the initial scoping process for the LAPP review. However, new or revised allocations that are adopted as part of an FMP or FMP amendment may include other procedural pathways for future allocation review(s).

Phil Anderson/Herb Pollard (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Motion 8: Council:**

1. Indicate the Council's commitment to transition the management of the 2A directed commercial halibut fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the Council.
2. Request that IPHC continue to issue licenses for the 2A halibut fisheries, including the directed commercial halibut fishery for 2020 and 2021, at a minimum, to provide the Council and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) sufficient time for the Council to develop and consider alternatives relative to permitting and regulating the commercial directed halibut fishery and for NMFS to promulgate implementing regulations, as appropriate.
3. Request the IPHC enter into a data sharing arrangement for the IPHC 2A halibut licensing system and the commercial directed halibut fishery logbook data to facilitate the Council's management of the fishery.
4. Signal to commercial directed halibut fishery participants the Council's intent to not consider any major changes (e.g., limited entry, incidental fishery only) to the management structure of the fishery for the next few years, but would focus on ensuring the management infrastructure is in place.
5. Utilize the Council's September/November Catch Sharing Plan process to solicit and consider annual directed commercial halibut fishery regulations within the existing season structure (i.e., an open access fishery managed by fishing periods and vessel limits) beginning in 2019 for 2020 regulations. During the transition period, these proposed regulations would be transmitted from the Council to IPHC in November for the IPHC Interim Meeting and again in January 2020 for the IPHC Annual Meeting.
6. Convey the Council's commitment and a summary of the items described here in the form of a letter from the Council Chair to the IPHC Executive Director following this meeting and prior to the IPHC Commissioners' work session scheduled for late September.

Michele Culver/Herb Pollard (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Motion 9:** Council take the following actions for groundfish stocks:

1. Further explore Approaches 4 (case-by-case phase-in), 5 (phase-in), and 6 (adjust maximum  $P^*$ ) as described in [Agenda Item D.5.a, NMFS Report 1](#), as alternative approaches to the default acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule for groundfish stocks
2. Consider using criteria to determine which groundfish stocks are eligible for deviation from the default ABC control rule. Suggested criteria could include:
  - a. Stock status (depletion) – consider whether to have different approaches for healthy stocks (e.g., stocks with depletion levels  $\geq B_{40}$ ), precautionary zone (e.g., rockfish stocks between  $B_{25}$  and  $B_{40}$ ), overfished, and/or for stocks with a status trend that has continually declined over time
  - b. Stock category – consider whether to have different eligibility for Category 1 and Category 2 stocks
  - c. Stock complexes – consider whether and how to apply alternative approaches to stocks managed as part of a complex
  - d. Attainment – consider whether to have a minimum average level of attainment of annual catch limits
3. Consider placing a limit on the frequency of using alternative approaches, such as:
  - a. Deviation from the default ABC control rule cannot apply to a specific stock for two consecutive biennial cycles (i.e., full application of the default ABC control rule would occur in year 3)
4. Consider the following additional process steps:
  - a. Re-run the 10-year projections based on the most recent stock assessment for stocks with proposed alternative approaches to assess the risk of overfishing and evaluate the effect on stock status
  - b. Require sufficient time for deviations from the default ABC control rule be evaluated relative to Council criteria, risk of overfishing, and 10-year effect on stock status
  - c. Provide specificity on the calculation method (e.g., sigma and  $P^*$  calculation) and values (e.g., if sigma phase-in used on combination with maximum  $P^*$  of 0.45, what the sigma values are) used for review and approval by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) prior to Council final adoption
5. For the 2021-2022 biennial cycle, include the following steps in the Council process:
  - a. September 2019 – Council consider approving items 1-4 for public review and identify a preliminary list of stocks to apply alternative approaches to
  - b. November 2019 – Council select a preliminary preferred alternative (PPA) for items 1-4 and list of stocks
  - c. April 2020 – SSC provide ABC recommendations for the stocks identified in the PPA, and Council select final preferred alternative (FPA) for items 1-4 and list of stocks
6. Direct the SSC to review, discuss, and provide recommendations on items 1-5 at the September 2019 meeting

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion 9 carried, Ms. Yaremko abstained)

**Motion 10:** Council:

1. Reaffirm its intent under Amendment 4 regarding Fishery Data Collection Programs;
2. Recommend the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) implement a Federal Trawl Logbook Program; and
3. Recommend a Federal Data Collection Program for Trawl Logbooks to NMFS.

Phil Anderson/Marci Yaremko (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

**Motion 11:** Council adopt the following seabird mitigation measures as final:

Require non-tribal vessels 26 feet and greater LOA using bottom longline gear as defined under 50 CFR 660.11 in the limited entry fixed gear, open access fixed gear, and longline vessels under the Shorebased IFQ Program to either use streamer lines according to the Alaska streamer line requirements or deploy gear between one hour after local sunset and one hour before local sunrise when declared into a Federal fishery and fishing in Federal waters. In addition:

When fishing south of 36° N. latitude, vessels would be exempted from the requirement to deploy streamer lines or night set.

For vessels 26-55 feet LOA, deploying streamer lines would be discretionary when a small craft wind advisory or higher is declared in the area where the vessel is fishing.

In addition, encourage continued collaborative research to develop and test enforceable floated mainline gear configurations that can sink within the streamer line zone to reduce seabird interactions.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Motion 12:** Council:

Direct the ESWG to locate and review any new short-tailed albatross telemetry or observer data south of 36° N. latitude at a future meeting (anticipated in 2021), and provide this review in its report back to the Council, for purposes of possibly reconsidering the exemption from the streamer requirement for longline vessels operating south of 36° N. latitude.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

**Motion 13:** To address the overfishing status of the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) stock of yellowfin tuna, pursuant to Section 304(i) MSA, the Council recommends:

1. to the Secretary of Commerce, making no changes to domestic fishing regulations at this time, and
2. to the Secretary of State and Congress, that tasks intended to improve the assessment model for EPO yellowfin be prioritized among others in the IATTC scientific staff's work plan, including examining sensitivity of the model to the 2018 catch-per-unit-effort longline data and obtaining the necessary additional data to explore spatial and temporal factors (e.g., fleet behavior).

John Ugoretz/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 13 carried unanimously)

**Motion 14:** Council adopt the bycatch-per-unit-effort (BPUE) rate approach to evaluating performance in the DGN fishery as proposed by the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT, [Agenda Item J.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)). The Council will task the HMSMT with providing BPUE for the species of interest from Motion 11 from the September 2018 Council Meeting, and deliver to the Council at the Council's June 2020 meeting. Additionally, the Council will task the HMSMT with developing an action line suitable for detecting exceptionally high bycatch rates, for these same species.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 15:** Council, consistent with the HMSMT report ([J.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)):

1. Approve the new deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications with the exception of [Attachment 5](#), Nathan Smith, which is a duplicate of [Attachment 2](#).
2. Recommend that National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) prioritize issuance of these EFPs over previously approved applications within the limits in the existing protected resources consultation.
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4. Recommend that NMFS extend currently approved EFPs through 2020 and to consider any EFP applications previously approved by the Council that have not been issued due to inaction by the applicant by December 31, 2019, as invalid.

John Ugoretz/Herb Pollard (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

**Motion 16:** Council adopt a schedule for 2021-2022 groundfish harvest spex and management measures as presented in [Agenda Item I.6, Attachment 1, June 2019](#).

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion 16 carried unanimously)

**Motion 17:** Council adopt (utilizing [Agenda Item I.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)):

- For incidental Pacific halibut retention in the primary sablefish fishery north of Pt. Chehalis:
  - Alternative 2, 250 lbs dressed weight halibut per 1,000 lbs dressed weight sablefish, plus 2 Pacific halibut
- For limited entry bocaccio trip limits between 40° 10' N. lat. and 34° 27' N. lat.:
  - Alternative 1, 1,500 lbs/2 months
- For big skate trip limits in the trawl IFQ fishery:
  - Alternative 2, 70,000 lbs for Jul-Aug, 20,000 for Sep-Oct, and 20,000 for Nov-Dec
- For sablefish daily trip limits:
  - Alternative 2 for Open Access North (300 lb/day, or one landing per week up to 1,400 lb, not to exceed 2,800 lb/2 months), and
  - Alternative 1 for Open Access South (300 lb/day, or one landing per week up to 1,600 lb, not to exceed 4,800 lb/2 months)

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion 17 carried unanimously)

**Motion 18:** Council adopt the Budget Committee Recommendations as presented in [Agenda item D.7.a Supplemental Budget Committee Report 1](#):

1. Recommend a Calendar Year 2019 Operational budget of \$5,203,673 as presented in the Executive Directors Report.
2. Recommend the Draft Project Narrative and Budget for the 2020-2024 Grant period as presented, but asked Council Staff to modify the language in the narrative to reflect actions that are taken during this Council Meeting.
3. Recommend the Staff Proposed Draft Projects for the No-Cost Extension and include any items that come before the Council between now and extension submission.
4. Recommend having a November Budget Committee Meeting but have a September meeting only if necessary as identified in the Executive Director's Report.

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

**Motion 19:** Council approve draft March 2019 and April 2019 Council meeting records as shown in Agenda Item D.8, [Attachment 1](#) and [Attachment 2](#).  
Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Motion 20:** Council suspend the provision of Council Operating Procedure 1 that states that the Chair may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms, and that Mr. Phil Anderson serve as Council Chair and Mr. Marc Gorelnik serve as Council Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 term.  
Pete Hassemer/Herb Pollard (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

**Motion 21:** Council appoint Ms. Jessica Watson to the vacant Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team.  
Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council Recommend that NMFS not issue an EFP to the California Groundfish Collective for 2019, as the Council and its advisors have not had an opportunity to review and comment on the application pursuant to COP 19.  
Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 22 failed – Mr. Pettinger, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Zimm, Mr. Wulff, Ms. Svensson, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Hassemer voted no)

## ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on June 25, 2019 at 12:58 p.m.



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Phil Anderson  
Council Chair

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10/2/2019  
Date