



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Philip Anderson, Chair | Charles A. Tracy, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2019

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2019 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 14 – 20, 2019 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will convene November 14 – 15, in the Emerald Bay 1 and Emerald Bay 2 rooms, respectively. Major topics for discussion at this meeting are below. For more detailed information, please refer to the situation summaries in the Briefing Book materials, which are scheduled to be posted to the Council website in advance of the meeting.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report (D.1)

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

Exempted Fishing Permits – Preliminary Review (D.2)

The Council will consider adopting for public review any proposals for exempted fishing permits (EFP), with final approval scheduled for the April 2020 meeting. Advanced Briefing Book materials include letters of intent from the California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA) and the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group, to continue survey efforts that have been carried out the past few years.

Methodology Review: Preliminary Topic Selection (D.3)

Proposals for new survey or other science-based methodologies must undergo independent review prior to being used in Council stock assessments or other products. For CPS, proponents of new methodologies bring their proposal to the November Council meeting for consideration. If no proposals are submitted to the Council, the agenda item may be canceled.

Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) Nearshore Methodology, Accountability Measures, and Schedule (D.4)

At its April 2019 meeting, the Council tasked members of the CPSMT, the CPSAS, and the Scientific and Statistical Committee’s CPS Subcommittee to work with the SWFSC to hold a meeting to discuss information and options relative to the management and science of CSNA.

The objectives of the meeting were to develop options regarding an appropriate interval for updating overfishing limit (OFL) and/or acceptable biological catch (ABC) levels, stock status triggers that would lead to accountability measures, and data and survey sources to be used for triggers. In addition, the meeting considered estimation methods to evaluate nearshore biomass of CSNA, and to provide additional guidance on California Department of Fish and Wildlife/CWPA aerial survey methodology, including variance estimations, bias correction factor, and possibly expansion into unsampled areas.

The CPSMT and CPSAS should consider the meeting report included in the advanced Briefing Book materials and be prepared to recommend frequencies for reviewing OFL/ABC values and stock status, as well as triggers and accountability measures that would stem from such periodic reviews.

Report to Congress: Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act (I.1)

The CPSMT and CPSAS should consider the draft report to Congress, and possibly develop a supplemental report.

Elections

The CPSAS and CPSMT will hold elections for calendar year 2020.

Future Workload Planning

The CPSMT will be involved in developing a rebuilding plan for Pacific sardine stock, which was recently declared overfished by NMFS. The Council's Year-at-a-Glance shows a three-meeting process for developing and approving a rebuilding plan (March, June, and September). In addition, the Council asked for a fishery management plan amendment that removes the active and monitored management categories, tentatively scheduled for consideration at the June 2020 meeting. Both of these topics should be addressed by the CPSMT at a meeting in early 2020, exact date and location to be determined.

Annual Awards Banquet

On Friday, November 15, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the Fountain Terrace room. This year's honorees include Jim Hie, Joel Kawahara, Jim Olsen, Herb Pollard, Cyreis Schmitt, Rob Zuanich, and Steve Watrous. Unfortunately Cyreis and Rob won't be able to make it in person, but we will honor their contributions over the years nonetheless. Tickets are \$20 at the door (seating is limited, arrive early!) for a scrumptious buffet dinner. Please refer to the General Information section of the November Briefing Book for banquet details.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
3. Agenda Item D.1 – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report

4. Agenda item D.2 – Exempted Fishing Permits – Final Approval
5. Agenda Item D.3 – Methodology Review: Preliminary Topic Selection
6. Agenda Item D.4 – Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Nearshore Estimation Methodology, Frequency of Overfishing Limit Reviews, and Accountability Measures
7. Agenda Item I.1 – Legislative Matters
8. Agenda Item I.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2019
TO: Enforcement Consultants
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: November 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2019, at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, telephone: 714-540-7000.

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Laguna Beach 3 on Friday, November 15 starting at 8 a.m. and as necessary thereafter, through Tuesday, November 19).

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda
2. EC Agenda
3. CPSAS Agenda
4. CPSMT Agenda
5. GAP Agenda
6. GEMPAC/TAC Agenda
7. GMT Agenda
8. HC Agenda

9. HMSAS Agenda
10. HMSMT Agenda
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(Enforcement Matters)

14. C.1 Tri-State Enforcement Report

(Coastal Pelagic Species Management)

15. D.2 Preliminary Review of New 2019 Exempted Fishing Permits

(Pacific Halibut Management)

16. F.1 2020 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Final Action
17. F.2 Commercial Directed Fishery Regulations for 2020 – Final Action

(Groundfish Management)

18. H.3 Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines and Manual Review
19. H.5 Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit Approval for 2021-2022
20. H.8 Biennial Management Measures for 2021-2022
21. H.9 Endangered Species Act Mitigation Measures for Salmon – Final Action
22. H.10 Final Action on Inseason Adjustments – Including Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2020

(Administrative Matters)

23. I.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2019

TO: Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2019 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA. The Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 14 in Newport Beach 1 & 2 Rooms.

The Council is scheduled to consider an important electronic monitoring agenda item that includes several topics of interest. The briefing book materials attached to this memoranda provide detailed information for these items

H.3 Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines and Manual Review

The Council is scheduled to review and provide recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding revised draft Electronic Monitoring Program Service Plan Guidelines, Vessel Monitoring Plan Guidelines, and NMFS draft Electronic Monitoring Program Manual. NMFS requests specific input from the Council and its Advisory Bodies regarding NMFS reports 1 through 3, and includes recommendations for developing specific video review rates for auditing logbooks in each catch share fishery.

Additionally, on Friday, November 15, 2019, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the Fountain Terrace room. This year's honorees include Jim Hie, Joel Kawahara, Jim Olsen, Herb Pollard, Cyreis Schmitt, Rob Zuanich, and Steve Watrous. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details.

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

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

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Agenda Items H.1 - H.10 – Groundfish Management
4. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2019

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

FROM: Mr. Todd Phillips, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: October 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2019 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 15 in the Laguna Beach 1 & 2 and Newport Beach 1 & 2 Rooms, respectively.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest. The briefing book materials attached to this memoranda provide detailed information for these items on the Council's November Agenda; however, the following Agenda items, summarized below, may be of particular interest to advisory bodies.

F.3 Commercial Directed Fishery Transition Planning

The Council will scope the transition process of the Area 2A non-Indian commercial directed Pacific halibut fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission to the Council and National Marine Fisheries Service. Under this agenda item, the Council is requesting stakeholder input regarding the development of a transition plan.

H.2 Workload and New Management Measure Update

The Council is scheduled to review the list of groundfish management measures and has the opportunity to consider revising the list, as appropriate, based on recommendations of its advisory bodies and the public, as well as review its overall groundfish workload.

H.3 Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines and Manual Review

The Council is scheduled to review and provide recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding revised draft Electronic Monitoring Program Service Plan Guidelines, Vessel Monitoring Plan Guidelines and NMFS draft Electronic Monitoring Program Manual. NMFS requests specific input from the Council and its advisory bodies regarding NMFS reports 1 through 3, and includes recommendations for developing specific video review rates for auditing logbooks in each catch share fishery.

H.4 2020 Harvest Specifications for Cowcod and Shortbelly Rockfish –Final Action

The Council will consider final action on the 2020 harvest specifications for cowcod and shortbelly rockfish. At the September 2019 Council meeting, the Council selected preliminary preferred alternatives that would eliminate the 2020 annual catch target for cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. and reduce the research set-aside to 1.0 mt. The Council also adopted the PPA to increase the annual catch limit for shortbelly rockfish to 3,000 mt.

H.5 Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit Approval for 2021-2022

Under this agenda item, exempted fishing permit (EFP) applicants are expected to present their preliminary proposals to the Council. Projected impacts from the proposed EFPs are considered during the groundfish biennial harvest specifications and management measure process. At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to identify EFP proposals for additional consideration and public review. Final Council review and recommendations are scheduled for June 2020.

H.6 Harvest Specifications for 2021-2022 including Final Overfishing Limits and Acceptable Biological Catches

The Council is scheduled to adopt the harvest specifications, including the overfishing limits and final P*/acceptable biological catches for the 2021-2022 biennium, as well as select its preferred preliminary alternatives for annual catch limits of groundfish stocks.

H.7 Gear Switching and Sablefish Area Management Update

An update regarding the progress of the Council's gear switching and sablefish area management process will be provided at this meeting under Agenda Item H.7. This update will also provide a review of the recent Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee meetings. Advisory bodies should consider the purpose and need as described in the Briefing Book materials for Council discussion.

H.8 Biennial Management Measures for 2021-2022

The Council will consider adopting a range of alternatives for management measures necessary to implement the harvest specifications for the next biennium, as well as adopt preliminary two-year allocations for applicable species.

H.9 Endangered Species Act Mitigation Measures for Salmon – Final Action

The Council is scheduled to select its Final Preferred Alternatives for mitigation measures and processes that will address the requirements of the 2017 biological opinion regarding salmon impacts in the groundfish fishery.

Additionally, on Friday, November 15, 2019, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the Fountains Terrace room. This year's honorees include Jim Hie, Joel Kawahara, Jim Olsen, Herb Pollard, Cyreis Schmitt, Rob Zuanich, and Steve Watrous. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details.

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

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C.1 – Enforcement Matters
4. Agenda Item F – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item G – Habitat
6. Agenda Item H – Groundfish Management
7. Agenda Items I.1, I.4, & I.5
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2019
TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons
FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species
SUBJECT: November 2019 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meets November 14-20, 2019, at The Hilton Orange County Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Saturday through Tuesday, November 16-19. The HMSAS will be in the Emerald Bay 1 Room and the HMSMT will be in the Emerald Bay 2 Room. The meetings begin at 8 a.m. each day. Three HMS topics are on the Council agenda. Summaries of these topics follow. I am also including briefing materials for two administrative items.

J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

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

J.2 Recommend International Management Activities

The Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) met October 10-11. The PAC advises the U.S. Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) on relevant issues. Taking into account PAC recommendations, the Council may develop recommendations on U.S. positions for the upcoming Sixteenth Regular Session of the WCPFC. The current U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Fishing Regime (Annex C) expires at the end of this year and a replacement regime must be agreed to before the start of the next Treaty fishing season beginning June 15, 2020. The Council may discuss and begin developing recommendations for this negotiation. The Department of State representative on the Council, Mr. David Hogan, is unable to attend the November Council meeting but has expressed his intent to attend the March 2020 meeting. The Council may take up this matter again in March to interact with Mr. Hogan.

J.3 Scoping an Amendment Authorizing Shallow Set Longline Gear Outside of the Exclusive Economic Zone

The use of shallow-set longline (SSLL) outside the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to target swordfish is currently prohibited under the HMS fishery management plan (FMP) pursuant to the

Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation conducted for FMP implementation. At this meeting the Council will consider whether to move forward on action to authorize the use of this gear type outside the EEZ.

I.1 Legislative Matters (Report to Congress on Section 201 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018)

The Council has the opportunity to provide comments on the draft report to Congress (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2). The report discusses the incorporation of data, analysis, stock assessments, and surveys from State agencies and nongovernmental sources into fisheries management decisions. It also identifies the types of data and analysis, especially concerning recreational fishing, that can be used in management and provides recommendations for collecting data and performing analyses identified as necessary to improve future stock assessments. The report considers whether such data and analyses represent the best scientific information available consistent with National Standard 2 in the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

I.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

To help you keep abreast of topics at future Council meetings and to help you plan future meetings of your respective groups, I am including the materials for Agenda Item I.5, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning. You may wish to provide comments on what topics are proposed and at what meetings.

Additionally, on Friday, November 15, 2019, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the Fountain Terrace room. This year's honorees include Jim Hie, Joel Kawahara, Jim Olsen, Herb Pollard, Cyreis Schmitt, Rob Zuanich, and Steve Watrous. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details.

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

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item J.1: NMFS Report
3. Agenda Item J.2: Recommend International Management Activities
4. Agenda Item J.3: Scoping an Amendment Authorizing Shallow Set Longline Gear Outside of the Exclusive Economic Zone
5. Agenda Item I.1: Legislative Matters
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2019

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Robin Ehlke, Salmon Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2019 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2019 at Hilton Costa Mesa in Costa Mesa, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet November 15-16 and the Salmon Technical Team (STT) will meet November 15. The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not meet at the November Council meeting; however, the MEW Chairperson (or designee) is invited.

There are four salmon items (Agenda Item E) scheduled on the Council's November agenda, which include 1) a report from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 2) final methodology review, 3) final Council recommendation on the preseason salmon management schedule for 2019, and 4) Southern Resident Killer Whale Endangered Species Act consultation. Agenda item E.3 will also include Council consideration to amend the current the annual management cycle, and scoping details for the process. All salmon topics will be considered on Saturday, November 16.

There are three Pacific Halibut items (Agenda Item F) scheduled on the Council's November agenda, which include 1) adoption of final Pacific Halibut Catch Share Plan changes and regulations for 2020, 2) adoption of final recommendations to the non-Indian commercial directed halibut fishery for 2020, and 3) transition planning for the non-Indian commercial directed halibut fishery. All halibut topics will be considered on Saturday, November 16.

Additional topics on the Council's November agenda include, but are not limited to, Habitat Issues (Agenda Item G.1), Legislative Matters which will include the 'Review of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act' (Agenda Item I.1), the Tri-State Enforcement Report (Agenda Item C.1). Groundfish topics include workload and new management measures update (Agenda Item H.2), and the final preferred alternative (FPA) on the Endangered Species Act consultation on Salmon bycatch in Groundfish fisheries (Agenda Item H.9). The Council will also take up the usual administrative matters including membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures (Agenda Item I.4) and future workload and agenda planning, (Agenda Item I.5).

Lastly, the Council will host its Annual Banquet the evening of Friday, November 15. There are eight honorees, including Jim Hie, Jim Olsen, and Steve Watrous from the SAS, and Joel Kawahara from the Habitat Committee. Visit the Council web page at www.pcouncil.org for banquet details.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and thank you for committing your time and expertise to the Council process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.1 – Tri-State Enforcement Report
3. Agenda Items E.1 - E.4– Salmon Management
4. Agenda Items F.1 - F.3 – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Habitat Issues
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7. Agenda Item I.1 - Legislative Matters
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2019
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: November 2019 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2019 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Balboa Bay Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will review the credentials of Dr. Melissa Haltuch, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, nominated to fill one of the vacant at-large seats on the SSC and also those for any other nominees for vacant seats on management/technical teams and the SSC.

The SSC will review the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act Report to Congress and provide their recommendations on any relevant scientific issues to the Council.

The SSC will discuss future workload planning and may report to the Council on their plans under Agenda Item I.5.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will evaluate any new proposed methodologies to inform coastal pelagic species management and recommend those topics that merit a formal methodology review next year.

The SSC will review the Report of the Joint Meeting Of Representatives of the CPS Management Team, CPS Advisory Subpanel, And SSC CPS Subcommittee on issues related to Management of the Central Subpopulation Of Northern Anchovy, and associated background materials, that will inform harvest specifications, frequency of overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch updates, and triggers for accountability measures for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy

(CSNA). The SSC will also evaluate nearshore biomass estimation methods and aerial survey methodologies to assess the nearshore biomass of CSNA.

Salmon Management

The SSC will review the recommendations from the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and the Salmon Technical Team with respect to their October methodology review and will recommend those new or modified methodologies deemed to represent the best scientific information available for management decision-making.

The SSC will review a risk analysis to assess the effects of Council-area ocean salmon fisheries on the Chinook salmon prey base of southern resident killer whales. The SSC will recommend whether the analysis provides the best scientific information available for management decision-making.

Groundfish Management

The SSC will recommend 2021 and 2022 overfishing limits, stock category designations for newly-assessed stocks, and sigmas for stocks not addressed in September as well as those stocks with alternative harvest control rules.

The SSC will recommend topics to be discussed at the December 13 meeting to review the 2019 stock assessment review process and to recommend changes to the next terms of reference for conducting and reviewing groundfish stock assessments.

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

JDD:kma

Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item I.1 – Legislative Matters, Including the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act Report to Congress
3. Agenda Item I.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item I.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

5. Agenda Item D.3 – Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection
6. Agenda Item D.4 – Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy Nearshore Estimation Methodology, Frequency of Overfishing Limit Reviews, and Accountability Measures

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7. Agenda Item E.2 – Final Methodology Review
8. Agenda Item E.4 – Southern Resident Killer Whale Endangered Species Act Consultation Update and Risk Assessment

Groundfish Management

9. Agenda Item H.6 – Harvest Specifications for 2021-22 Including Final Overfishing Limits and Acceptable Biological Catches

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

10. November 2019 SSC Agenda
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