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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2020

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2020 Council Meeting

This meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will be held via webinar Wednesday, June 10 through Friday, June 19, 2020, with a two-day weekend pause June 13-14. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) are scheduled to convene June 10-12. Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars and the main Council meeting will be posted on the Council's [June 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. For advisory bodies, there will be one daily opportunity for public comment.

The only coastal pelagic species agenda item on the June Council meeting agenda is the Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan (G.1). The CPSMT and CPSAS will also discuss other items not on the Council's June agenda. See below:

Sardine Rebuilding Plan (G.1)

CPSMT Report 1 describes a proposed range of alternatives (ROA) and plans for analysis. CPS advisory bodies should consider the ROA, the population modeling description and the socio-economic approach (Appendices 1 and 2, respectively), and consider any additional alternatives for analysis.

Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference – Final Action (F.2)

The Council and the Scientific and Statistical Committee considered a revised Terms of Reference (ToR) at the March meeting. The CPSMT participated in an April 21, 2020 webinar on the topic and sent comments to the authors. Final approval is scheduled for the June 2020 meeting. The CPSMT and CPSAS should review the revised ToR and submit supplemental reports if necessary.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – June Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item G.1 –Sardine Rebuilding Plan
3. Informational Reports
4. Agenda Item F.2 – Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference (TOR) – Final Action
5. Agenda Item C.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. CPSMT Agenda
7. CPSAS Agenda
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2020
TO: Enforcement Consultants
FROM: Jim Seger Staff Officer
SUBJECT: June 2020 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 10-12 and 15-19, 2020, via webinar. All meetings are open to the public. For Advisory Bodies, there will be one daily opportunity for public comment.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by following the connect to audio instructions on your screen, shown after joining the webinar.

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet Friday June 12, at 8 a.m. at its main session and Monday June 15 through Thursday June 18, as necessary. Other sessions may be scheduled during that period, as needed, and the times for those sessions will be posted on the Council's June meeting website.

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. CPSMT Agenda
 4. CPSAS Agenda
 5. GAP Agenda
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6. GMT Agenda
7. HC Agenda
8. HMSMT Agenda
9. HMSAS Agenda

Administrative Matters

10. C.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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11. E. 3 Amendment 20: Annual Management Schedule and Boundary Change

Groundfish Management

12. F.1 Final Action to Adopt Management Measures and Exempted Fishing Permits for 2021-2022 Fisheries
13. F.3 Electronic Monitoring Program – Final Action
14. F.4 Inseason Adjustments – Final Action

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2020

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

FROM: Mr. Todd Phillips, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2020 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet via webinar June 12-19, 2020. The Council and its advisory bodies will adjourn for the weekend – Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14 – and resume on the following Monday, June 15. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10 and conclude Thursday, June 18; whereas the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 11 and conclude on Wednesday June 17. All meetings are open to the public. For advisory bodies, there will be a once-daily opportunity for public comment scheduled on their agendas.

Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by following the connect to audio instructions on your screen, shown after joining the webinar.

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

F.1 Final Action to Adopt Management Measures and Exempted Fishing Permits for 2021-2022 Fisheries

The Council is scheduled to adopt the suite of preferred management measures alternatives for 2021-2022 fisheries. These measures include a suite of management measures, including such items as adjustments to trip limits, Rockfish Conservation Area boundary updates, and allocations. Additionally, the Council will adopt final recommendations on exempted fishing permits for 2021-2022 and will forward them to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for implementation.

F.2 Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference – Final Action

The Council is scheduled to adopt the list and schedule of new groundfish stock assessments anticipated to be conducted in 2021, which will be used to inform the harvest specifications and management measures decisions for groundfish fisheries in 2022 and beyond. The list of candidate species for full assessment in 2021 are bank rockfish, brown rockfish, copper rockfish, lingcod, squarespot rockfish, vermilion/sunset rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish; with darkblotched rockfish and spiny dogfish as back-up candidates. Dover sole and petrale sole also made the list, but whether these species receive a full or update assessment will be determined at this meeting. Sablefish is tentatively scheduled for an update assessment in 2021 as well. The Council is also expected to refine the preliminary list of stocks for 2023 assessments, which include black rockfish and quillback rockfish. Further, as part of this action, the Council is scheduled to adopt the three Terms of Reference that serve to guide the stock assessment process.

F.3 Electronic Monitoring Program – Final Action

The Council is scheduled to take final action on regulatory changes to the electronic monitoring (EM), EM program implementation, and EM exempted fishing permits. At the April 2020 meeting, the Council adopted potential changes to the West Coast EM Program regulations, including: implementation date, continuation of existing EM Program exempted fishing permits, and a set of seven recommendations from [NMFS](#).

F.4 Inseason Adjustments – Final Action

This agenda item will consider progress to date of the groundfish fisheries as well as routine inseason adjustments to the 2020 fisheries, as necessary, to achieve conservation objectives.

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>.

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 – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C.1 – NMFS Report
4. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
5. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
6. GAP Agenda
7. GMT Agenda
8. Scientific and Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
9. Informational Reports
10. Council Roster



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2020
TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons
FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species
SUBJECT: June 2020 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 10-12 and 15-19 by webinar. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11. Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. One HMS topic is on the Council agenda. HMS advisory bodies also may wish to provide recommendations on the future Council meeting agenda and workload planning. Summaries of these topics follow.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region will report on recent regulatory activities across all of the Council's Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) under Agenda Item C.1. Informational Reports 11 and 12 contain reports from HMS exempted fishing permit holders on 2019 activities and there are several other informational reports of interest. I am attaching the materials for Agenda Item C.1 and the informational reports for your reference.

D.1 International Management Activities

Several Regional Fishery Management Organization meetings will occur between the June and September Council meetings. You are probably most interested in the adoption of a new Resolution by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission at its 95th meeting in early August to succeed Resolution C-18-01 (Measures for the Conservation and Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, 2019 and 2020). However, there are several other international management issues mentioned in the Situation Summary that you may wish to discuss in your reports to the Council.

The Department of State representative on the Council, Mr. David Hogan, will report on the outcome of U.S./Canada Albacore Treaty negotiations at this meeting. The current U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Fishing Regime (Annex C) expired at the end of 2019 and a replacement regime should be agreed to before the start of the next Treaty fishing season beginning June 15, 2020.

C.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Because the Council will conduct this meeting in a webinar format, only matters deemed essential have been taken up. This means that various HMS topics must be deferred to future meetings. Keeping this in mind, you may wish to provide comments on scheduling HMS topics at future Council meetings.

In addition to the enclosed briefing materials, you may obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website as they become available after distribution of the advance briefing book. Public comment is available only in electronic form through the Council's [e-portal](#). Visit the [June Council meeting page](#) to access these materials.

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 D.1: International Management Activities
3. Agenda Item C.5: Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
4. HMSAS and HMSMT Meeting Agendas
5. Informational Reports 3 and 5-12
6. Council Roster

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2020

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup, Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Robin Ehlke, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2020 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet via webinar June 10-12 and 15-19, 2020. The Council and its Advisory Bodies will adjourn for the weekend – Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14 – and resume on the following Monday, June 15.

Instructions for how to connect to the Council meeting and Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting.

In conjunction with the June 2020 Council meeting, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW), the Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup (SRKW Workgroup), and the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Workgroup (SONCC Coho Workgroup) will not meet during the Council meeting. However, all advisory members are welcome to attend the on-line SAS meeting (Monday, June 8) to discuss topics of interest on the Council agenda. In addition, a representative from the SRKW Workgroup and the SONCC Coho Workgroup will participate in the June Council meeting to provide a statement on their particular topic.

The Council will cover the salmon agenda items on Monday, June 15. Three salmon topics will be discussed by the Council. The first topic (Agenda Item E.1) is a progress report on the SONCC coho Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation process. At the April 2020 meeting, the Council formed the Ad Hoc SONCC Coho Workgroup which will update the Council on progress made at their first meeting in June, and provide a final 'Terms of Reference' for Council consideration which includes a workplan and timeline to be complete the work by November 2021. The second topic (Agenda Item E.2) is an update on the SRKW ESA consultation process. The Council will review and potentially adopt the final risk assessment developed by the SRKW Workgroup over the past year. The Council will also discuss and provide guidance to the SRKW Workgroup as they begin developing potential management recommendations for Council consideration. The last salmon topic (Agenda Item E.3), covers the Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment process initiated by the Council in November 2019. Two primary topics are proposed for change and will constitute Amendment 20: the salmon preseason schedule and the southern boundary of the Klamath

Management Zone. The Council will discuss these proposed changes and consider adopting preliminary preferred alternatives.

There are multiple Administrative Matters of interest on the Council's agenda. On Friday, June 12, NMFS will provide a report to the Council under Agenda Item C.1; and on Friday June 19, the Council will consider membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures under Agenda Item C.4, and future Council meeting agendas and workload under Agenda Item C.5.

Also, under Informational Reports, both the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) and the Habitat Committee (HC) are planning on submitting reports. The GAP report will outline high priority groundfish items, which has some salmon-related topics including groundfish retention limits in the salmon troll fishery, and the non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area and salmon troll incidental landing limits within that area. The HC will meet during the June Council meeting to discuss habitat related topics, and provide a supplemental report on relevant habitat issues. Look for the HC's Informational Report once the Council meeting is underway.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.1, C.4, C 5, – Council Administrative Matters
3. Agenda Item E.1, E 2, E3 – Salmon Topics
4. Informational Report 4 – Groundfish Advisory Subpanel Informational Report for High Priority Groundfish Items

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2020
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: June 2020 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 10-12, 15-19, 2020 via webinar. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11, starting at 8 a.m. each day. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the [Council's June 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting.

Council Administrative Matters

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

The SSC will continue planning and development of a new Research and Data Needs database.

Groundfish Management

The SSC will review the stock assessment prioritization matrix provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center and will recommend groundfish stock assessment priorities for 2021 and 2023. The SSC will also review proposed changes to the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Process for 2021 and 2022 and will recommend a final TOR to guide the assessment process in the next two years. The SSC will also recommend the TORs for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Methodology Review process and for Groundfish Rebuilding Analyses.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will be briefed on the analytical approach for developing the Pacific sardine rebuilding plan. The SSC will offer advice on the analysis to the analytical team and the Council to aid in developing the sardine rebuilding plan.

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

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Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Groundfish Management

3. Agenda Item F.2 – Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference (TOR) – Final Action

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

4. Agenda Item G.1 – Sardine Rebuilding Plan

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

5. June 2020 SSC Agenda
6. Draft April 2020 SSC Minutes
7. Informational Reports
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