

COUNCIL MEETING RECORD
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Pacific Fishery Management Council
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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-meetings/previous-meetings/>.
4. **Council Decision 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/council-meetings/previous-meetings/> 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 <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-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/council-meetings/previous-meetings/>.
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: 3-4-20am1 0:00:48](#)]

1. Opening Remarks – Phil Anderson, Chair

Mr. Phil Anderson, Council Chair, called the 253rd meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2020. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 0:05:00](#)]

Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Ms. Susan Bishop, designee
Alaska State Official:	Ms. Dani Evenson (nonvoting designee)
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee Ms. Heather Hall, 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
California Obligatory:	Mr. Robert Dooley
Idaho State Official:	Mr. Virgil Moore, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Pete Hassemer
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 Lee Crusius, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Dr. Kyle Hanson, nonvoting designee
U.S. State Department:	Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee

Absent from the Meeting:

None

3. [Executive Director's Report](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 0:07:04](#)]

[A.3, Attachment 1](#): CEQ's Proposed NEPA Regulations: Overview for the CCC

4. Agenda – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 0:20:01](#)]

a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

Motion 1 [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 0:21:09](#)]: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, March 3-9, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda](#).

Virgil Moore/Pete Hassemer (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

B. Open Comment Period

1. [Comments on Non-Agenda Items](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 0:21:26](#)]

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

[B.1.a, Supplemental California State Senate Report 1](#): Letter from Senator Mike McGuire
[B.1.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 0:21:48](#)]

[B.1.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Dan Yoakum, Fort Bragg Commercial and Line Fisher

Jana Hennig, Positively Groundfish presented [B.1.b, Supplemental Open Comment PPT 2](#): West Coast Groundfish – Positively Groundfish Getting West Coast Groundfish back on the Menu -progress update

Daniel Lee presented [B.1.b, Supplemental Open Comment PPT 1](#): Proposal for a Blue and Deacon Rockfish (BDR) separate subquota

Harrison Ibach

Kevin Butler, SCCFA

c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 1:12:50](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

C. Administrative Matters

1. [Report of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries \(ONMS\)](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 1:14:09](#)]

a. Report of the Director of the ONMS West Coast Regional Office – Bill Douros [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 1:14:46](#)]

[C.1.a, National Marine Sanctuaries Report 1](#) (Electronic Only)

[C.1.a, Supplemental NMS PPT 1](#): National Marine Sanctuaries Coordination Report (Douros)

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 1:52:08](#)]

[C.1.b, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)

c. Public Comment

[C.1.c, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

d. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 3-4-20am1 1:52:18](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. **Marine Planning Update** – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 1:01:14](#)]

[C.2, Attachment 1](#): WCOA Annual Meeting Highlights

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 1:03:05](#)]

[C.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

[C.2.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

c. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 1:19:14](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council discussed effective ways to engage in upcoming offshore development that may affect fishing activities or fishing-dependent communities. The Executive Director will discuss the issue with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and provide recommendations to the Council.

3. **Approve Council Meeting Record** – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:37:51](#)]

a. **Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record** [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:38:32](#)]

Motion 19: Council approve the November 2019 meeting record as shown in [C.3, Attachment 1: Draft Council Meeting Record: 252nd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council](#). Peter Hassemer/Christa Svensson (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: None

4. **Membership Appointments; Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures; and Council Operating Procedures** – Mike Burner [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:39:26](#)]

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

[C.4.a, WDFW Report 1](#)

[C.4.a, USFWS Report 1](#)

[C.4.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

[C.4.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

c. **Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures, As Necessary** [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:40:06](#)]

Motion 20: Council appoint Mr. Andrew Babich to the vacant Washington Commercial position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel.

Kyle Adicks/ Rich Lincoln (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

Motion 21: Council appoint Ms. Deborah Wilson-Vandenberg to the vacant California position on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.

Marc Gorelnik/Brett Kormos (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

Motion 22: Council appoint Mr. Harrison Ibach to the vacant Open Access North of Cape Mendocino position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Brett Kormos/Louis Zimm (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

Motion 23: Council appoint Ms. Whitney Roberts to the vacant Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Management Team.

Kyle Adicks/Rich Lincoln (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

Motion 24: Council appoint Dr. Will White to the vacant At-Large position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 24 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council made the following Advisory Body appointments:

- Mr. Andrew Babich was appointed to the vacant Washington Commercial position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel formerly held by Mr. Daniel Crome,
- Ms. Deborah Wilson-Vandenberg was appointed to the vacant California position on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel formerly held by Dr. Pete Adams,
- Mr. Harrison Ibach was appointed to the vacant Open Access North of Cape Mendocino position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel formerly held by Mr. Jeff Miles,
- Ms. Whitney Roberts was appointed to the vacant Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Management Team, and
- Dr. Will White was appointed to the vacant At-Large position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Additionally, Chairman Anderson appointed Ms. Maggie Sommer as both the Council's alternate representative to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), as well as the Council's representative on the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Body.

The Council reviewed its remaining Advisory Body vacancies and intends to begin accepting nominations for a Washington position on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel and the Northern

Charter Boat Operator position on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel shortly after the March meeting. Please consult the Council's website for further information and instructions for submitting nominations.

5. [Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-9-20am2 0:00:07](#)]

[C.5, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary

[C.5, Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 2020 in Vancouver, Washington

[C.5, Attachment 3](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary (3/8/2020, 1:40pm)

[C.5, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Proposed Pacific Council Meeting Agenda, April 2020 (3/8/2020, 1:36pm)

a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 3-9-20am2 0:09:05](#)]

[C.5.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[C.5.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[C.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[C.5.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[C.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[C.5.a, Supplemental EAS report 1](#)

b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 3-9-20am2 0:26:39](#)]

[C.5.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Bill Sutton

John Haynes, City of Monterey

c. [Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning](#) [[mp3: 3-9-20am2 0:37:13](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

D. Habitat

1. [Current Habitat Issues](#) – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 3-4-20am2 0:00:08](#)]

[D.1, Attachment 1](#): Council letter to NMFS and Bureau of Reclamation on California's Central Valley Project

[D.1, Attachment 2](#): Response from NMFS to Council letter on Central Valley Project

[D.1, Attachment 3](#): Council letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management on Jordan Cove Project

a. [Report of the Habitat Committee](#) – Correigh Greene [[mp3: 3-4-20am2 0:04:06](#)]

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

[D.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Letter to BOR from NMFS re: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Response for the Long Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

[D.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Letter from DOI to NMFS re: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Consultation for the Long Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project (Your Letter Dated January 24, 2020)

c. Public Comment [[mp3: 3-4-20am2 0:11:54](#)]

[D.1.c, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Scott McMullen, Oregon Fisherman's Cable Committee

d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations [[mp3: 3-4-20am2 0:19:11](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council directed the Habitat Committee to work with the Salmon Technical Team (STT) in April to begin coordinating Habitat Committee input on Sacramento and Klamath River salmon essential fish habitat recommendations, and to submit a draft letter on the Columbia River Hydropower Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the April briefing book.

E. Salmon Management

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:00:06](#)]

[E.1, Attachment 1](#): Letter regarding schedule for the 2020 salmon season regulatory review from Mr. Chris Oliver, Assistant Director of Fisheries to Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director of Pacific Fishery Management Council; received January 29, 2020

[E.1, Attachment 2](#): Letter of Notice of Intent to Sue from Wild Fish Conservancy to U.S. Department of Commerce and National Marine Fisheries Service for failing to ensure that their authorization of the southeast Alaska salmon fisheries does not jeopardize the continued existence of the Southern Resident Killer Whale and four Chinook salmon species; received January 9, 2020

a. Regulatory Activities – Susan Bishop [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:02:39](#)]

[E.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#)

b. Fishery Science Center Activities [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:09:51](#)]

[E.1.b, Supplemental NWFSC Report 1](#): Salmon-related publications of the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Center in 2019-present

c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

d. Public Comment

[E.1.d, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

e. Council Discussion [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:17:52](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. [Willapa Bay Coho Forecast Methodology Review – Final Action](#) – Robin Ehlke
[[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:21:57](#)]

[E.2, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Willapa Bay Coho – Supporting Documentation of Abundance Forecasting Approach (*Electronic Only*)

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:24:19](#)]

[E.2.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Willapa Bay Forecast Methodology Review

[E.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment**

[E.2.c, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Forecasting Methods for Willapa Bay Coho** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:33:24](#)]

Motion 2 [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:43:40](#)]: Council adopt the forecast methodology for Willapa Bay Coho as presented in Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental Attachment 1.

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the [Willapa Bay Coho Forecast methodology](#) approach provided by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for use in forecasting the abundance of Willapa Bay coho for 2020 and beyond. The Council accepted the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) determination that the methodology utilizes the best scientific information available for this stock.

3. [Southern Resident Killer Whale Endangered Species Act Consultation](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:47:24](#)]

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 0:53:09](#)]

[E.3.a, SRKW Workgroup Report 1](#) (*Electronic Only*)

[E.3.a, Supplemental SRKW Workgroup Presentation 1](#) (Jording)

[E.3.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment**

[E.3.c, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. **Council Action: Review Updated Draft Risk Assessment and Consider Approving as Final Draft; Provide Guidance on Future Work and Proposed Schedule** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm1 1:35:11](#)] and [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 0:00:32](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council approved the [Risk Assessment](#) provided by the Ad-Hoc Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup as a final draft, and directed the Workgroup to proceed with development of draft management measure recommendations.

**4. [Review of 2019 Fisheries and Summary of 2020 Stock Forecasts](#) – Robin Ehlke
[mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:00:25]**

[Review of 2019 Ocean Salmon Fisheries](#) (*Electronic Only*)

[E.4, Attachment 1](#): Excerpts from Chapter 3 of the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan

[Supplemental Preseason Report I](#): Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2020 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations (Electronic Only)

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:03:43]

[E.4.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Excerpts from Review of 2019 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and 2020 Preseason Report I

[E.4.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#)

[E.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment

[E.4.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

c. Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Adopt 2020 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch limits, and Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations as Necessary [mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:14:13]

Motion 3 [mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:14:57]: Council adopt the 2020 stock abundance forecasts, ABCs, and ACLs as recommended by the SSC and outlined in Supplemental STT Report 1 and 2020 Preseason Report 1.

Brett Kormos/Kyle Adicks (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the stock abundances, overfishing limits, acceptable biological catches, and annual catch limits as presented in the 2020 Preseason Report I, as the best scientific information available for use in 2020 salmon management, as recommended by the SSC.

5. [Identify Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2020 Management Alternatives](#) – Robin Ehlke [mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:18:10]

[E.5, Attachment 1](#): Guidance for Alternative Development and Assessment

[E.5, Attachment 2](#): Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP

[E.5, Attachment 3](#): FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules

a. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission – Phil Anderson, Chris Kern, and Joe Oatman [mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:22:22]

[E.5.a, Supplemental PSC Representative PPT 1](#): Big Bar Landslide Response – Update

b. **NMFS Recommendations – Susan Bishop** [[mp3: 3-5-20am2 0:50:35](#)]

[E.5.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Guidance Letter

c. **Tribal Recommendations – Joe Oatman** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm1 0:04:01](#)]

[E.5.e, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#): (CRIFTC)

[E.5.e, Supplemental Tribal Report 2](#): Quinault, Quileute, and Hoh Tribes Joint Testimony on the Initial Range of Ocean Options for the 2020 Treaty Troll Fishery

[E.5.e, Supplemental REVISED Tribal Report 3](#): Testimony of the Makah Tribe on the Options for the Ocean Treaty Troll Fishery

d. **State Agencies Recommendations – Kyle Adicks, Chris Kern and Brett Kormos** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm1 0:00:26](#)] and [[mp3: 3-5-20pm1 1:11:54](#)]

e. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 0:00:23](#)]

[E.5.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#): SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Alternatives for 2020 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries

[E.5.a, California Salmon Council Report 1](#)

[E.5.e, Supplemental WDFW/Tribal Report 1](#): Tribal and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 2020 Management Objectives for Puget Sound Chinook and Coho Salmon

[E.4.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#) (*spoke to under E.5*)

f. **Public Comment**

[E.5.f, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

g. **Council Action: Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Management Measure Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Consider Inseason Adjustments to Fisheries Prior to May 1, 2020** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 0:49:10](#)] and [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 1:22:34](#)]

Motion 4 [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 0:51:02](#)]: Council adopt for STT compilation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2020 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the SAS and described in Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 5, 2020.

Kyle Adicks/Brett Kormos (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

Motion 7 [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 1:30:41](#)]: Council adopt for STT analysis all of the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2020 tribal ocean fisheries as described in Agenda Item E.5.e, Supplemental Tribal Reports 2 and REVISED 3, March 2020.

Joe Oatman/Louis Zimm (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: None

6. **[Recommendations for 2020 Management Measure Alternative Analysis](#) – Robin Ehlke** [[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 1:28:51](#)]

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

[E.6.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2020 Ocean Fisheries; March 6, 2020

[E.6.a, Supplemental Hoopa Valley Tribal Report 1](#): Recommendations for 2020 Management Alternative Analysis

b. Public Comment

[E.6.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. Council Action: Council Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis** [[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 1:47:13](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

7. [Further Direction for 2020 Management Alternatives](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:03:14](#)]

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:03:22](#)]

[E.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2020 Ocean Fisheries

b. Public Comment

[E.7.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. Further Council Guidance and Direction as Necessary** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:23:14](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

8. [Further Direction for 2020 Management Alternatives](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:01:55](#)]

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:02:11](#)]

[E.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2020 Ocean Fisheries (March 8, 2020)

[E.8.a, Supplemental Quileute Tribal Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:09:38](#)]

[E.8.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Barry Day

- c. Further Council Guidance and Direction as Necessary** [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:12:28](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

9. [Adopt 2020 Management Alternatives for Public Review](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 0:00:24](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 0:04:13](#)]

[E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2020 Ocean Fisheries (March 9, 2020)

[E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 2](#): Report on Klamath River Fall Chinook *de minimis* Exploitation Rate

[E.9.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#): Testimony of the Columbia River Treaty Tribes March 9, 2020

b. **Public Comment**

[E.9.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

c. **Council Action: Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review** [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 0:57:20](#)]

Motion 25 [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 0:57:52](#)]: Council to adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area North of Cape Falcon as presented in Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, (March 9, 2020) with the following modifications:

- In Alternative I, for the commercial fishery July 1 – September 30, change the Chinook landing and possession limit for all subareas to 75 Chinook per vessel per landing week.
- In Alternative I, for the recreational fishery, remove the October 1-14 fishery in the La Push subarea, and adjust subarea guideline for the June 29 – September 30 fishery accordingly.

Kyle Adicks/Rich Lincoln (Motion 25 carried unanimously)

Motion 26 [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 1:00:56](#)]: Council to adopt for public review all alternatives for ocean commercial non-Indian troll and ocean recreational salmon fisheries between Cape Falcon and the Oregon-California Border as described in Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1 dated March 9, 2020.

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 26 carried unanimously)

Motion 27 [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 1:02:34](#)]: Council to adopt for STT collation, analysis and public review the salmon management measures for the 2020 commercial and recreational ocean fisheries in the area from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border as presented in Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1 dated March 9, 2020, including the commercial and recreational requirements, definitions, restrictions, or exceptions. With the following correction:

- Table 2, Recreational Alternatives: Alternative III, San Francisco Management Area: Replace the April 4 start date with April 11.

Brett Kormos/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 27 carried unanimously)

Motion 28 [[mp3: 3-9-20am1 1:05:10](#)]: Council adopt for public review both the QTA's and MTA's proposed salmon management alternatives for the 2020 tribal ocean fisheries as described in Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Tables 3a and 3b.
Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 28 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted [three Alternative sets of management measures for the 2020 ocean commercial and recreational salmon fisheries, and six alternatives for tribal ocean salmon fisheries](#). Public hearings on the Alternatives have been scheduled in [Westport](#), Washington and [Coos Bay](#), Oregon for Monday, March 23 and [Eureka](#), California for Tuesday, March 24. The Council is scheduled to adopt final 2020 ocean salmon regulations at its April 3-10 meeting in Vancouver, Washington.

10. [Appoint Salmon Hearing Officers](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:33:41](#)]

[E.10, Attachment 1](#): Schedule of Salmon Fishery Management Alternative Hearings

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:33:44](#)]
- b. **Public Comment**

[E.10.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. **Council Action: Appoint Hearings Officers** [[mp3: 3-8-20pm1 0:34:46](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. **[Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission \(IPHC\) Meeting Report](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 0:23:33](#)]**

[F.1, Attachment 1](#): 2020 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocation

- a. **IPHC Report – Steve Keith** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 0:26:41](#)]

[F.1.a, IPHC News Release](#): International Pacific Halibut Commission Completes 96th Annual Meeting

[F.1.a, Supplemental IPHC News Release 2](#): Detailed outcomes of the 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting

[F.1.a, IPHC Report 1](#): Report of the 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM096); Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A., 3-7 February 2020 (*Electronic Only*)

[F.1.a, Supplemental IPHC PPT 1](#): Results of the 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM096)

- b. **Council IPHC Representative Report – Phil Anderson** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 0:49:58](#)]

[F.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1](#): Report on the 2020 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting

[F.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 2](#): Update on the Management Strategy Evaluation Process for Pacific Halibut

c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 0:57:23](#)]

d. **Public Comment**

[F.1.d, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

e. **Council Action: Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate** [[mp3: 3-4-20pm2 0:57:30](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. [Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for Salmon Troll and Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 0:54:26](#)]

[F.2, Attachment 1](#): Summary of Pacific Halibut Incidental Catch Management

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 1:00:50](#)]

[F.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

[F.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 1:13:32](#)]

[F.2.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Joel Kawahara

c. **Council Action: Recommend Inseason Changes to April 2020 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for Retention in 2020 and April 2021 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2020 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery** [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 1:16:11](#)] and [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:00:18](#)]

Motion 5 [[mp3: 3-5-20pm2 1:17:06](#)]: Council adopt the alternatives for incidental retention of Pacific halibut in the salmon troll fishery proposed in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 2020, for public review.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:01:39](#)]: Amend the motion as follows; after the language “adopt the alternatives for incidental retention of Pacific halibut in the salmon troll fishery proposed in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 2020, for public review”; add “with the exception that the alternatives would be in place until modified through in season action or superseded by the 2021 management measures.”

Chris Kern/Kyle Adicks (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

Motion 5, as amended, carried unanimously

Motion 6: Council adopt a final trip limit ratio of 200 pounds of Pacific halibut per 1,000 pounds of sablefish plus 2 additional Pacific halibut for the primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington, as recommended in Supplemental GMT Report 1 and Supplemental GAP Report 1 under Agenda Item F.2.a, March 2020.

Maggie Sommer/Heather Hall (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

Motion 17: Council to reconsider action under incidental retention on Salmon under Agenda Item F.2 Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for Salmon Troll and Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery.

Chris Kern/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 17 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted three options for incidental halibut retention in the 2020 and early 2021 Salmon troll fishery. Each option included a landing and possession limit on one halibut for every two Chinook, plus one additional halibut in excess of the possession/landing ratio. The possession/landing limit per trip ranged from 25 to 35 halibut among the three options.

Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries: the Council recommended the 2020 incidental halibut catch restrictions in the fixed gear fishery north of Point Chehalis from April 1 through October 31 be set at 200 pounds of dressed weight halibut for every 1,000 pounds dressed weight of sablefish, plus 2 additional halibut in excess of the ratio.

3. [Transition of Area 2A Fishery Management](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-6-20am1 0:01:45](#)]

[F.3, Attachment 1:](#) Letter from Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair Philip Anderson to International Pacific Halibut Commission Executive Director Dr. Wilson Regarding Council Recommendations for the 2020 Non-Indian Commercial Directed Halibut Fishery, dated December 13, 2019

[F.3, Attachment 2:](#) Draft Range of Alternatives for the Proposed Transfer of Management Responsibilities for Area 2A Pacific Halibut Fisheries with Focus on the Non-Indian Directed Commercial Fishery

[F.3, Supplemental Presentation 1:](#) (Ehlke) Draft Range of Alternatives for the Proposed Transfer of Management Responsibilities for Area 2A Pacific Halibut Fisheries with Focus on the Non-Indian Directed Commercial Fishery

a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 3-6-20am1 0:46:27](#)]

[F.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[F.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[F.3.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

b. [Public Comment](#)

[F.3.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. **Council Action: Review a Range of Alternatives for Transition of Management of Area 2A Non-Indian Pacific Halibut Fisheries, Consider Adopting Preliminary Preferred Alternatives and Discuss the Future Workload and Schedule** [[mp3: 3-6-20am1 0:56:22](#)] and [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 0:00:08](#)]

Motion 8: [[mp3: 3-6-20am1 1:00:39](#)] Council approve the purpose and need and scope of action for transferring management responsibilities for Area 2A Pacific halibut fisheries presented in Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2.

Maggie Sommer/Bob Dooley (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

Motion 9 [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 0:01:40](#)]: Council adopt the range of alternatives described in Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2, March 2020, with the following modifications:

- In Section 3.1, Council Process to Transfer Management and Associated Tasks (page 7), include an option for a Joint Halibut Subcommittee as proposed in Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2020
- In Section 3.2.1, Preseason Management Process (page 9), do not include Alternative 2.c
- In Section 3.3.5, Proof of Permit, Alternative 2 specify that a hard copy permit must be onboard the fishing vessel, as recommended in Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental EC Report 1, March, 2020, regardless of whether additional formats are available.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council approved the purpose and need statement and the scope of action to transfer the management of the Area 2A Pacific halibut non-tribal directed commercial fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission to National Marine Fisheries Service and the Council. The Council also approved a range of alternatives described in the [Project Team report](#) with only minor adjustments. The Council is scheduled to review and potentially adopt preliminary preferred alternatives in September 2020.

G. Ecosystem Management

1. [California Current Ecosystem and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment \(IEA\) Report and Science Review Topics](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-5-20am1 0:02:45](#)]

- a. **Annual California Current Ecosystem Report** – Chris Harvey and Toby Garfield [[mp3: 3-5-20am1 0:06:39](#)]

[G.1.a, IEA Team Report 1](#)

[G.1.a, IEA Team Report 2](#)

[G.1.a, IEA Team Report 3](#)

[G.1.a, Supplemental IEA Team PPT 1](#): 2020 California Current Ecosystem Status Report; NOAA California Current IEA Team

- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-5-20am1 1:27:10](#)]

[G.1.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[G.1.b, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)

[G.1.b, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)

c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-5-20am1 1:47:48](#)]

[G.1.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Tom Schiff, Recreational Fisherman

Joel Kawahara, Coastal Trawlers Association

d. **Council Action: Review the California Current Ecosystem Report and Consider Ecosystem Science Review Topics for 2020** [[mp3: 3-5-20am1 1:54:16](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council directed its SSC to review the methodology for four ecosystem indicators used in the Annual Report:

1. California sea lion pup count and growth rate as an indicator of forage conditions
2. The habitat compression index
3. Port-specific revenue indices
4. The natural origin central valley fall Chinook stock indicator

The SSC review will occur at the September Council meeting.

The Council also encouraged the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment team to continue development of socioeconomic and recreational fishery indicators.

2. **Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Five-Year Review – Final Action** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-7-20am1 0:01:59](#)]

[G.2, Attachment 1](#): Proposed revisions to Chapters 1 and 2 as part of the five-year review, Draft for Public Review (September 2019)

[G.2, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan (July 2013) *Electronic Only*

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-7-20am1 0:05:14](#)]

[G.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[G.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)

[G.2.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)

[G.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[G.2.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-7-20am1 0:48:27](#)]

[G.2.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Elizabeth Cerny-Chipman (Wild Oceans), Corey Ridings (Ocean Conservancy), Gway Kirchner (The Nature Conservancy) and Gillian Lyons (The PEW Charitable Trusts) presented [G.2.b, Supplemental Public PPT 1](#)

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Updates to FEP Chapters 1 and 2, Including a Vision Statement, and a Revised Set of Goals and Objectives; Review Proposed Changes to Remaining Chapters** [[mp3: 3-7-20am1 0:58:48](#)] and [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:00:10](#)]

Motion 12 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:01:07](#)]: Council adopt as the final vision statement the GAP recommendation presented in Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2020. Pete Hassemer/John Ugoretz (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

Motion 13 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:03:56](#)]: Council adopt as final goals and objectives for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan the following:

- From Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1, March 2020:
 - Goal 1 and objectives 1.a, 1.b and 1.c;
 - Goal 2 and objectives 2.b and 2.d;
 - Goal 3 and objectives 3.a and 3.d;
 - Objective 4.c;
 - Goal 5; and
 - Objective 6.b.
- From Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1, March 2020
 - Objective 3.c;
 - Goal 4, adding “to the extent practicable” to the end of the statement;
 - Objective 4.b;
 - Objective 5.a, strike “Assess” at the beginning of the sentence and replace with “Review” and strike “and understand” and replacing it with “to facilitate understanding”;
 - Objective 5.c (which is also EWG Objective 5.c), adding “to the extent practicable” to the end of the statement;
 - and Goal 6, replacing “Ensure that fishery management is” at the beginning of the statement with “Promote fishery management that is”.
- From public comment submitted to the advance Briefing Book (website E-Portal) under Agenda Item G.2:
 - Objectives 6.a and 6.b.

Pete Hassemer/Virgil Moore

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:27:41](#)]: Council revise the language for Goal 6 above to refer to Objective 6c from the Supplemental EAS Report 1 and make this the high level Goal 6 with the wording changes as above.

Caren Braby/Brad Pettinger (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)
(Motion 13, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 14 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:32:19](#)]: Council adopt Chapter 2 of the FEP as described in Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1, March 2020 EXCEPT revise page 5 and related timeline references from “until at least 20XX” to “until 2029”. ADD language on page 7 to formalize the recommended practice for a September meeting among the SSC, the IEA team, the EWG and the EAS. This is not a requirement, but rather guidance.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:41:52](#)]: Last bullet page 5 in G.2, Attachment 1, March 2020 labeled 20xx be revised to state 2029.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)
(Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 15 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:44:40](#)]: Council direct the Ecosystem Workgroup to continue reviewing and revising Chapter 3 of the Fisheries Ecosystem Plan and bring a final recommendation for changes to the Council for adoption at the September 2020 meeting. In addition, the Council approves the addition of up to seven new EWG members and directs the EWG and National Marine Fisheries Service to bring specific recommendations for new members to the Chair for potential appointment.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

Motion 16 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:52:21](#)]: Council request the EWG to move forward and gather public comment on Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 revisions outlined as in Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1, March 2020, and bring revised approach to revisions to the Council in September 2020, or at a later date if needed. Additionally, do not move forward with public comment or revisions to Chapter 6 at this time.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 0:58:36](#)]: Motion be revised to strike “EWG” in the first sentence and replace with “Council” and that the referenced agenda item be modified to refer to Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

(Motion 16, as amended, carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council took final action to adopt revised fishery ecosystem plan (FEP) Chapters 1 & 2 based on the [public review draft](#) with revisions recommended by its advisory bodies and the public. It directed the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) to continue reviewing and revising FEP Chapter 3 and provide a final draft for adoption at the September 2020 Council meeting. The Council will solicit public comment on proposed revisions to Chapters 4 & 5 and tasked the EWG with proposing revisions to those chapters at a future meeting. To accomplish this work, EWG membership will be increased.

3. [Climate and Communities Initiative Workshop Report](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 1:06:01](#)]

[G.3, Attachment 1](#): Developing Climate Change Scenarios for the California Current Ecosystem – Workshop Report

[G.3, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Concepts and Questions for the Next Phase of the Climate and Communities Initiative (Jonathan Star)

[G.3, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Illustrative Climate and Communities Scenario Alternatives (Jonathan Star)

a. Workshop Report – Jonathan Star [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 1:09:30](#)]

[G.3.a, Supplemental CCI Workshop PPT 1](#): Follow up from a Workshop Co-Sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and Pacific Fishery Management Council in Support of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Communities Initiative

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 1:36:28](#)]

- [G.3.b, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)
- [G.3.b, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)
- [G.3.b, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)
- [G.3.b, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)
- [G.3.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-7-20am2 2:10:37](#)]

[G.3.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Astrea Strawn, OSU, Oregon Sea Grant

Gway Kirchner (The Nature Conservancy) and Corey Ridings (Ocean Conservancy)

d. **Council Action: Review the Workshop Report and Provide Guidance on the Scenario Planning Exercise and Completion of the Initiative** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm1 0:01:07](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council directed its Climate and Communities Core Team (CCCT) to plan the next phase of the Climate and Communities Initiative scenario planning exercise. The CCCT is scheduled to meet by webinar on March 20 and will submit reports to the Council on its plan of work and any further elaboration of the [four scenarios](#) presented to the Council at this meeting.

H. Groundfish Management

1. **National Marine Fisheries Service Report** – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 0:22:54](#)]

a. **Regulatory Activities** – Ryan Wulff [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 0:24:35](#)]

[H.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Omnitrac VMS Unit Replacement

[H.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): NMFS Rulemaking and Activity Plan

b. **Fishery Science Center Activities** – Craig Russell and Jim Hastie [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 0:41:05](#)]

[H.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 1](#): At-Sea Hake Observer Salmon Sampling Protocols

[H.1.b, Supplemental NWFS PPT 1](#): Groundfish Science Report (Craig Russell and Jim Hastie)

c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 1:06:43](#)]

[H.1.c, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 1:20:03](#)]

[H.1.d, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawler's Cooperative

e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 3-6-20am2 1:31:16](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. **[Initial Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference](#)** – John DeVore [**[mp3: 3-6-20am3 0:00:25](#)**]

[H.2, Attachment 1](#): Data and Analysis Supporting the Prioritization of Species for Stock Assessments in 2021 and 2023

[H.2, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 2](#): NMFS Assessment Prioritization Workbook (*Excel workbook Electronic Only*)

[H.2, Attachment 3](#): SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Report on Groundfish Stock Assessment Process Review Webinar held on December 13, 2019

[H.2, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Summary of the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data for select species from 2003-2019

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [**[mp3: 3-6-20am3 0:05:45](#)**] and [**[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 0:00:27](#)**]

[H.2.a, Supplemental NWFSC-SWFSC PPT 1](#): Prioritizing Groundfish Stock Assessments; Preliminary Analysis and Ranking of Pacific Coast Groundfish Species for Assessment in 2021 (and 2023)

[H.2.a, ODFW Report 1](#): ODFW Report on Initial Stock Assessment Plan

[H.2.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[H.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[H.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[H.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

[H.2.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

c. **Council Action: Adopt for Public Review a Preliminary List and Schedule of Stocks for Assessment in 2021 and 2023 and Draft Terms of Reference for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessments, Methodology Reviews, and Rebuilding Analyses** [**[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 0:50:40](#)**] and [**[mp3: 3-6-20pm2 0:00:09](#)**]

Motion 10 [**[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 1:00:14](#)**]: Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessments as presented in Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, March 2020, for public review.

Maggie Sommer/Marci Yaremko (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

Motion 11 [**[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 1:02:06](#)**]: Council adopt the preliminary list of stocks to be assessed in 2021 presented in Agenda item H.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, March 2020, for public review:

- Yellowtail Full
- Lingcod Full
- Vermillion/Sunset RF Full
- Copper RF Full
- Sablefish Update
- Dover sole TBD assessment type (full or data moderate)

- Petrale sole TBD assessment type (full or update)
- Darkblotched RF #1 Back-up
- Spiny Dogfish #2 Back-up

And adopt the following preliminary list of stocks for assessment in 2023, based on recommendations in H.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, March 2020, and H.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2020:

- Black Rockfish
- Quillback Rockfish
- Bank Rockfish
- Brown Rockfish

Maggie Sommer/Bob Dooley

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 3-6-20pm1 1:25:19](#)]: Move the following changes where it says “and adopt for public review” add “the tentative following preliminary list”.

Dave Hanson/Louis Zimm (Amendment Failed, Mr. Wulff abstained)

Amendment 2 [[mp3: 3-6-20pm2 0:01:02](#)]: Add to this 2021 list the following species: Bank rockfish, squarespot rockfish, and brown rockfish. The Council would like to note that its final recommendations on prioritization of full, data moderate and data-poor assessments to be conducted in 2021 is likely to be informed by the upcoming workshop and methods review on data-limited assessments. Make the following changes to the preliminary list of stocks for assessment in 2023: Remove Bank Rockfish and Brown Rockfish: and add the following language: The Council expects to offer a more complete tentative 2023 list in its final action on stock assessment priorities.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Amendment 2 carried unanimously)

(Motion 11, as amended, carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted a tentative list of stocks for assessment in 2021 and 2023 for public review. Candidate stocks for full assessment in 2021 include bank rockfish, brown rockfish, copper rockfish, Dover sole (to be determined whether this will be a full or data-moderate assessment), lingcod, petrale sole (to be determined whether this will be a full or update assessment), squarespot rockfish, vermilion and sunset rockfishes (to be assessed as a complex), and yellowtail rockfish. Pending a final decision in June, the Council also selected darkblotched rockfish and spiny dogfish as back-up candidates for full assessment in 2021 if the other candidate stocks are determined to be a lesser priority for a full assessment. The Council selected sablefish as a candidate stock for an update assessment in 2021. Black rockfish and quillback rockfish are candidate stocks for full assessment in 2023.

The Council adopted a [draft terms of reference for the groundfish and coastal pelagic species stock assessment review process in 2021 and 2022](#), and recommended no changes to terms of reference for groundfish rebuilding analysis and methodology reviews as recommended by the SSC.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on 2021 stock assessment priorities, the three terms of reference mentioned above, and to further refine the list of candidate stocks for assessment in 2023 at their June meeting in San Diego, California. The Council anticipates the report from the

methodology review of proposed length-based assessment methods to inform their June decision on stock assessment priorities.

3. [Updated on Exempted Fishing Permits \(EFPs\) for 2021-2022](#) – Jim Seger [[mp3: 3-6-20pm2 0:09:37](#)]

[H.3, Attachment 1](#): Summary of Council November 2019 Actions on 2021-2022 EFP

[H.3, Attachment 2](#): Year-Round Coastwide Midwater Rockfish EFP: Monitoring and Minimizing Salmon Bycatch When Targeting Rockfish in the Shorebased IFQ Fishery, 2021-2022

[H.3, Attachment 3](#): January 31, 2020 letter from Kotow and Lasko Withdrawing CCA CAL/Okuma Fishing Tackle EFP Proposal

[H.3, Attachment 4](#): Groundfish EFP Proposal: Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing off California

[H.3, Attachment 5](#): Commercial Midwater Hook-and-Line Rockfish in RCA off Oregon

[H.3, Attachment 6](#): Proposal for an Exempted Fishery Permit, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Enhanced Yelloweye Recreational Fishery Biological Sampling

[H.3, Attachment 7](#): Monterey Bay Regional Exempted Fishing Permit Targeting Chilipepper Rockfish

[H.3, Attachment 8](#): December 9, 2019 letter from Mr. Phil Anderson to Mr. Chris Oliver

[H.3, Attachment 9](#): February 4, 2020, letter from Mr. Chris Oliver to Mr. Phil Anderson

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 3-6-20pm2 0:16:19](#)]

[H.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[H.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 3-6-20pm2 0:22:38](#)]

[H.3.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Kate Kauer, The Nature Conservancy

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

c. Council Action: As Needed, Provide Guidance on EFP's Adopted for Public Review in November and Consider Including the Trawl Sector Electronic Monitoring EFPs [[mp3: 3-6-20pm2 0:28:06](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council reviewed the exempted fishing permits (EFPs) submitted in November 2019, as revised by the applicants since that time. The [Coastal Conservation Association California/Okuma Fishing Tackle EFP Proposal](#) was withdrawn, for which 7 mt of cowcod had been set aside in November. The [Monterey Bay Regional Exempted Fishing Permit Targeting Chilipepper Rockfish](#) increased its southern Cowcod request from 0.015 to 0.5 mt. Other EFPs were also modified as reflected in the briefing book attachments. In June, when the Council finalizes its groundfish specifications and EFP recommendations, it will consider the revised EFPs (including possible increases in southern cowcod requests for other EFPs), along with public comment. The electronic monitoring EFP proposal expected at this meeting was not submitted to the Council, but opportunity was left open for such an EFP proposal at a future meeting.

4. [Update on 2021-2022 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures](#) – Todd Phillips and John DeVore [[mp3: 3-7-20pm1 0:32:36](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm1 0:36:51](#)]

[H.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#)

[H.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#)

[H.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): National Standard 1 Guidelines and Accountability Measures (Karen Palmigiano)

[H.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): Corrections to the 100 Fathom Rockfish Conservation Line South of 34° 27' N. Latitude

[H.4.a, Supplemental GMT Presentation 1](#)

[H.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm1 1:56:44](#)]

[H.4.b, Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Sherry Flumerfelt, Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust

Dave Toruimi

Merit McCrea, CCA-CAL

c. **Council Action: Review Preliminary Preferred Alternative Harvest Specifications, the Range of Management Measure Alternatives and Draft Analyses; Provide Guidance as Necessary** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm1 2:08:40](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council received an [overview](#) on the analysis of 2021 and 2022 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures from the Groundfish Management Team (GMT). The Council provided guidance to the analysts to assume: 1) a research set-aside of 2.92 mt for yelloweye rockfish, 2) the status quo yelloweye harvest guideline and annual catch target catch sharing framework, 3) retention of the Alternative 2 harvest specifications for shortbelly rockfish and petrale sole, 4) new limited entry and open access fixed gear trip limits recommended by the GMT, 5) consideration for a shared harvest guideline of canary rockfish for the nearshore and non-nearshore sectors of the fishery, and 6) a new 3-year average [set-aside alternative](#) for the at-sea whiting fisheries recommended by the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. The Council is scheduled to adopt final harvest specifications at their April meeting in Vancouver, Washington, and final management measures at their June meeting in San Diego, California.

5. [Inseason Adjustments Including Shorebased Carryover – Final Action](#) – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:02:23](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:04:34](#)]

[H.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Update on 2020 trawl gear exempted fishing permit

[H.5.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): 2019 Groundfish Harvest in California

[H.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment

[H.5.b. Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- c. Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2020, Including Shorebased Carryover, as Necessary to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:19:47](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council heard updates on the [2020 Trawl Gear EFP](#), [2019 Groundfish harvest in California](#), and [summary information on the Pacific coast groundfish fishery performance](#) in 2019 and performance to date for 2020. These reports were largely informational and recommended no adjustments at this time. The Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota carryover portion of this agenda item was delayed and will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

- 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Kit Dahl** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:42:30](#)]

- a. Regulatory Activities – Ryan Wulff** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:42:43](#)]

[I.1.a. NMFS Report 1](#)

- b. Fishery Science Center Activities – Kristen Koch** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 0:55:13](#)]

[I.1.b. Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): NMFS Report; SWFSC Activities Highly Migratory Species

- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 1:07:11](#)]

[I.1.c. Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

- d. Public Comment**

[I.1.d. Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

- e. Council Discussion** [[mp3: 3-7-20pm2 1:09:05](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

- 2. [Review of Essential Fish Habitat - Scoping](#) – Kerry Griffin** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:22:39](#)]

[I.2. Attachment 1](#): Action Plan for Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat Review: Background, Process, and Schedule

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:26:04](#)]

[I.2.a. Supplemental HC Report 1](#)

[I.2.a. Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[I.2.a. Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment

[I.2.b, Public Comments](#) (If received, Electronic Only)

c. Council Action: Approve the Scope, Objectives, and Schedule for Review of Essential Fish Habitat [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:31:39](#)]

Motion 18 [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:38:46](#)]: Council adopt the Action Plan for Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat Review: Background, Process, and Schedule as shown in I.2, Attachment 1 with the understanding that the schedule will be re-evaluated at the June 2020 Council meeting.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the [action plan](#) for review of highly migratory species essential fish habitat provisions, recognizing that the timeline in the action plan may require adjustment.

3. [International Management Activities](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:41:28](#)]

[I.3, Attachment 1](#): Treaty between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges

[I.3, Attachment 2](#): Letter from Michael Tosatto to Archie Taotasi Soliai, Simon Kineen, and Phil Anderson summarizing WCPFC15 Outcomes

[I.3, Attachment 3](#): WCPFC Circular 2019/81, Outcomes Document for WCPFC16

a. **U.S./Canada Albacore Treaty Update – David Hogan** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:47:18](#)]

b. **Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Report – Dorothy Lowman and Christa Svensson** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 0:51:23](#)]

c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 1:04:23](#)]

[I.3.a, NMFS Report 1](#) (revised 02/18/2020)

[I.3.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Update on NMFS International HMS Activities

[I.3.c, Supplemental DFO Report 1](#)

[I.3.c, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[I.3.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-8-20am1 1:28:53](#)]

[I.3.d, Public Comments](#) (If received, Electronic Only)

Bob Osborn, Billfish Foundation

Doug Fricke

e. **Council Action: Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings Regarding the U.S./Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty and Other Forums, As Appropriate** [[mp3: 3-8-20am2 0:00:10](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council discussed with David Hogan, Department of State representative, [issues raised by the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel](#) pertaining to negotiations on the next fishing regime under the U.S./Canada Albacore Treaty.

4. [Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps Update](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-8-20am2 0:27:42](#)]

[I.4. Attachment 1](#): Protected Species Hard Caps for the California/Oregon Large-Mesh Drift Gillnet Fishery, Final Rule (85 FR 7246)

a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 3-8-20am2 0:33:36](#)]

[I.4.a. NMFS Report 1](#)

[I.4.a. Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): CDFW Drift Gill Net Transition Program

[I.4.a. Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[I.4.a. Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 3-8-20am2 0:59:38](#)]

[I.4.b. Public Comments](#) (*If received, Electronic Only*)

Gilly Lyons, The PEW Charitable Trusts

Gary Burke, CFSB

Jacob Isaac-Lowry, FlyWire Cameras

c. [Council Action: Review the Final Rule, Revisit Previous Council Recommendations and Provide Guidance on Future Council Considerations](#) [[mp3: 3-8-20am2 1:09:28](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council requested that National Marine Fisheries Service report back in September on comments received on the [final rule implementing hard caps](#), the details of the economic analysis that was the basis of it withdrawing the proposed rule, and a range of viable measures the Council could consider in a future rulemaking process.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Informational Report 1](#): Recreational Fisheries Information Network (RecFIN) Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Regional Implementation Planning Priorities 2019–2021

[Informational Report 2](#): Staff Summary of Federal Legislation in the 116th U.S. Congress

[Informational Report 3](#): Trawl Rationalization (Trat) Compliance Summary, 2019

[Supplemental Informational Report 4](#): Guidance for Determining Negligible Impact under MMPA Section 101(a)(5)(E)

VOTING LOG

Motion 1: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, March 3-9, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda](#).

Virgil Moore/Pete Hassemer (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

Motion 2: Council adopt the forecast methodology for Willapa Bay Coho as presented in [Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental Attachment 1](#).

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

Motion 3: Council adopt the 2020 stock abundance forecasts, ABCs, and ACLs as recommended by the [SSC](#) and outlined in [Supplemental STT Report 1](#) and [2020 Preseason Report 1](#).

Brett Kormos/Kyle Adicks (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

Motion 4: Council adopt for STT compilation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2020 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the SAS and described in [Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 5, 2020](#).

Kyle Adicks/Brett Kormos (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

Motion 5: Council adopt the alternatives for incidental retention of Pacific halibut in the salmon troll fishery proposed in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 2020](#), for public review; with the exception that the alternatives would be in place until modified through in season action or superseded by the 2021 management measures.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 5, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 6: Council adopt a final trip limit ratio of 200 pounds of Pacific halibut per 1,000 pounds of sablefish plus 2 additional Pacific halibut for the primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington, as recommended in [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#) and [Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) under Agenda Item F.2.a, March 2020.

Maggie Sommer/Heather Hall (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

Motion 7: Council adopt for STT analysis all of the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2020 tribal ocean fisheries as described in [Agenda Item E.5.e, Supplemental Tribal Reports 2](#) and [REVISED 3, March 2020](#).

Joe Oatman/Louis Zimm (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

Motion 8: Council approve the purpose and need and scope of action for transferring management responsibilities for Area 2A Pacific halibut fisheries presented in [Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2](#).

Maggie Sommer/Bob Dooley (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

Motion 9: Council adopt the range of alternatives described in [Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2, March 2020](#), with the following modifications:

- In Section 3.1, Council Process to Transfer Management and Associated Tasks (page 7), include an option for a Joint Halibut Subcommittee as proposed in [Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2020](#)
- In Section 3.2.1, Preseason Management Process (page 9), do not include Alternative 2.c

- In Section 3.3.5, Proof of Permit, Alternative 2 specify that a hard copy permit must be onboard the fishing vessel, as recommended in [Agenda Item F.3.a Supplemental EC Report 1, March, 2020](#), regardless of whether additional formats are available.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

Motion 10: Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessments as presented in [Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, March 2020](#), for public review.

Maggie Sommer/Marci Yaremko (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

Motion 11: Council adopt the preliminary list of stocks to be assessed in 2021 presented in [Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, March 2020](#) for public review:

- Yellowtail Full
- Lingcod Full
- Vermillion/Sunset RF Full
- Copper RF Full
- Sablefish Update
- Dover sole TBD assessment type (full or data moderate)
- Petrale sole TBD assessment type (full or update)
- Darkblotched RF #1 Back-up
- Spiny Dogfish #2 Back-up
- Bank RF
- Squarespot RF
- Brown RF

The Council would like to note that its final recommendation on prioritization of full, data moderate and data poor assessments to be conducted in 2021 is likely to be informed by the upcoming workshop and methods review on data-limited assessments.

Adopt the following preliminary list of stocks for assessment in 2023, based on recommendations in [H.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, March 2020](#) and [H.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2020](#):

- Black Rockfish
- Quillback Rockfish

The Council expects to offer a more complete tentative 2023 list in its final action on stock assessment priorities.

Maggie Sommer/Bob Dooley (Motion 11, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 12: Council adopt as the final vision statement the GAP recommendation presented in [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2020](#).

Pete Hassemer/John Ugoretz (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

Motion 13: Council adopt as final goals and objectives for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan the following:

- From [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1, March 2020](#):
 - Goal 1 and objectives 1.a, 1.b and 1.c;
 - Goal 2 and objectives 2.b and 2.d;

- Goal 3 and objectives 3.a and 3.d;
- Objective 4.c;
- Goal 5; and
- Objective 6.b.
- From [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1, March 2020](#)
 - Objective 3.c;
 - Goal 4, adding “to the extent practicable” to the end of the statement;
 - Objective 4.b;
 - Objective 5.a, strike “Assess” at the beginning of the sentence and replace with “Review” and strike “and understand” and replacing it with “to facilitate understanding”;
 - Objective 5.c (which is also EWG Objective 5.c), adding “to the extent practicable” to the end of the statement; and
 - Objective 6.c, and replacing “Ensure that fishery management is” at the beginning of the statement with “Promote fishery management that is”.
- From public comment submitted to the advance Briefing Book ([website E-Portal](#)) under Agenda Item G.2:
 - Objectives 6.a and 6.b.

Pete Hassemer/Virgil Moore (Motion 13, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 14: Council to adopt Chapter 2 of the FEP as described in [Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1, March 2020](#) with the following changes:

- revise page 5 and related timeline references from “until at least 20XX” to “until 2029;”
- change the last bullet on page 5 labeled “20xx” to be revised to “2029”, and
- ADD language on page 7 to formalize the recommended practice for a September meeting among the SSC, the IEA team, the EWG and the EAS. This is not a requirement, but rather guidance.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz (Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 15: Council to direct the Ecosystem Workgroup to continue reviewing and revising Chapter 3 of the Fisheries Ecosystem Plan and bring a final recommendation for changes to the Council for adoption at the September 2020 meeting. In addition, the Council approves the addition of up to seven new EWG members and directs the EWG and National Marine Fisheries Service to bring specific recommendations for new members to the Chair for potential appointment.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

Motion 16: Council request the Council to move forward and gather public comment on Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 revisions outlined as in [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#), and bring revised approach to revisions to the Council in September 2020, or at a later date if needed. Additionally, do not move forward with public comment or revisions to Chapter 6 at this time.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz (Motion 16, as amended, carried unanimously)

Motion 17: Council to reconsider action (Motion 5) under incidental retention on Salmon under Agenda Item F.2, Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for Salmon Troll and Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery.

Chris Kern/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 17 carried unanimously)

Motion 18: Council adopt the Action Plan for Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat Review: Background, Process, and Schedule as shown in [I.2, Attachment 1](#) with the understanding that the schedule will be re-evaluated at the June 2020 Council meeting.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

Motion 19: Council approve the November 2019 meeting record as shown in [C.3, Attachment 1: Draft Council Meeting Record: 252nd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council](#).

Peter Hassemer/Christa Svensson (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

Motion 20: Council appoint Mr. Andrew Babich to the vacant Washington Commercial position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel.

Kyle Adicks/ Rich Lincoln (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

Motion 21: Council appoint Ms. Deborah Wilson-Vandenberg to the vacant California position on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.

Marc Gorelnik/Brett Kormos (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

Motion 22: Council appoint Mr. Harrison Ibach to the vacant Open Access North of Cape Mendocino position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Brett Kormos/Louis Zimm (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

Motion 23: Council appoint Ms. Whitney Roberts to the vacant Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Management Team.

Kyle Adicks/Rich Lincoln (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

Motion 24: Council appoint Dr. Will White to the vacant At-Large position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 24 carried unanimously)

Motion 25: Council to adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area north of Cape Falcon as presented in [Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, \(March 9, 2020\)](#) with the following modifications:

- In Alternative I, for the commercial fishery July 1 – September 30, change the Chinook landing and possession limit for all subareas to 75 Chinook per vessel per landing week.
- In Alternative I for the recreational fishery, remove the October 1-14 fishery in the La Push subarea, and adjust subarea guideline for the June 29 – September 30 fishery accordingly.

Kyle Adicks/Rich Lincoln (Motion 25 carried unanimously)

Motion 26: Council to adopt for public review all alternatives for ocean commercial non-Indian troll and ocean recreational salmon fisheries between Cape Falcon and the Oregon-California Border as described in [Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1 dated March 9, 2020](#).

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 26 carried unanimously)

Motion 27: Council to adopt for STT collation, analysis, and public review the salmon management measures for the 2020 commercial and recreational ocean fisheries in the area from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border as presented in [Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1 dated March 9, 2020](#), including the commercial and recreational requirements, definitions, restrictions, or exceptions. With the following correction:

- Table 2, Recreational Alternatives: Alternative III, San Francisco Management Area: Replace the April 4 start date with April 11.

Brett Kormos/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 27 carried unanimously)

Motion 28: Council adopt for public review both the QTA's and MTA's proposed salmon management alternatives for the 2020 tribal ocean fisheries as described in [Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Tables 3a and 3b](#).

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 28 carried unanimously)

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10:47 a.m.



Phil Anderson
Council Chair

July 21, 2020
Date