

**DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING RECORD**  
**258<sup>th</sup> Session of the**  
**Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**March 2-5, & 8-11, 2021**  
**Web-Based Council Meeting**

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## INTRODUCTION

This document contains or identifies the various elements, documents, and sources comprising the complete and official record of Council meeting discussions and actions. In addition to the Meeting Summary, which follows this introductory section (see #7 below), it includes information or references that serve as the functional detailed minutes for this Council meeting as required by §302(i)(2)(E) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The full record is maintained at the Council office, is available on the Council website (<http://www.pcouncil.org/>) or upon request from the Council office, and consists of the following:

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 Decisions Summary Document** – This document is distributed shortly after each Council meeting. It provides very brief descriptions of most key Council decisions and is available at <https://www.pcouncil.org/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: 3-4-21am1](#) 00:00:10]

#### 1. Opening Remarks – Marc Gorelnik, Chair [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 00:00:41]

Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Council Chair, called the 258th meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2021. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### 2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 00:04:21]

##### Council Members present (and online\*) during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Ms. Kelly Ames, designee Ms. Susan Bishop, designee Mr. Lyle Enriquez, designee
Alaska State Official:	Ms. Rachel Baker, nonvoting designee Ms. Karla Bush, nonvoting designee Ms. Dani Evenson, nonvoting designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee Ms. Heather Hall, designee Mr. Corey Niles, designee Mr. Ron Warren, designee*
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Butch Smith
Oregon State Official:	Dr. Caren Braby, designee Mr. Chris Kern, designee Ms. Maggie Sommer, designee Mr. Troy Buell, designee*
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Christa Svensson
California State Official:	Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee Mr. Brett Kormos, designee Mr. John Ugoretz, designee Ms. Briana Braby, 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 Mr. Louis Zimm Mr. Brad Pettinger, Vice-Chair Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Chair
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Scott McGrew, nonvoting designee LCDR Lee Crusius, nonvoting designee* Mr. Chris German, nonvoting designee*

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Mr. Mike Clark, nonvoting designee  
Dr. Kyle Hanson, nonvoting designee  
Mr. John Netto, nonvoting designee  
Mr. Roger Root, nonvoting designee\*  
Mr. Tom Sinclair, nonvoting designee\*

**Absent from the Meeting:**

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

**3. Executive Director's Report – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 00:08:11]**

[A.3, Supplemental ED Report](#)

[A.3, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Letter to Acting Secretary of the Interior; re: National Monuments.

**4. Agenda – Marc Gorelnik [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 00:25:49]**

**a. Council Action: Approve Agenda**

**Motion 1** [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 0:26:32]: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, March 2-11, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda](#)

Phil Anderson/ Bob Dooley (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

**Motion 9** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1](#) 01:32:27]: Council to reconsider its action take under Agenda Item A.4 Approval of the Agenda

Pete Hassemer/Phil Anderson (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

**Motion 11** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1](#) 01:35:01]: Council approve Agenda item A.4 as amended.

Phil Anderson/Pete Hassemer (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**B. Open Comment Period**

**1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 00:28:48]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 0:30:54]**

[B.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1: NMFS Survey Updates](#)

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

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 3-4-21am1](#) 01:05:38]**

[B.1.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): Oceana

**c. Council Discussion and Comments, as Appropriate [[mp3: 3-4-21am2](#) 00:00:07]**

**Staff Summary:** None

## C. Administrative Matters

1. [Report of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries \(ONMS\)](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 3-4-21am2 00:06:43](#)]

a. **Report of the Director of the ONMS West Coast Regional Office – Bill Douros**  
[[mp3: 3-4-21am2 00:09:02](#)]

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

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

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

c. [Public Comment](#)

d. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 3-4-21am2 00:47:28](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

2. [Marine Planning Update](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 3-5-21pm1 00:00:11](#)]

[C.2, Attachment 1](#): Memorandum of the DOI Office of the Solicitor (*Electronic Only*)

[C.2, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): BOEM news release: BOEM Issues Lease for First Wave Energy Research Project in Federal Waters Offshore the U.S. West Coast

a. **Update on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aquaculture Opportunity Area Mapping – James Morris** [[mp3: 3-5-21pm1 00:08:35](#)]

[C.2.a, Supplemental NOAA Presentation 1](#): Spatial Planning for Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (Morris)

b. **Update on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Offshore Wind Energy Siting and Mapping – Necy Sumait**

[C.2.b, Supplemental BOEM Presentation 1](#): Federal Offshore Wind Siting and Mapping Summary of February 24 Habitat Committee Webinar Presentation (Sumait)

c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-5-21pm1 00:45:38](#)]

[C.2.c, WDFW Report 1](#) (*Electronic Only*)

[C.2.c, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)

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

[C.2.c, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[C.2.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

- d. [Public Comment \[mp3: 3-5-21pm2 00:00:51\]](#)
- e. **Council Action: Receive an Update on Marine Planning Matters, Including Offshore Energy Planning and Aquaculture Area Mapping; Provide Recommendations and Guidance [mp3: 3-5-21pm2 00:57:57]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** Representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) presented information on Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, and representatives from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) presented information on planning for offshore wind development. The Council expressed concerns about how data is being used, about ensuring accurate fisheries-related information, and discussed ways to engage with agency partners and address marine planning issues. The Council Executive Director and staff will continue regular communication with relevant agencies and other organizations and will ensure that Council advisory bodies are provided updated information regarding marine planning issues.

**3. [Legislative Matters](#) – Jennifer Gilden [mp3: 3-11-21am1 00:01:56]**

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

[C.3, Attachment 2](#): H.R. 59 (Young MSA Reauthorization Bill, *Electronic Only*)

[C.3, Attachment 3](#): Huffman MSA Discussion Draft (*Electronic Only*)

[C.3, Attachment 4](#): Brief Huffman MSA Draft Summary

[C.3, Attachment 5](#): MSA with Huffman and Young Changes (*Electronic Only*)

[C.3, Attachment 6](#): Staff Summary of Huffman and Young MSA Proposals

[C.3, Attachment 7](#): Biden Climate Executive Order (EO 14008)

[C.3, Supplemental Attachment 8](#): Letter to Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce re: Executive Order 14008

[C.3, Supplemental Attachment 9](#): REVISED Letter to Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce re: Executive Order 14008

- a. **[Report of the Legislative Committee](#) – Dave Hanson [mp3: 3-11-21am1 00:04:18]**
- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [mp3: 3-11-21am1 00:08:38]**

[C.3.b, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)

[C.3.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[C.3.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

- c. **[Public Comment](#) [mp3: 3-11-21am1 00:17:56]**
- d. **Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations [mp3: 3-11-21am1 00:28:49]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the [letter](#) from the Council Coordinating Committee (CCC) on Executive Order (EO) 14008 section 216(a) detailing how the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and its implementation by the Regional Fishery Management Councils conserves and protects fishery and other living marine resources. The

Council directed staff to draft a letter to the Secretary of the Interior for the April Briefing Book with additional examples from the Pacific Council. The Council also directed staff to draft a letter to NMFS focusing on Section 216(c) of the EO and describing Pacific Council actions that can help fisheries and protected resources be more resilient to climate change. Finally, the Council directed the Legislative Committee to meet at the April 2021 Council meeting.

**4. [Council Meeting Record](#) – Marc Gorelnik [[mp3: 3-11-21am1 01:00:46](#)]**

**[C.4, Attachment 1](#)**: Draft Council Meeting Record: 257th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (November 9-10, 12-13, & 16-20, 2020)

**a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record [[mp3: 3-11-21am1 01:01:16](#)]**

**Motion 19**: Council approve the November 2020 meeting record as shown in Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1: Draft Council Meeting Record: 257th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (November 9-10, 12-13, & 16-20, 2020).  
Christa Svensson/Virgil Moore (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None

**5. [Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures](#) – Mike Burner [[mp3: 3-11-21am1 01:03:27](#)]**

**[C.5, Attachment 1](#)**: NMFS OLE Letter Regarding Enforcement Consultants

**[C.5, Supplemental Attachment 2](#)**: Letter from Dorothy Lowman to the Honorable President Joe Biden

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

**b. [Public Comment](#)**

**c. Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures [[mp3: 3-11-21am1 01:06:37](#)]**

**Motion 20 [[mp3: 3-11-21am1 01:07:20](#)]**: Council appoint Dr. Michele Zwartjes to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service position on the Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup formerly held by Ms. Robin Bown.

Louis Zimm/Bob Dooley (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) has informed the Council that Sean Stanley, the Deputy Special Agent in Charge of the West Coast Division will be replacing Mr. Killary as OLE's alternate Enforcement Consultant. West Coast Division Assistant Director Greg Busch will remain as OLE's primary Enforcement Consultant.

Dr. Michele Zwartjes was appointed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup formerly held by Ms. Robin Bown.

6. **[Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning](#)** – Chuck Tracy [**[mp3: 3-11-21am3 00:00:09](#)**]

**[C.6, Attachment 1](#)**: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary

**[C.6, Attachment 2](#)**: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 2021

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [**[mp3: 3-11-21am3 00:03:03](#)**]

**[C.6.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)**

**[C.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)**

b. **Public Comment** [**[mp3: 3-11-21am3 00:37:35](#)**]

c. **Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning** [**[mp3: 3-11-21am3 01:01:30](#)**]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**D. Habitat**

1. **[Current Habitat Issues](#)** – Jennifer Gilden [**[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 00:00:14](#)**]

a. **[Report of the Habitat Committee](#)** – Lance Hebdon [**[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 00:01:22](#)**]

b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [**[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 00:19:32](#)**]

**[D.1.b, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)**

c. **Public Comment**

d. **Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations** [**[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 00:21:01](#)**]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

## E. Salmon Management

### 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 00:31:21](#)]

[E.1, Attachment 1](#): Thiamine Deficiency in West Coast Salmon

[E.1, Attachment 2](#): Salmon Habitat Research

[E.1, Attachment 3](#): 60-day Notice of Intent to Sue for Violations of the Endangered Species Act

#### a. **Regulatory Activities** – Susan Bishop [[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 00:31:29](#)]

#### b. **Fishery Science Center Activities**

[E.1.b, Supplemental FSC Presentation 1](#): Thiamine deficiency in salmonids (Lindley)

[E.1.b, Supplemental FSC Presentation 2](#): NWFSC & SWFSC salmon habitat research (Lindley)

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

#### d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-4-21pm1 01:43:59](#)]

#### e. **Council Discussion**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

### 2. [Reintroduction of Salmon Above Grand Coulee Dam](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-4-21pm2 00:00:11](#)]

[E.2, Attachment 1](#): Fish Passage and Reintroduction into the U.S. and Canadian Upper Columbia Basin (*Electronic Only*)

[E.2, Attachment 2](#): Fish Passage and Reintroduction Phase 1 Report: Investigations Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams (*Electronic Only*)

[E.2, Attachment 3](#): Letter to Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair Marc Gorelnik from Randy Cawston, Chair of the Business Council for The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (August 2020)

[E.2, Attachment 4](#): Draft Letter of General Support for Investigating Salmon Reintroduction to the Upper Columbia Basin

#### a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-4-21pm2 00:15:56](#)]

[E.2.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#) (The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation)

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

#### b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-4-21pm2 00:17:45](#)]

#### c. **Council Action: Discuss Council Response to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on the Reintroduction of Salmon to the Upper Columbia Basin** [[mp3: 3-4-21pm2 00:21:12](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council agreed to send a letter of general support to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for investigating the concept of reintroducing salmon to the upper Columbia Basin through a feasibility study that uses a science-based phased approach.

3. [Review of 2020 Fisheries and Summary of 2021 Stock Forecasts](#) – Robin Ehlke  
[mp3: 3-4-21pm2 00:35:03]

[Review of 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries](#) (*Electronic Only*)

[E.3, 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 2021 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations (Electronic Only)

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [mp3: 3-4-21pm2 00:39:31]

[E.3.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#): Joint Testimony from the Western Washington Treaty Tribes on the Forecast

[E.3.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 2](#): Testimony of the Quinault Indian Nation, Precautionary Management Needed for Preseason Planning

[E.3.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 3](#): Hoopa Valley Tribe Comments on E.3.a, Review of 2020 Fisheries and Summary of 2021 Stock Forecasts–Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

[E.3.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Excerpts from the Review of 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and 2021 Preseason Report I

b. **Public Comment**

c. **Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Adopt 2021 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits, and Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations as Necessary** [mp3: 3-4-21pm2 01:26:57]

**Motion 2** [mp3: 3-4-21pm2 01:48:57]: Council adopt the 2021 abundance forecasts, acceptable biological catches, and annual catch limits as presented in Agenda Item E.3, Preseason Report I.

Kyle Adicks/Chris Kern

**Amendment 1** [mp3: 3-4-21pm2 01:55:19]: add “OFLs”

Brett Kormos/Christa Svensson (Amendment 1, carried unanimously)

Motion 2 (as amended, carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the stock abundances, overfishing limits, acceptable biological catches, and annual catch limits as presented in the 2021 Preseason Report I, for use in 2021 salmon management.

4. [Identify Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2021 Management Alternatives](#) – Robin Ehlke [mp3: 3-5-21am1 00:01:31]

- [E.4, Attachment 1](#): Guidance for Alternative Development and Assessment



- [E.4, Attachment 2](#): Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP
- [E.4, Attachment 3](#): FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules
- [E.4, Attachment 4](#): List of 2021 Salmon Fisheries Scheduled to Occur Prior to May 16
  - a. **Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission – Phil Anderson, Chris Kern, and Joe Oatman** [[mp3: 3-5-21am1 00:07:43](#)]
  - b. **NMFS Recommendations – Susan Bishop** [[mp3: 3-5-21am1 00:26:21](#)]

[E.4.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Guidance Letter

[E.4.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): NMFS Updated Guidance on Oregon Coast Coho Salmon ESU

- c. **Tribal Recommendations – Joe Oatman** [[mp3: 3-5-21am1 00:35:40](#)] and [[mp3: 3-5-21am1 01:02:01](#)]
- d. **State Agencies Recommendations – Kyle Adicks, Chris Kern, and Brett Kormos** [[mp3: 3-5-21am1 00:50:26](#)]
- e. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-5-21am1 01:10:3](#)] and [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 00:00:18](#)]

[E.4.e, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#): Statement from the Western Washington Treaty Tribes on the NMFS Guidance for ESA-Listed Chinook

[E.4.e, Supplemental Tribal Report 2](#): Testimony of the Columbia River Treaty Tribes

[E.4.e, Supplemental CSC Report 1](#): California Salmon Council Report Genetic Stock Identification Study Proposal

[E.4.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#): SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Alternatives for 2021 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries

- f. [Public Comment](#)
- 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 16, 2021** [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 00:23:28](#)]

**Motion 3** [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 00:37:50](#)]: Council tentatively adopt for STT collation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2021 non-Indian commercial and recreational ocean fisheries as developed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel and presented in Agenda Item E.4.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1, dated March 4, 2021 including the commercial and recreational requirements, definitions, restrictions, or exceptions.

Brett Kormos/Kyle Adicks (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Motion 4** [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 00:40:38](#)]: Council adopt for STT analysis the following initial Treaty Troll salmon management measures:

- Makah
  - Alternative 1: 50,000 Chinook and 50,000 coho
  - Alternative 2: 35,000 Chinook and 35,000 coho
  - Alternative 3: 0 Chinook and 0 coho
- Quinault Treaty Area:

- Alternative 1: 35,000 Chinook and 16,500 coho
- Alternative 2: 25,000 Chinook and 10,000 coho
- Alternative 3: 0 Chinook and 0 coho
- The alternatives consist of a May 1-June 30 Chinook directed fishery and a July 1-September 15 all-species fishery. The Chinook quota should be evenly split between the two time periods.

Joe Oatman/Butch Smith (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None

**5. [Recommendations for 2021 Management Measure Alternative Analysis](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-8-21pm2 00:00:08](#)]**

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm2 00:01:38](#)]

[Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2021 Ocean Fisheries

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm2 00:11:27](#)]
- c. **Council Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm2 00:11:28](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**6. [Further Direction for 2021 Management Alternatives](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-9-21pm2 01:30:39](#)]**

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-9-21pm2 01:32:46](#)]

[E.6.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2021 Ocean Fisheries

- b. **Public Comment**
- c. **Further Council Guidance and Direction as Necessary** [[mp3: 3-9-21pm2 01:38:06](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**7. [Further Direction for 2021 Management Alternatives](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-10-21pm2 00:49:49](#)]**

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm2 00:50:22](#)]

[E.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2021 Ocean Fisheries (03/10/2021)

b. [Public Comment](#)

c. **Further Council Guidance and Direction as Necessary** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm2 00:53:36](#)] and [[mp3: 3-10-21pm3 00:00:07](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

8. [Adopt 2021 Management Alternatives for Public Review](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:00:22](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:02:33](#)]

[E.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#): Analysis of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2021 Ocean Fisheries (March 11, 2021)

[E.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 2](#): 2021 Klamath River Fall Chinook de minimis Exploitation Rate

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

b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:28:22](#)]

c. **Council Action: Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:31:01](#)]

**Motion 21** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:38:43](#)]: Council to adopt for STT collation, analysis and public review the salmon management measures for the 2021 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.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 11, 2021, including the commercial and recreational requirements, definitions, restrictions, and exceptions.

Brett Kormos/Louis Zimm (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:43:02](#)]: Council to adopt for public review 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.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 11, 2021, with the following modifications.

- Oregon recreational fisheries in Table 2 beginning on page 20
  - Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border
    - Alternative 2: All-salmon mark-selective coho fishery
    - Replace the three bullets with:
      - June 19 through the earlier of August 28 or the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border quota of 115,000 marked coho.
      - Closed to Chinook retention from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. from August 16 through August 31.
      - Closed to Chinook retention from Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border beginning July 14.

- In the season specifications paragraph strike “Closed to Chinook retention from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. beginning August 16.”
- Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ)

Alternative 1:

- For the bullet that reads “June 12-18 and August 16- 28 or the earlier of the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border quota of 120,000 marked coho.” replace the period at the end of the sentence with “; closed to retention of Chinook.”

Alternative 2:

- For the bullet that reads “July 14- August 28 or the earlier of the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border quota of 115,000 marked coho.” replace the period at the end of the sentence with “; closed to retention of Chinook.”
- In the season specifications paragraph, replace “(June 19-August 15)” with “(June 19-August 28)”

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

**Motion 23** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:48:23](#)]: 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.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 11, 2021.

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

**Motion 24** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:50:42](#)]: Council adopt for public review both the Quinault Treaty Area (QTA) Tribes and the Makah Tribe’s proposed salmon management alternatives for the 2021 tribal ocean fisheries as described in Agenda Item E.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Table 3a and 3b, dated March 11, 2021.

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 24 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted for public review three management measure alternatives for the 2021 ocean commercial and recreational salmon fisheries beginning May 16. The Council also adopted six alternatives proposed by the Tribes for 2021 treaty Indian ocean salmon Fisheries. The Council is scheduled to adopt final 2021 ocean salmon regulations at its April 6-9 & 12-15 meeting held via webinar. The Oregon and California alternatives included [inseason actions](#) that were taken during the Council meeting to modify fisheries occurring prior to May 16, 2021.

The Council also scheduled one public hearing for each coastal state to discuss the salmon alternatives. The hearings will occur online and are scheduled for the evenings of Tuesday, March 23 (Washington and California) and Wednesday, March 24 (Oregon).

**9. [Appoint Salmon Hearing Officers](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:55:06](#)]**

[E.9, Attachment 1](#): Schedule of Salmon Fishery Management Alternative Hearings

- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- [Public Comment](#)
- Council Action: Appoint Hearings Officers** [[mp3: 3-11-21am2 00:56:45](#)]

**Motion:** None

Staff Summary: None

## F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. [Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission \(IPHC\) Meeting Report – Robin Ehlke \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 00:48:56\]](#)

[F.1, Attachment 1](#): 2017-2021 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocation

- a. [IPHC Report \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 00:52:34\]](#)

[F.1.a, IPHC Report 1](#): Media Release: International Pacific Halibut Commission Completes 97th Annual Meeting

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

[F.1.a, Supplemental IPHC Presentation 1](#): Outcomes of the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) (Wilson/Stewart)

- b. [Council IPHC Representative Report – Phil Anderson \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:13:33\]](#)

[F.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1](#): Report on the 2021 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 \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:24:13\]](#)
- d. [Public Comment](#)
- e. [Council Action: Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:28:25\]](#)

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. [Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for Salmon Troll and Final Action on Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries – Robin Ehlke \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:30:52\]](#)

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

- a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:37:43\]](#)

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

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

- b. [Public Comment \[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:43:17\]](#)

- c. **Council Action: Recommend Inseason Changes to April/May 2021 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for Retention in 2021 and April/May 2022 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2021 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery** [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:43:23](#)]

**Motion 5** [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:44:01](#)]: Council adopt for public review the alternatives presented in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 2021 for halibut landing restrictions in the 2021 salmon troll fishery beginning May 16 and for April 1 – May 15, 2022, and recommend no change to the current incidental Pacific halibut retention limits for the salmon troll fishery for the period April 1 - May 15, 2021.

Maggie Sommer/Virgil Moore (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

**Motion 6** [[mp3: 3-5-21am2 01:47:04](#)]: Council adopt a final trip limit ratio of 225 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 GAP Report 1 under Agenda Item F.2.a, March 2021.

Heather Hall/Marci Yaremko (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted three alternatives for incidental halibut retention in the 2021 and early 2022 Salmon troll fishery, consistent with the [Salmon Advisory Subpanel report](#). Each alternative included a landing and possession limit of 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. The Council is scheduled to adopt a final alternative at its April meeting.

The Council’s final recommendation for the 2021 incidental halibut catch restrictions in the fixed gear fishery north of Point Chehalis from April 1 through October 31 was to set the limit at 225 pounds of dressed weight halibut for every 1,000 pounds dressed weight of sablefish, plus 2 additional halibut in excess of the ratio, which was consistent with the [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel report](#).

## G. Groundfish Management

*{Sam Rauch NOAA Fisheries Deputy Administrator for Regulatory Programs addressed the Council regarding Executive Order 14008 - [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 00:03:06](#)]}*

- 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service](#) – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 00:56:30](#)]

- a. **Regulatory Activities** – Kelly Ames [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 00:57:51](#)]

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

- b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities** – Melissa Haltuch [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 01:10:46](#)]

[G.1.b, Supplemental PSTAT Presentation 1](#): Northeast Pacific Sablefish Management Strategy Evaluation, April 2021 Stakeholder Outreach Workshop

- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 01:19:23](#)]

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

- d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 01:23:16](#)]

- e. **Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate** [[mp3: 3-8-21am1 01:33:35](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

- 2. **[Workload and New Management Measures Priorities](#)** – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 3-8-21am2 00:00:11](#)]

[G.2, Attachment 1](#): Conceptual Design of Groundfish New Management Measure Prioritization Process

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-21am2 00:26:23](#)]

[G.2.a, GMT Report 1](#): Groundfish Management Team Report on Workload and New Management Measures Update

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

[G.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Workload and New Management Measures

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

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

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

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-8-21am2 01:34:11](#)]

- c. **Council Action: Review the List of Proposed Projects, Amendments, and New Management Measures; Consider Overall Workload and Provide Guidance on Priorities and Schedules** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1 00:00:12](#)]

**Motion 7** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1 00:18:21](#)]: Council add an item titled Prohibition on Directed Fishing for Shortbelly Rockfish to the list of potential groundfish management measures; and consider in June 2021 whether to include it in the 2023-2024 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures.

Maggie Sommer/Phil Anderson (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Motion 8** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1 00:31:26](#)]: Council adopt, from reports in Agenda Item G.2:

1. Corrections/clarifications to Appendix 2, Table B, per GMT Reports 1 & 2.
2. Decouple the Cowcod Conservation Area piece from the non-trawl (NT) Rockfish Conservation Area item, as described in the CDFW report and supported by the GAP, so that there will be a stand-alone item to repeal the CCA listed on Table B.
3. Continue to maintain mothership utilization and the NT-Emley-Platt on Table A as priority items, as recommended by the GAP.
4. Add the following new item to Table B: Lingcod trip limit adjustment N of 40° 10' in the salmon troll fishery.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

{Ms. Hall presented Motion 10 [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1](#) 01:26:21], but due to parliamentary procedure, was withdrawn before seconded}

**Motion 9** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1](#) 01:32:27]: Council to reconsider its action taken under Agenda Item A.4 Approval of the Agenda  
Pete Hassemer/Phil Anderson (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

**Motion 10** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1](#) 01:32:53]: Council add another agenda item to the March 2021 Council Meeting Agenda to consider an emergency action that would allow an at-sea Pacific Whiting processing platform to operate as both a mothership and a catcher-processor in the same calendar year during the 2021 whiting fishery.  
Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

**Motion 11** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm1](#) 01:35:01]: Council approve Agenda Item A.4 as amended.  
Phil Anderson/Pete Hassemer (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council added three new items to the list of unprioritized groundfish management measures as shown in Table B of [GMT Report 1](#). The new items are:

- Prohibition on directed fishing for shortbelly rockfish
- Lingcod trip limit adjustments N of 40° 10' N. latitude in the salmon troll fishery
- Cowcod Conservation Area (CCA) Modification

A public proposal for a prohibition on directed fishing for shortbelly rockfish will be considered for inclusion in the 2023-2024 groundfish harvest specifications and management measure process. The lingcod trip limit measure proposed by the [Salmon Advisory Subpanel](#) and as described in [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#), will be scoped in April by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to determine if the proposal can be completed through routine inseason action. The CCA area modification [proposes](#) to repeal the CCAs and decouples the CCA area modification issue from the non-trawl rockfish conservation area modification scoping process scheduled for April 2021. The Council considered, but did not add to Table B, reactivation of an Ad Hoc Cost Recovery Committee. The Council also directed staff and the GMT to make corrections to the list of unprioritized actions to better clarify the measures in that table.

The Council maintained mothership utilization and non-trawl rockfish conservation area/Emley-Platt exempted fishing permit regulation items as priorities.

The Council also added an item to the March agenda and prioritized its development at this meeting: Emergency Rule to Consider Changing Seasonal Processing Limitations in the At-Sea Whiting Fishery (see [G.6](#)).



3. **Pacific Whiting Utilization in the Mothership Sector** – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 3-8-21pm2 00:45:20](#)]

[G.3, Supplemental Staff Presentation 1](#): Pacific Whiting Utilization in the Mothership Sector (Wiedoff & Doeringhaus)

[G.3, Attachment 1](#): Scoping Whiting Fishery Utilization Issues, Including Draft Purpose and Need and a Range of Alternatives

[G.3, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Revisions to Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-8-21pm2 01:48:55](#)] and [[mp3: 3-8-21pm3 00:00:08](#)]

[G.3.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#)

[G.3.a, Supplemental WDFW-ODFW Report 1](#)

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

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

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 00:03:16](#)]

c. **Council Action: Continue Scoping Whiting Fishery Utilization Issues, Adopt Final Purpose and Need and a Range of Alternatives** [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 00:46:34](#)]

**Motion 12** [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 00:49:08](#)]: Council adopt the Purpose and Need statement for Pacific whiting utilization presented in Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental WDFW-ODFW Report 1, March 2021.

Maggie Sommer/Pete Hassemmer (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

**Motion 13** [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 00:51:58](#)]: Council adopt the following range of alternatives for Pacific whiting utilization for analysis and public review:

1. Whiting Season Start Date (for all whiting sectors)
  - Status Quo: May 15
  - Alternative 1: May 1
    - Annual cooperative applications and Salmon Mitigation Plans due 45 days prior to the season start date
2. Mothership Processor Obligation
  - Status Quo: Mothership processor obligation made by November 30 through mothership catcher vessel endorsed limited entry permit renewal
  - Alternative 1: Remove mothership processor obligation from regulation
3. Mothership Processor Cap
  - Status Quo: 45 percent
  - Alternative 1: 65 percent
  - Alternative 2: 85 percent
  - Alternative 3: Remove mothership processor cap from regulation
4. Mothership Processor & Catcher-Processor Permit Transfer
  - Status Quo: A vessel cannot be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year
  - Alternative 1: A vessel can be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year

- Sub-option A: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher-processor sector up to two times during the calendar year through permit transfer
- Sub-option B: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher-processor sector up to four times during the calendar year through permit transfer
- Sub-option C: Unlimited transfers

Maggie Sommer/Phil Anderson (Motion 13 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted a final purpose and need statement proposed by [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) and [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) as well as the following range of alternatives for analysis and public review:

1. Whiting Season Start Date (for all whiting sectors)

- Status Quo: May 15
- Alternative 1: May 1, annual cooperative applications and Salmon Mitigation Plans due 45 days prior to the season start date.

2. Mothership Processor Obligation

- Status Quo: Mothership processor obligation made by November 30 through mothership catcher vessel endorsed limited entry permit renewal.
- Alternative 1: Remove mothership processor obligation from regulation.

3. Mothership Processor Cap

- Status Quo: 45 percent
- Alternative 1: 65 percent
- Alternative 2: 85 percent
- Alternative 3: Remove mothership processor cap from regulation.

4. Mothership Processor & Catcher-Processor Permit Transfer

- Status Quo: A vessel cannot be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year.
- Alternative 1: A vessel can be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year.

i. Sub-option A: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher-processor sector up to two times during the calendar year through permit transfer.

ii. Sub-option B: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher-processor sector up to four times during the calendar year through permit transfer.

iii. Sub-option C: Unlimited transfers

4. **Inseason Adjustments – Final Action** – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 01:19:26](#)]
- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 01:22:28](#)]

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

[G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment**
- c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2021, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives** [[mp3: 3-9-21am1 01:35:05](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed the status and projections for 2021 fisheries but did not recommend inseason adjustments.

5. **Electronic Monitoring Program Update** – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 3-9-21am2 00:00:06](#)]

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-9-21am2 00:15:17](#)]

[G.5.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Electronic Monitoring Implementation Update

[G.5.a, NMFS Report 2](#) : Draft 2021 Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines

[G.5.a, NMFS Report 3](#): Draft 2021 Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Program Manual

[G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 4](#): EM VMP Guidelines

[G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 5](#): EM Video Review Protocols

[G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 6](#): EM Records Q&A

[G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 7](#): Electronic Monitoring Cost Recoverable Tasks

[G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 8](#): EM Cost Estimates

[G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation1](#): NMFS Report EM (Melissa Hooper)

[G.5.a, Supplemental GEMPAC Report 1](#)

[G.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[G.5.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-9-21am2 01:46:27](#)] and [[mp3: 3-9-21pm1 00:00:05](#)]
- c. **Council Action: Review Revised Program Guidelines and Manual and Provide Comments** [[mp3: 3-9-21pm1 00:56:01](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council recommended no modifications to the draft electronic monitoring program guidelines and provider manual. The Council has tentatively scheduled an update on electronic monitoring implementation for its June 2021 meeting.

6. [Emergency Action to Consider Changing Seasonal Processing Limitations in the At-Sea Fishery – Final Action – John DeVore \[mp3: 3-9-21pm2 00:00:08\]](#)

[G.6, Supplemental Attachment 1: Federal Register Notice – Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules](#)

a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies \[mp3: 3-9-21pm2 00:08:45\]](#)

[G.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[G.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. [Public Comment \[mp3: 3-9-21pm2 00:24:29\]](#)

c. **Council Action: Consider Emergency Action to Amend the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to Temporarily Allow Relaxation of the Seasonal Processing Limitations for the Whiting Mothership and Catcher-Processors [mp3: 3-9-21pm2 00:36:09]**

**Motion 14 [mp3: 3-9-21pm2 00:51:05]:** National Marine Fisheries Service make the necessary changes to allow an at-sea Pacific Whiting processing platform to operate as both a mothership and catcher-processor during the 2021 Pacific Whiting fishery, and that they do so using the most efficient pathway available and such that the change is effective by May 15 or as expeditiously as possible thereafter so as to achieve the intended effect of business certainty and operational flexibility.

Corey Niles/Phil Anderson

**Amendment 1 [mp3: 3-9-21pm2 01:03:15]:** Strike “during the 2021 Pacific Whiting fishery, and that they do so using the most efficient pathway available and such that the change is effective by May 15 or as expeditiously as possible thereafter”.

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment 1 failed, Ms. Yaremko, Mr. Hassemer, and Mr. Gorelnik voted yes, Mr. Moore did not provide a vote).

Motion 14 carried (Ms. Ames and Ms. Yaremko voted no)

**Staff Summary:** The Council modified the March agenda to allow consideration of an emergency action to allow an at-sea Pacific whiting processing platform to operate as both a mothership and a catcher-processor in the same calendar year during the 2021 Pacific whiting fishery. This action was taken at the [request of industry representatives](#) and the [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel](#) to prevent fishery disruption if a mothership processor decides to abandon that sector this year to mitigate their risk associated with the current COVID-19 pandemic. Such a disruption would otherwise leave catcher vessels in the mothership sector without a processing platform, potentially stranding their whiting quota, which would result in significant economic impacts. Allowing a catcher-processor vessel to temporarily operate as an at-sea processor in the mothership sector mitigates the impacts associated with the current processing limitations in these two sectors.

## H. Highly Migratory Species Management

### 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:00:18]

#### a. Regulatory Activities – Lyle Enriquez [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:01:58]

[H.1.a, REVISED National Marine Fisheries Report 1](#)

[H.1.a, Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): SWFSC Activities – Highly Migratory Species

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

#### c. [Public Comment](#)

#### d. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:22:10]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

### 2. [Review of Essential Fish Habitat – Phase 2](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:23:11]

[H.2, Attachment 1](#): Phase 2 Action Plan for Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat Review

#### a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:25:33]

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

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

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

#### b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:47:14]

#### c. Council Action: Approve a Scope of Work for an Amendment Process to Modify Essential Fish Habitat Determinations [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 00:57:51]

**Motion 15** [[mp3: 3-9-21pm3](#) 01:10:10]: Council adopt the action plan for Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1 and consider the recommendations in Supplemental HMSMT Report 1, as well as Council discussion in moving EFH review forward.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the Phase 2 [Action Plan](#) for developing potential revisions to highly migratory species (HMS) essential fish habitat provisions as part of a Fishery Management Plan amendment process. The Council directed the HMS Management Team (HMSMT), Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region, and Council staff to consider the recommendations of the [HMSMT](#), in further development of the amendment process.

3. **[Recommend International Management Activities](#)** – Kit Dahl [**[mp3: 3-10-21am1 00:03:06](#)**]

**[H.3, Attachment 1](#)**: WCPFC Seventeenth Regular Session Provisional Outcomes Document

**[H.3, Supplemental Attachment 2](#)**: Meeting Information 5th ISC North Pacific Albacore MSE Workshop For Managers and Stakeholders

**[H.3, Supplemental Attachment 3](#)**: WCPFC17 – PIRO Letter from NMFS to Councils

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [**[mp3: 3-10-21am1 00:25:38](#)**]

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

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

b. **[Public Comment](#)**

c. **Council Action: Consider Reports on International Activities and Provide Recommendations, as Appropriate** [**[mp3: 3-10-21am1 00:31:29](#)**]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

4. **[Deep-Set Buoy Gear Permit Clarifications](#)** – Kit Dahl [**[mp3: 3-10-21am1 00:33:42](#)**]

**[H.4, Attachment 1](#)**: Excerpt from September 2019 Council Meeting Record, Council Motion 14

**[H.4, Attachment 2](#)**: Staff Report on the Council’s September 2019 Final Action Authorizing Deep-Set Buoy Gear under the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan

**[H.4, Attachment 3](#)**: Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species Proposed Amendment 6 with Changes as Adopted by the Council in September 2019

**[H.4, Attachment 4](#)**: Sample Highly Migratory Species Exempted Fishing Permit and Terms and Conditions

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [**[mp3: 3-10-21am1 00:39:03](#)**]

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

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

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

**[H.4.a, HMSMT Report 1](#)**

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

**[H.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Presentation 1](#)**: Presentation on HMSMT Reports 1 & 2 (Hellmers)

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

b. **[Public Comment](#)** [**[mp3: 3-10-21am2 00:00:05](#)**]

c. **Council Action: Reconsider Council Final Action to Authorize Deep-Set Buoy Gear and Related Proposed Fishery Management Plan Amendment Language** [**[mp3: 3-10-21am2 00:23:30](#)**]

**Motion 16** [**[mp3: 3-10-21am2 01:15:40](#)**]: Council recommend the following to clarify and modify the FMP amendment for the purpose of implementing regulations authorizing a Limited Entry Deep-Set Buoy Gear (LE DSBG) Permit:

- 1) That a LE DSBG permit may be held by a “person” as defined in 50 CFR 660.702
  - a. that transfers be prohibited, and
  - b. that NMFS develop regulatory language that prohibits changes to the makeup of a permit holding corporation, partnership, or other entity that would constitute a “transfer” for entities other than individuals, except in the case of death of the originally qualified individual, as described in CDFW Supplemental Report 1.
- 2) Allow a one-time transfer of LE DSBG permits upon death of the permittee to a family member as described in CDFW Supplemental Report 1.
- 3) For the purpose of LE DSBG Permit qualification, define an “EFP holder” as described in CDFW Supplement Report 1 to include:
  - a. Any individual with NMFS approval to captain a commercial vessel and use DSBG under the authority of an EFP; or
  - b. Any individual who is identified by NMFS as having managed a DSBG EFP, including vessel owners whose vessel fished under authority of a DSBG EFP.
- 4) Identify LE DSBG permit qualifiers and accept applications during a single pre-determined period defined by NMFS for Tiers 1 through 8. Rank applicants within Tiers as described in CDFW Supplemental Report 1:
  - a. Tiers 1-5 based on their total swordfish landings within the time period for that Tier.
  - b. Tiers 6-9 on a first come, first served basis.
- 5) Modify the LE DSBG Permit Qualification Criteria to those found in CDFW Supplemental Report 1.

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 16 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** Based on questions and proposed interpretations in [NMFS Reports 1](#) and [2](#), the Council adopted the following clarifications to its proposed measures for authorizing deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) adopted in September 2019:

- Confirmed that a DSBG limited entry permit may be held by a person as defined [50 CFR 660.702](#), which includes corporations, partnerships, or other entities, but in all cases permit transfers are prohibited except for a one-time transfer to a family member upon the death of an individual permit holder. In cases where an entity holds a permit, transfers by means of changes in the ownership of the entity will be prohibited.
- Clarified that for the purpose of limited entry DSBG permit qualification, “EFP holder” means vessel operators on board when DSBG was used or individuals identified as having managed the exempted fishing permit (EFP) including owners of vessels to which the EFP was assigned.
- Supported the NMFS recommendation for a single qualification period but included Tier 8 (see description below). Ranking within tiers would be based on total swordfish landings for Tiers 1-5 and on a first come, first served basis for the remaining tiers.

The Council modified the DSBG limited entry permit qualification tiers so that they read as follows:

1. EFP holders, with at least 10 documented calendar days of DSBG fishing effort by December 31, 2018. Documentation shall consist of a West Coast Observer Program record indicating either:

- a. the EFP holder as vessel captain for that fishing day; or
  - b. fishing effort for that day conducted on a vessel owned by or under the EFP managed by that individual.
2. California Drift Gillnet (DGN) Shark and Swordfish permit holders who made at least one large mesh DGN swordfish landing between the 2013-2014 and 2017-2018 fishing seasons and surrender their state or Federal DGN permit as part of a DGN permit trade-in or buy-back program.
3. EFP holders approved by the Council prior to April 1, 2021 who conducted at least 10 calendar days of DSBG fishing effort or with 10 days of DSBG effort on their vessel or by vessels they manage under the EFP by the effective date of the Final Rule authorizing DSBG. Documentation shall consist of a NMFS West Coast Observer Program record or a properly submitted NMFS DSBG logbook indicating either:
  - a. the EFP holder as vessel captain for that fishing day; or
  - b. fishing effort for that day was conducted on a vessel owned by or under the EFP managed by that individual.
4. California General Swordfish permit holders who possessed a permit during the 2018-2019 fishing season and made at least one swordfish landing using harpoon gear between the 2013-2014 and 2017-2018 fishing seasons.
5. California DGN Shark and Swordfish permit holders who have made at least one large-mesh DGN swordfish landing between the 2013-2014 and 2017-2018 fishing seasons and who did not surrender their state or Federal DGN permit as part of a trade-in or buy-back program.
6. California DGN Shark and Swordfish permit holders who have not made a swordfish landing with large-mesh DGN gear since March 31, 2013 and who surrender their state or Federal DGN permit as part of a permit trade-in or buy-back program.
7. State or Federal DGN Limited Entry (LE) permit holders who have not made a swordfish landing with DGN gear since March 31, 2013 and did not surrender their DGN LE permit as part of a state or Federal DGN permit trade-in or buy-back program.
8. Any individual with documented commercial swordfish fishing experience between January 1, 1986 and the effective date of the final rule on a first come first served basis. The basis for documenting commercial swordfish fishing experience attributable to the applicant will be possession of a valid commercial fishing license on that date and either:
  - a. A valid California Department of Fish and Wildlife fish landing receipt identifying the individual as the fisherman of record; or
  - b. A valid state or Federal logbook where swordfish were taken and identifying the individual as captain or crew on that day; or
  - c. A signed affidavit from a vessel owner or captain identifying the individual as vessel captain or crew on the day that swordfish were taken.
9. Any individual on a first come first served basis.

5. [Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-10-21am2 00:53:59](#)]

- a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 3-10-21am2 00:59:59](#)]



[H.5.a, Joint SWFSC-WCR NMFS Report 1](#): Proxies for Maximum Fishing Mortality Threshold (MFMT) and Options for Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST)

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

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

b. [Public Comment \[mp3: 3-10-21am2 01:14:03\]](#)

c. **Council Action: Approve Proxies for Status Determination Criteria; Consider the Need for Other Status- Related Recommendations, Annual Catch Limits or Other Harvest Objectives and/or Management Measures** [\[mp3: 3-10-21am2 01:14:14\]](#)

**Motion 17**[\[mp3: 3-10-21am2 01:15:40\]](#): Council approve the maximum fishing mortality threshold proxy and the second proxy proposed for minimum stock size threshold in Option 3 of the NMFS Report 1 as applicable to status determinations for EPO yellowfin and bigeye tuna stocks based on probabilistic framework assessments, as conveyed as being reasonable in the Supplemental SSC report and recommended in the HMSMT report.

John Ugoretz/Caren Braby (Motion 17 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the maximum fishing mortality threshold proxy and the second proxy proposed for minimum stock size threshold in Option 3 of [NMFS Report 1](#) as applicable to status determinations for Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) yellowfin and bigeye tuna stocks based on the probabilistic framework in the 2020 benchmark assessments for those stocks as prepared by Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission scientific staff. Resulting [status determination criteria](#) indicate EPO yellowfin are likely not overfished or subject to overfishing, and EPO bigeye are likely not overfished or subject to overfishing.

## I. Ecosystem Management

### 1. [California Current Ecosystem and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment \(IEA\) Report and Science Review Topics](#) – Kit Dahl [\[mp3: 3-10-21am2 01:20:12\]](#)

a. **Annual California Current Ecosystem Report** – Chris Harvey and Toby Garfield [\[mp3: 3-10-21am2 01:24:13\]](#)

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

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

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

[I.1.a, Supplemental IEA Team Presentation 1](#): 2020-21 California Current Ecosystem Status Report (Chris Harvey & Toby Garfield)

b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [\[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 00:01:02\]](#)

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

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

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

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

[I.1.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

c. [Public Comment \[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 00:32:37\]](#)

- d. **Council Action: Review the California Current Ecosystem Report and Consider Ecosystem Science Review Topics for 2021** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 00:43:02](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council endorsed Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review of two [ecosystem research topics](#): threshold relationships between environmental drivers and performance of salmon preseason abundance forecasts and year-class strength and distribution of post-settled groundfish. The SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee will meet in conjunction with the September 2021 Council meeting to review the research, and the SSC will report to the Council on its recommendations in March 2022.

2. **[Climate and Communities Initiative Workshop Report](#)** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 00:55:49](#)]

[I.2, Attachment 1](#): Report on Regional Workshops focusing on the Implications of Climate Change for West Coast Fisheries and Fishing Communities

[I.2, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Regional workshops focusing on the implications of climate change for West Coast fisheries and fishing communities: participant input on climate change scenarios

- a. **Workshop Report – Jonathan Star** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 00:59:17](#)]

[I.2, Supplemental Staff Presentation 1](#): Report on Regional Implications Workshops (J. Star)

- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 01:28:34](#)]

[I.2.b, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)

[I.2.b, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)

[I.2.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[I.2.b, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

- c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm1 01:52:00](#)]

- d. **Council Action: Review the Phase 2 Workshop Report and Provide Guidance on the Scenario Planning Exercise and Completion of the Initiative** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm2 00:00:03](#)]

**Motion 18** [[mp3: 3-10-21pm2 00:20:51](#)]: Council:

1. Adopt the Report on Regional Workshops as one of the products developed during the CCI.
2. Task the Core Team to provide a brief summary and synthesis report to the Council at the September 2021 meeting that includes:
  - a. Consideration of the 9 priority action areas summarized in the Report on Regional Workshops; prioritize the action areas for PFMC action, and for action by non-PFMC partners.
  - b. Recommendations on next steps by Council and Council AB's/MT's (potentially including NMFS FSC's & WCR); may also include recommendations for additional FEP Initiative concepts for consideration.

3. Task the Core Team to provide a briefing workshop on the summary/synthesis report to Council AB's/MT's prior to the September 2021 meeting.
4. Consider FEP Initiatives in March 2022, as scheduled.
5. Task Council staff to prepare a letter for submission to NMFS in response to the call for information on climate-resilient fisheries (per Sam Rauch presentation to the Council on March 8, 2021; relating to President Biden Executive Order 14008). Letter for timely submission in April 2021, and to include:
  - a. Brief list of recent activities of the PFMC to prepare fisheries for climate-resilience, including links to CCI reports already completed.
  - b. Highlight the in-progress work on climate-resilient fisheries.
    - i. Preview the CCI conclusion in September 2021.
    - ii. Preview the FEP review process, including Chapter 5 (as described in March 2021, Agenda Item I3, Supplemental EWG Report 3).
  - c. Confirm that the PFMC appreciates that NMFS intends for this to be an on-going collaboration with the PFMC.
  - d. Indicate that NMFS support of PFMC's climate work is needed, both intellectually and financially.

Caren Braby/Brad Pettinger (Motion 18 carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the *Report on Regional Workshops focusing on the Implications of Climate Change for West Coast Fisheries and Fishing Communities* and directed the Ad Hoc Climate and Communities Core Team to prepare a brief summary and synthesis report to the Council for its September 2021 meeting. The summary report should include consideration of the priority actions in the Report on Regional Workshops and recommendations on future related activities, which may be in the form of Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Initiatives. The Core Team will also conduct a workshop to brief Council advisory bodies on its synthesis report before the September 2021 Council meeting.

The Council also directed staff to draft a letter responding to NMFS' call for information on climate-resilient fisheries per Section 206(c) in [Executive Order 14008](#) Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (see Legislative Matters).

**3. [Fishery Ecosystem Plan \(FEP\) Five-Year Review – Final Action](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 3-10-21pm3 00:05:18](#)]**

[I.3, Supplemental Ecosystem Plan Update Pre-Recorded Webinar](#) (deReynier) *available from Council's YouTube channel*

**a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 3-10-21pm3 00:14:41](#)]**

[I.3.a, EWG Report 1](#): Fishery Ecosystem Plan Chapters 3 & 4

[I.3.a, EWG Report 2](#): Guidance Document on Offshore Non-Fishing Activities

[I.3.a, Supplemental EWG Report 3](#)

[I.3.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)

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

[I.3.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)

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

- b. [Public Comment \[mp3: 3-10-21pm3 00:41:31\]](#)
- c. **Council Action: Review FEP Updates and Provide Guidance on Further Development** [\[mp3: 3-10-21pm3 00:55:20\]](#)

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council directed the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) to prepare a final draft of the revised FEP for review by the Council at its September 2021 meeting. The EWG should also provide a complete draft of the stand-alone document, *Guidance Document on Offshore Non-Fishing Activities*. In doing so, the EWG should consider recommendations made by the Council and contained in advisory body reports for [this agenda item](#) and, as appropriate, note how those recommendations were addressed.

The Council directed the EWG to develop concepts for an “ecosystem-level performance report,” which would be a periodic reporting mechanism to track progress towards the goals and objectives listed in [Chapter 1 of the revised FEP](#). These concepts could then form the basis for a candidate initiative that the Council would undertake at a future date.

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Informational Report 1](#): NMFS Procedure 01-101-11; Procedural Guidance for Changing Assessed Stock Status from Known to Unknown

[Informational Report 2](#): Report to Congress; Section 201(a) of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018

[Informational Report 3](#): Letter from Mid-Atlantic Council to Secretary of the Interior re: USFWS Licensing and Inspection Requirements for U.S. Squid Fisheries

[Informational Report 4](#): NOAA Report “West Coast Fisheries Impacts from Covid-19”

[Informational Report 5](#): OLE Trawl Rationalization Compliance Summary - 2020

[Informational Report 6](#): WDFW News Release February 9, 2021; Applications open for federal relief funding to commercial fishing, shellfish, charter and seafood sector industry members

[Supplemental Informational Report 7](#): NOAA Fisheries to Develop a PEIS for Saltonstall-Kennedy Program

[Supplemental Informational Report 8](#): NOAA 30-day comment period “Give us Your Input on Making Fisheries and Protected Resources More Resilient to Climate Change”

## VOTING LOG

**Motion 1:** Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, March 2-11, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda](#).  
Phil Anderson/ Bob Dooley (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

**Motion 2:** Council adopt the 2021 abundance forecasts, acceptable biological catches, annual catch limits and OFLs as presented in [Agenda Item E.3, Preseason Report I](#).  
Kyle Adicks/Chris Kern (Motion 2, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 3:** Council tentatively adopt for STT collation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2021 non-Indian commercial and recreational ocean fisheries as developed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel and presented in [Agenda Item E.4.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#), dated March 4, 2021 including the commercial and recreational requirements, definitions, restrictions, or exceptions.

Brett Kormos/Kyle Adicks (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Motion 4:** Council adopt for STT analysis the following initial Treaty Troll salmon management measures:

- Makah
  - Alternative 1: 50,000 Chinook and 50,000 coho
  - Alternative 2: 35,000 Chinook and 35,000 coho
  - Alternative 3: 0 Chinook and 0 coho
- Quinault Treaty Area:
  - Alternative 1: 35,000 Chinook and 16,500 coho
  - Alternative 2: 25,000 Chinook and 10,000 coho
  - Alternative 3: 0 Chinook and 0 coho
- The alternatives consist of a May 1-June 30 Chinook directed fishery and a July 1-September 15 all-species fishery. The chinook quota should be evenly split between the two time periods.

Joe Oatman/Butch Smith (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

**Motion 5:** Council adopt for public review the alternatives presented in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#), March 2021 for halibut landing restrictions in the 2021 salmon troll fishery beginning May 16 and for April 1 – May 15, 2022, and recommend no change to the current incidental Pacific halibut retention limits for the salmon troll fishery for the period April 1 - May 15, 2021.

Maggie Sommer/Virgil Moore (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

**Motion 6:** Council adopt a final trip limit ratio of 225 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 GAP Report 1](#) under Agenda Item F.2.a, March 2021.

Heather Hall/Marci Yaremko (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Motion 7:** Council add an item titled Prohibition on Directed Fishing for Shortbelly Rockfish to the list of potential groundfish management measures; and consider in June 2021 whether to include it in the 2023-2024 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures.

Maggie Sommer/Phil Anderson (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Motion 8:** Council adopt, from reports in Agenda Item G.2:

1. Corrections/clarifications to Appendix 2, Table B, per [GMT Reports 1 & 2](#).
2. Decouple the Cowcod Conservation Area piece from the non-trawl (NT) Rockfish Conservation Area item, as described in the [CDFW report](#) and supported by the GAP, so

that there will be a stand-alone item to repeal the Cowcod Conservation Area listed on Table B.

3. Continue to maintain MS utilization and the NT-Emley-Platt on Table A as priority items, as recommended [by the GAP](#).
4. Add the following new item to Table B: Lingcod trip limit adjustment N of 40° 10' in the salmon troll fishery.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Motion 9:** Council to reconsider its action taken under Agenda Item A.4 Approval of the Agenda Pete Hassemer/Phil Anderson (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

**Motion 10:** Council add another agenda item to the March 2021 Council Meeting Agenda to consider an emergency action that would allow an at-sea Pacific Whiting processing platform to operate as both a mothership and a catcher-processor in the same calendar year during the 2021 whiting fishery.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

**Motion 11:** Council approve [Agenda item A.4 as amended](#).

Phil Anderson/Pete Hassemer (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Motion 12:** Council adopt the Purpose and Need statement for Pacific whiting utilization presented in [Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental WDFW-ODFW Report 1, March 2021](#).

Maggie Sommer/Pete Hassemer (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

**Motion 13:** Council adopt the following range of alternatives for Pacific whiting utilization for analysis and public review:

1. Whiting Season Start Date (for all whiting sectors)
  - Status Quo: May 15
  - Alternative 1: May 1
    - Annual cooperative applications and Salmon Mitigation Plans due 45 days prior to the season start date
2. Mothership Processor Obligation
  - Status Quo: Mothership processor obligation made by November 30 through mothership catcher vessel endorsed limited entry permit renewal
  - Alternative 1: Remove mothership processor obligation from regulation
3. Mothership Processor Cap
  - Status Quo: 45 percent
  - Alternative 1: 65 percent
  - Alternative 2: 85 percent
  - Alternative 3: Remove mothership processor cap from regulation
4. Mothership Processor & Catcher-Processor Permit Transfer
  - Status Quo: A vessel cannot be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year
  - Alternative 1: A vessel can be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year

- Sub-option A: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher-processor sector up to two times during the calendar year through permit transfer
- Sub-option B: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher-processor sector up to four times during the calendar year through permit transfer
- Sub-option C: Unlimited transfers

Maggie Sommer/Phil Anderson (Motion 13 carried unanimously)

**Motion 14:** National Marine Fisheries Service make the necessary changes to allow an at-sea Pacific Whiting processing platform to operate as both a mothership and catcher-processor during the 2021 Pacific Whiting fishery, and that they do so using the most efficient pathway available and such that the change is effective by May 15 or as expeditiously as possible thereafter so as to achieve the intended effect of business certainty and operational flexibility. Corey Niles/Phil Anderson (Motion 14 carried, Ms. Ames and Ms. Yaremko voted no)

**Motion 15:** Council adopt the action plan for [Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1](#) and consider the recommendations in [Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#), as well as Council discussion in moving EFH review forward.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

**Motion 16:** Council recommend the following to clarify and modify the FMP amendment for the purpose of implementing regulations authorizing a Limited Entry Deep-Set Buoy Gear (LE DSBG) Permit:

- 1) That a LE DSBG permit may be held by a “person” as defined in 50 CFR 660.702
  - a. that transfers be prohibited, and
  - b. that NMFS develop regulatory language that prohibits changes to the makeup of a permit holding corporation, partnership, or other entity that would constitute a “transfer” for entities other than Individuals, except in the case of death of the originally qualified individual, as described in [CDFW Supplemental Report 1](#).
- 2) Allow a one-time transfer of LE DSBG permits upon death of the permittee to a family member as described in [CDFW Supplemental Report 1](#).
- 3) For the purpose of LE DSBG Permit qualification, define an “EFP holder” as described in [CDFW Supplement Report 1](#) to include:
  - a. Any individual with NMFS approval to captain a commercial vessel and use DSBG under the authority of an EFP; or
  - b. Any individual who is identified by NMFS as having managed a DSBG EFP, including vessel owners whose vessel fished under authority of a DSBG EFP.
- 4) Identify LE DSBG permit qualifiers and accept applications during a single pre-determined period defined by NMFS for Tiers 1 through 8. Rank applicants within Tiers as described in [CDFW Supplemental Report 1](#):
  - a. Tiers 1-5 based on their total swordfish landings within the time period for that Tier.
  - b. Tiers 6-9 on a first come, first served basis.
- 5) Modify the LE DSBG Permit Qualification Criteria to those found in [CDFW Supplemental Report 1](#).

John Ugoretz/Bob Dooley (Motion 16 carried unanimously)

**Motion 17:** Council approve the maximum fishing mortality threshold proxy and the second proxy proposed for minimum stock size threshold in Option 3 of the NMFS Report 1 as applicable to status determinations for EPO yellowfin and bigeye tuna stocks based on probabilistic framework assessments, as conveyed as being reasonable in the supplemental SSC report and recommended in the HMSMT report.

John Ugoretz/Caren Braby (Motion 17 carried unanimously)

**Motion 18:** Council:

1. Adopt the [Report on Regional Workshops](#) as one of the products developed during the CCI.
2. Task the Core Team to provide a brief summary and synthesis report to the Council at the September 2021 meeting that includes:
  - a. Consideration of the 9 priority action areas summarized in the [Report on Regional Workshops](#); prioritize the action areas for PFMC action, and for action by non-PFMC partners.
  - b. Recommendations on next steps by Council and Council AB's/MT's (potentially including NMFS FSC's & WCR); may also include recommendations for additional FEP Initiative concepts for consideration.
3. Task the Core Team to provide a briefing workshop on the summary/synthesis report to Council AB's/MT's prior to the September 2021 meeting.
4. Consider FEP Initiatives in March 2022, as scheduled.
5. Task Council staff to prepare a letter for submission to NMFS in response to the call for information on climate-resilient fisheries (per Sam Rauch presentation to the Council on March 8, 2021; relating to President Biden Executive Order 14008). Letter for timely submission in April 2021, and to include:
  - a. Brief list of recent activities of the PFMC to prepare fisheries for climate-resilience, including links to CCI reports already completed.
  - b. Highlight the in-progress work on climate-resilient fisheries.
    - i. Preview the CCI conclusion in September 2021.
    - ii. Preview the FEP review process, including Chapter 5 (as described in March 2021, Agenda Item I3, Supplemental EWG Report 3).
  - c. Confirm that the PFMC appreciates that NMFS intends for this to be an on-going collaboration with the PFMC.
  - d. Indicate that NMFS support of PFMC's climate work is needed, both intellectually and financially.

Caren Braby/Brad Pettinger (Motion 18 carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Motion 19:** Council approve the November 2020 meeting record as shown in [Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1: Draft Council Meeting Record: 257th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council \(November 9-10, 12-13, & 16-20, 2020\)](#).

Christa Svensson/Virgil Moore (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Motion 20:** Council appoint Dr. Michele Zwartjes to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service position on the Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup formerly held by Ms. Robin Bown.

Louis Zimm/Bob Dooley (Motion 20 carried unanimously)



**Motion 21:** Council to adopt for STT collation, analysis and public review the salmon management measures for the 2021 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.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#), dated March 11, 2021, including the commercial and recreational requirements, definitions, restrictions, and exceptions.

Brett Kormos/Louis Zimm (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council to adopt for public review 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.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#), dated March 11, 2021 with the following modifications.

- Oregon recreational fisheries in Table 2 beginning on page 20
  - Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border  
Alternative 2: All-salmon mark-selective coho fishery  
Replace the three bullets with:
    - June 19 through the earlier of August 28 or the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border quota of 115,000 marked coho.
    - Closed to Chinook retention from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. from August 16 through August 31.
    - Closed to Chinook retention from Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border beginning July 14.
- In the season specifications paragraph strike “Closed to Chinook retention from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. beginning August 16.”
  - Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ)  
Alternative 1:
    - For the bullet that reads “June 12-18 and August 16- 28 or the earlier of the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border quota of 120,000 marked coho.” replace the period at the end of the sentence with “; closed to retention of Chinook.”
  - Alternative 2:
    - For the bullet that reads “July 14- August 28 or the earlier of the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border quota of 115,000 marked coho.” replace the period at the end of the sentence with “; closed to retention of Chinook.”
- In the season specifications paragraph, replace “(June 19-August 15)” with “(June 19-August 28)”

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

**Motion 23:** 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.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#), dated March 11, 2021.

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council adopt for public review both the Quinault Treaty Area (QTA) Tribes and the Makah Tribe’s proposed salmon management alternatives for the 2021 tribal ocean fisheries as described in [Agenda Item E.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#), Table 3a and 3b, dated March 11, 2021.

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 24 carried unanimously)

**ADJOURN**

The Council meeting adjourned on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 1:18 p.m.

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Marc Gorelnik  
Council Chair

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Date