



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2021

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2021 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in online format June 21 – 30, with no meetings scheduled on Sunday, June 27. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will convene June 23 – 25 and the Council will consider CPS agenda items on June 28. Major topics for discussion at this meeting are below. For more detailed information, please refer to the situation summaries in the Briefing Book materials.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2021 Meeting](#) webpage prior to the first day of the meeting. Upon entering the meeting, please modify your entry on the participant list to reflect your full identification (full name and affiliation). This additional information helps participants identify speakers in the webinar.

#### **National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report (H.1)**

Ms. Kristen Koch and Mr. Dale Sweetnam from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) will provide a report focusing on the SWFSC's capacity and priorities related to coastal pelagic species surveys, stock assessments, and research and data needs. The NMFS West Coast Region may provide an update on regulatory activities as appropriate.

#### **Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures (H.2)**

The NMFS SWFSC completed a catch-only projection update of the Pacific mackerel, which will be used to set harvest specifications and management measures for the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 fishing years. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will review the projection estimate when they convene during the June Council meeting.

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### **Management Framework for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) (H.3)**

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a management framework proposed by the CPSMT that would apply certain triggers and mechanisms to inform determinations on when the CSNA stock should be assessed and whether harvest management measures should be revised. (Agenda Item H.3.a, CPSMT Report 1). These revisions could be based on a new stock assessment or could be based on fishery attainment or on changes in the biomass estimate. The CPSAS should be prepared to write a supplemental report, and the CPSMT may write a supplemental report as necessary.

### **Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) - Scoping (C.2)**

At the November 2020 meeting, the Council and its advisory bodies (ABs) conducted a preliminary review of its fishery management plans (FMPs) for consistency with the final rule on SBRM. Council staff reviewed the initial findings and developed a scoping document (Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2) to continue the review and consider how to proceed with the consistency review. At the June 2021 meeting the Council will conduct public scoping to determine where an FMP may be inconsistent with the final rule and whether it warrants an FMP amendment.

### **Update on Executive Order 14008 (C.3)**

Executive Order (EO) 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad was released on January 27, 2021 (Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1). The Council sent two letters in response, one related to the Administration's goal of conserving at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030, and one related to making fisheries and protected resources more resilient to climate change. NMFS will provide an overview of the EO and progress and next steps on its implementation. Related to this, the Council Coordination Committee recently established an Area-Based Management Subcommittee to develop a common understanding among the Councils of area-based management measures and to develop a report on area-based measures in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone.

### **Marine Planning (C.4)**

At its April meeting the Council requested Executive Director Chuck Tracy to analyze Advisory Body models, staffing, and other elements related to the Council's interest in marine planning and offshore development. This agenda item is primarily focused on the Council's preferred approach for addressing and responding to marine planning issues and will also include an update on recent Bureau of Ocean Energy Management activities and plans, primarily for informational purposes.

### **Regional Operating Agreement (ROA) – Preliminary (C.5)**

The Council will consider plans to revise the Regional Operating Agreement (ROA) between the Council and NMFS West Coast Region. The ROA defines the roles and responsibilities of NMFS and Council staff when developing and finalizing Council actions. Please review the June briefing book documents and consider adding an agenda item at this meeting or scheduling time for this topic at the November 2021 Council meeting when the Council will review an updated ROA for potential adoption.

### **Legislative Matters (C.7)**

This is a regular agenda item at all Council meetings. The CPS ABs should assign a member to read the agenda materials and be prepared to discuss with the AB members. There is no current request for Council comments on legislation, so this is likely to remain a mostly informational agenda item.

### **Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (C.9)**

At this meeting the Council will consider any proposed changes to the composition of Advisory Bodies (ABs). Should the Council propose changes to AB compositions, those changes will go out for public review with final action in September 2021. The Council will be soliciting nominations for the next three-year term between the September and November Council meetings, with final appointments to be made in November.

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#### Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
3. Agenda Item H.1 – National Marine Fisheries Service Report
4. Agenda Item H.2 – Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures
5. Agenda item H.3 – Management Framework for Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy
6. Agenda Item C.2 – Standardized Bycatch Reporting - Scoping
7. Agenda Item C.3 – Update on Executive Order 14008
8. Agenda Item C.4 – Marine Planning
9. Agenda Item C.5 – Regional Operating Agreement
10. Agenda Item C.7 – Legislative Matters
11. Agenda Item C.9 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
12. Agenda Item C.10 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2021  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: June 2021 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 21-26 and 28-30, 2021, via webinar. No meetings will be held on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All meetings are open to the public and there will be one daily opportunity for public comment.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2021 Meeting](#) webpage prior to the first day of the meeting. ***Upon entering the meeting, please modify your entry on the participant list to reflect your full identification (full name and agency acronym).*** This additional information helps participants identify speakers in the webinar. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by following the connect to audio instructions on your screen, shown after joining the webinar.

The main meeting for the Enforcement Consultants (EC) will be held Wednesday June 23, at 8 a.m. and the EC will have additional sessions as needed on an ad hoc basis Thursday June 24 through Saturday June 26, and Monday June 28 through Tuesday, June 29. Ad hoc sessions scheduled during that period and the times for those sessions will be posted on the EC webinar screen and/or the Council's June meeting website.

Enclosed are materials for items on the EC Agenda and additional items that might be of interest to you. In particular, the additional items include materials related to the regional operating agreement and committee memberships, which are not currently included on your agenda. ***The regional operating agreement is currently at a conceptual level; and under committee memberships the Council will be considering committee composition, including composition of the EC.*** Your agenda allows you to add these and other items from the Council agenda, if you should decide there are other issues on which you would like to comment.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda
2. EC Agenda
3. CPSAS Agenda
4. CPSMT Agenda
5. GAP Agenda
6. GMT Agenda
7. HC Agenda
8. HMSAS Agenda
9. HMSMT Agenda

***Highly Migratory Species Management***

10. F.3 Exempted Fishing Permits
11. F.5 Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps

***Groundfish Management***

12. G.2 Fixed Gear Catch Share Review – Scoping
13. G.3 Electronic Monitoring Update
14. G.6 2023-2024 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Planning
15. G.7 Inseason Adjustments – Final Action

***Administrative Matters***

16. C.5 Regional Operating Agreement
17. C.9 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
18. C.10 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

***Other Information***

19. Informational Report 1, 2020 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Science Report (***Electronic Only***)
20. Informational Report 2, FY20 Annual Enforcement Report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, West Coast Enforcement Division, June 2021
21. Informational Report 3, North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) Activity Status Report to PFMC Rich Lincoln, May 2021
22. Informational Report 4, Pacific Fisheries Management Council 2020-2021 PIER Research Update
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2021

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

FROM: Mr. Todd Phillips, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2021 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet via webinar [June 21-26 & 28-30, 2021](#). The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will convene their sessions starting Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn on Tuesday, June 29, 2021. There are no meetings scheduled for Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All meetings are open to the public and a once-daily opportunity for public comment is scheduled on the GMT and GAP agendas.

Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2021 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. Please enter your full name (including your Agency acronym, if appropriate) when prompted on the webinar entry screen. This additional information helps others identify speakers in the webinar.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest. The briefing book materials attached to this memorandum provide detailed information for these items on the Council's June 2021 agenda. The following agenda items summarized below may, however, be of particular interest to the GMT and GAP.

#### **C.2 Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology – Scoping**

The Council is scheduled to review its fishery management plans (FMP) for [standardized bycatch reporting methodologies](#) (SBRM) and scope potential amendments to the FMPs in order to be consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) provisions. The GAP and GMT should review the [groundfish FMP](#) and note if the SBRM section reflects current practices. Recommendations from the GAP and the GMT will assist the Council to ensure it is meeting the requirements of the MSA.

#### **C.3 Update on Executive Order 14008**

The Council will receive an update on [Executive Order \(EO\) 14008](#): Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. The GMT and GAP should be familiar with EO sections 216(a) – *which*

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*specifies conserving 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030, 216(c) – which focuses on NMFS responsibilities to collect information from fishermen, Councils, etc. for climate resilient fisheries, and the findings of the National Climate Task Force report “[Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful](#).”* The Council has provided written correspondence to the Secretary of Commerce regarding [§216\(a\)](#) and the Acting Administrator for National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding [§216\(c\)](#) in April and May, respectively. Additionally, the Council will be briefed on the Council Coordinating Committee’s establishment of an [Area-Based Management Subcommittee](#) (slide 6) that will coordinate how Regional Councils approach this EO.

#### **C.4 Marine Planning**

Under this agenda item, the Council will be updated on current marine planning issues, including recent BOEM decisions on offshore wind energy. The Council will consider how it should proceed with engaging marine planning issues and may discuss if there is a need to create a new advisory body or to modify an existing advisory body to address marine planning issues.

#### **C.4 Regional Operating Agreement**

The Council will consider plans to revise the Regional Operating Agreement (ROA) between the Council and NMFS West Coast Region. The ROA, briefly, defines the roles and responsibilities of NMFS and Council staff when developing and finalizing Council actions. The revisions to this agreement are designed to improve process efficiency and efficacy. Please review the briefing book documents and consider scheduling time for this topic at the November 2021 Council meeting when the Council will review an updated ROA for potential adoption.

#### **C.9 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

The Council may consider changes to the Council Membership Roster, including, advisory body membership, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP) or the Council’s Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP). The GMT and GAP should examine their current make-up and determine if changes are needed to better facilitate the needs of the Council.

#### **G.2 Fixed Gear Catch Share Scoping**

The Council initiated scoping of the Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) [permit stacking program review](#) at its September 2020 meeting. The Council will continue with scoping the review at this meeting. This review will, in part, determine if the goals and objectives of [Amendment 14](#), the MSA, and NMFS catch share review [Procedural Directive](#), are being met. In particular, advisory bodies should consider the questions provided in the draft review document (Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1, June 2021) and make recommendations accordingly.

#### **G.3 Electronic Monitoring Update**

The Council will receive an update implementation of the West Coast Electronic Monitoring Program. In addition, NMFS will provide an overview of a new Procedural Directive (PD) regarding the applicability of several Federal Acts (e.g., MSA confidentiality rules, Federal Records Act, Freedom of Information Act, etc.) to the program and participants. Advisory bodies could recommend further guidance to the Council on the implementation of this program and the PD.

#### **G.3 Endangered Species Workgroup Report**

The Council will receive a report from the Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup (GESW). This report will serve to inform the Council on potential actions and/or management measures they

should develop to meet the Terms and Conditions of the Biological Opinions for humpback whale, eulachon, leatherback turtle, short-tailed albatross, and green sturgeon. The GMT and GAP should review the GESW report and consider recommending management measures, as appropriate, to the Council based on the GESW's recommendations.

#### **G.4 Adopt Stock Assessments**

The Council will consider the results of benchmark stock assessments for spiny dogfish and Dover sole, an update assessment for sablefish, and length-based data moderate assessments for copper rockfish, quillback rockfish, and squarespot rockfish at this meeting. The Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee (SSC) will review and discuss these assessments during their meeting held June 21 and June 22, 2021. The full SSC will decide their final recommendations on June 23, 2021. The Council may adopt these assessments, and relevant analyses, to set groundfish harvest specifications for 2023 and beyond. Members of GMT and GAP should consider attending the June 21 & 22 SSC sessions and provide statements to the Council, as appropriate.

#### **G.7 2023-2024 Harvest Specifications and Management Measure Planning.**

The Council is scheduled to adopt the process and timeline that will be used in developing the 2023-2024 harvest specifications and management measures. This step in the biennial process is necessary to ensure deadlines are met so that the 2023-2024 groundfish regulations are enacted by January 1, 2023. The GMT and GAP should review this schedule and provide input to the Council as appropriate.

#### **G.6 Inseason Adjustments– Final Action**

The Council will consider progress to date of the groundfish fisheries as well as routine inseason adjustments to the 2021 fisheries, as necessary, to achieve conservation objectives under this agenda item. Recommendations related to inseason adjustments may be made under this agenda item.

#### **Other Items**

The GMT will host its pre-June Council meeting [webinar](#) on June 10, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week. Briefing materials for this meeting can also be accessed from the June 2021 Meeting briefing book webpage.

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

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment Items
3. Agenda Item C – Administrative
4. Agenda Item G – Groundfish Management
5. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
6. GAP Agenda
7. GMT Agenda
8. Scientific and Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
9. Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2021

TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species

SUBJECT: June 2021 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 21-26 and 28-30 by webinar. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Tuesday through Friday, June 22-25. HMS topics are on the Council agenda on Friday, June 25. Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2021 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. Upon entering the meeting, please modify your entry on the participant list to reflect your full identification (full name and affiliation). This additional information helps participants identify speakers in the webinar. Summaries of the five HMS topics and four Administrative items on the Council agenda are listed below.

#### F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will brief the Council on recent regulatory activities. NMFS has also submitted a paper prepared under the auspices of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission evaluating the likelihood of observer bias in the California drift gillnet fishery.

#### F.2 International Management Activities

Several regional fishery management organization meetings are scheduled to occur over the summer, prior to the September Council meeting. This agenda item will be an opportunity for the Council to get briefed on salient issues and consider recommendations for U.S. delegations to those meetings.

#### F.3 Exempted Fishing Permits – Preliminary Recommendations

Under its regular procedure, each year the Council preliminarily reviews exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications in June and makes final recommendations for issuance in September. Ten EFP applications have been received this year. Seven of these applications are for the use of standard and / or linked deep-set buoy gear. Previously, the Council considered such applications through

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an expedited, one meeting process and could exercise that option this year. The other three applications are for other gear configurations that would be subject to the regular two-meeting process.

#### F.4 Drift Gillnet Fishery Bycatch Performance Metrics Report

Since June 2017, the Council has been receiving an annual report from the HMSMT comparing estimated bycatch in the large mesh drift gillnet (DGN) fishery for selected species/species groups against performance metrics, although last year the report was not scheduled on the Council agenda. The HMSMT has submitted a report containing updated estimates for the 2018 and 2019 calendar years for finfish species and species groups, marine mammals, and sea turtles. The Council will review those estimates and consider whether any management response is warranted.

#### F.5 Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps – Scoping / Range of Alternatives

The Council took final action in September 2015 on a proposal that included “hard caps” for selected protected species taken in the DGN fishery. The rulemaking process was protracted and confounded by litigation. Although regulations were implemented in 2020, a court order vacated them this year. Throughout the process NMFS has encouraged the Council to revisit its proposal to make it more consistent with legal mandates. This is the Council’s opportunity to consider what action it may wish to take to address the objective of bycatch reduction in the fishery in a legally viable way.

#### C.2 Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology - Scoping

The Council is scheduled to review its fishery management plans (FMP) for standardized bycatch reporting methodologies (SBRM) and scope potential amendments to the FMPs in order to be consistent with the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) provisions. The HMSMT will discuss the scoping report and may provide recommendations to the Council relative to the HMS FMP.

#### C.4 Marine Planning

This topic follows on Council discussion at the April Council meeting. It is focused on discussing the Council’s preferred approach to addressing and responding to marine planning issues but also will be an opportunity to update the Council on recent Bureau of Ocean Energy Management activities.

#### C.5 Regional Operating Agreement

The Council will consider plans to revise the Regional Operating Agreement (ROA) between the Council and NMFS West Coast Region. The ROA defines the roles and responsibilities of NMFS and Council staff when developing and finalizing Council actions. The revisions to this agreement are designed to improve process efficiency and efficacy. Please review the June briefing book documents and consider scheduling time for this topic at the November 2021 Council meeting when the Council will review an updated ROA for potential adoption.

C.9 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

Although this is a standing item on Council agenda, it is especially salient this year because three-year terms on Advisory Subpanels expire at the end of 2021 and new three-year terms begin in 2022. This would be an opportunity for the HMSAS to make recommendations on changes in its composition with respect to the designation of seats for the upcoming term.

In addition to the previous topics, you may wish to provide comments on scheduling HMS topics at future Council meetings under Agenda Item C.10, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

Also note that the Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research has submitted a report on its recent research activities, which is included as Information Report 4.

In addition to the enclosed briefing materials, you may obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website as they become available after distribution of the advance briefing book. Public comment is available only in electronic form through the Council's [e-portal](#). Visit the [June 2021 Meeting webpage](#) to access these materials.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Items F: Highly Migratory Species Management
3. Agenda Items C: Administrative Matters
4. HMSAS and HMSMT Meeting Agendas
5. Informational Reports
6. Council Roster

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2021

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Robin Ehlke, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2021 Council Meeting

In conjunction with the June Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting, the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), will meet online on Tuesday, June 22, starting at 8:00 a.m. The MEW will not meet for the June meeting. The Ad-Hoc Southern Oregon Northern California Coast Coho (SONCC) Workgroup is not scheduled to meet; however, the Chair of the SONCC Workgroup will attend to present a report on June 24, and key members of the team will present analytical data to the Scientific and Statistical Committee on June 23. The June 2021 Council meeting will be held online, and will be in session Thursday through Saturday (June 24-26), and Monday through Wednesday (June 28-30). No meetings are scheduled for Sunday (June 27). The Council Agenda for the June meeting has one salmon topic and a variety of other topics of interest scheduled.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [June 2021 Meeting](#) webpage prior to the first day of the meeting. Upon entering the meeting, please modify your entry on the participant list to reflect your full identification (full name and affiliation). This additional information helps participants identify speakers in the webinar.

On Thursday, June 24, The Council will be briefed on the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methods scoping work (Agenda Item C.2), Habitat Issues (D.1), and Salmon (Agenda Item E.1) will wrap up Day-1.

Under salmon Agenda Item E.1, the SONCC Workgroup will provide an updated Risk Assessment and a Range of Alternatives (ROA) for harvest control rules. This is part of the Endangered Species Act consultation process, and the Council may adopt the ROA for public review.

On Tuesday, June 29, NMFS will provide an update on the status of Executive Order 14008 (Agenda Item C.3), Marine Planning (Agenda Item C.4), and progress on the preliminary Regional Operating Agreement (Agenda Item C.5). The Regional Operating Agreement is a topic of interest especially for management and technical teams. Please familiarize yourself with the material, as the Council will likely adopt the final Regional Operating Agreement in November.

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On Wednesday, June 30, the Council will discuss Legislative Matters (C.7), Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures (Agenda Item C.9), and future Council meeting agendas and workload (Agenda Item C.10). Under Agenda Item C.9, the composition of the Advisory Bodies (AB) are scheduled for Council review. Any AB that wishes to discuss membership composition should comment in June. Should the Council propose changes to AB compositions, those changes will go out for public review with final action in September. As a reminder, the Council will be soliciting nominations for the next three-year term (2022-24) between the September and November Council meetings, with final appointments in November 2021.

Please take the necessary time needed to review and familiarize yourself with briefing materials thoroughly before the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance in the Council's salmon management process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.2, C3, C4, C5, C7, C9, C10 – Council Administrative Matters
3. Agenda Item D.1 – Habitat Issues
4. Agenda Items E.1 – Salmon Management
5. Informational Reports
6. Proposed SAS Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2021

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2021 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 21-26, 28-30, 2021 via webinar. The Groundfish Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22, starting at 8 a.m. each day. The full SSC will meet on Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24, starting at 8 a.m. each day. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's June 2021 Meeting webpage prior to the first day of the meeting. Upon entering the meeting, please modify your entry on the participant list to reflect your full identification (full name and affiliation). This additional information helps participants identify speakers in the webinar. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will review any nominations for vacant management or technical team seats that may come in before the June Council meeting.

Under Agenda Item C.5, the Council will consider plans to revise the Regional Operating Agreement (ROA) between the Council and NMFS West Coast Region. The ROA defines the roles and responsibilities of NMFS and Council staff when developing and finalizing Council actions. The revisions to this agreement are designed to improve process efficiency and efficacy. Please review the June briefing book documents and consider scheduling time for this topic at the November 2021 Council meeting when the Council will review an updated ROA for potential adoption.

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The current three-year Advisory Body term ends December 31, 2021. The June meeting (Agenda Item C.9) is the first of three Council sessions to address appointments for the 2022-2024 term. Every third year in June, the Council is scheduled to review the composition of all term-limited Advisory Body positions (including SSC at-large positions) and adopt proposed changes for public review. Every third year in September, the Council adopts final changes to Advisory Body compositions and solicits nominations for final consideration and appointments for the next term at the November Council meeting.

The SSC will review relevant fishery management plan mandates and Council Operating Procedures and discuss their role in reviewing salmon forecasts and identify issues in need of clarification. This matter is closely related to the development of a regional framework on the determination of best scientific information available which is scheduled for preliminary Council review at its September meeting. The SSC will discuss this and other future workload planning matters and will report to the Council on their plans under Agenda Item C.10.

The SSC will continue discussion with Dr. Jim Hastie and Ms. Sarah Shoffler, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers, respectively on developing a regional framework for deciding best scientific information available (BSIA). This framework is anticipated to be considered by the Council at their September 2021 in advance of a 2022 deadline to finalize the framework. The SSC will report their recommendations in September.

#### Salmon Management

The Council is in the process of developing a harvest control rule (HCR) for Endangered Species Act listed Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho. An ad hoc SONCC Workgroup was formed last year to develop a range of alternative HCRs and the SSC will review the technical aspects of the Workgroup's Risk Assessment of these alternatives. The SSC will report their recommendations under Agenda Item E.1.

#### Groundfish Management

The SSC will review and consider endorsing new groundfish stock assessments for Dover sole, spiny dogfish, sablefish, copper rockfish, quillback rockfish, and squarespot rockfish as best scientific information available for management decision-making for fisheries in 2023 and beyond. The SSC will consider the recommendations of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee and will report their recommendations under Agenda Item G.5.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will review a catch-only projection update of Pacific mackerel and consider endorsing the projection update as best scientific information available. The SSC will also consider the results of the projection update and recommend overfishing limits for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fishing seasons under Agenda Item H.2.

The SSC will review a draft management framework for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) developed by the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team. The management framework applies certain triggers and mechanisms to guide when the CSNA stock should be

assessed and whether harvest management measures should be revised. The SSC will report their recommendations under Agenda Item H.3.

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

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Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.5 – Regional Operating Agreement
3. Agenda Item C.9 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item C.10 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Salmon Management

5. Agenda Item E.1 – Southern Oregon Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species Act Consultation

Groundfish Management

6. Agenda Item G.5 – Adopt Stock Assessments

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

7. Agenda Item H.2 – Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures
8. Agenda Item H.3 – Management Framework for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy

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

9. June 2021 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
10. June 2021 SSC Agenda
11. Draft April 2021 SSC Minutes
12. Closed Session
13. Informational Reports
14. General Information and Council Roster