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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2021
TO: Enforcement Consultants
FROM: Jim Seger Staff Officer
SUBJECT: September 2021 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 8-11 and 13-15, 2021, via webinar. No meetings will be held on Sunday, September 12th. All meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity each day for public comment.

Instructions for how to connect to Advisory Body webinars will be posted on the Council's [September 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, September 8, at 8 a.m. and the EC will have additional sessions as needed on an ad hoc basis Thursday, September 9 through Saturday, September 11, and Monday, September 13 through Tuesday, September 14. 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 September 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 Pacific Whiting Utilization in the At-Sea Sectors and the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species Act Consultation, which are not currently included on your agenda. 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.

JLS:kma

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.5, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda
2. EC Agenda
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021

TO: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, Ecosystem Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2021 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 8-11 and 13-15, 2021, by webinar. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet Thursday-Friday, September 9-10, and the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will meet Friday, September 10. Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars will be posted on the Council's [September 2021 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting. Two ecosystem topics are on the Council agenda. Summaries of these agenda items and other topics of interest follow.

H.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review

The EWG has provided a final draft of the revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) for Council review per Council guidance in March (EWG Report 1). The Council also requested the EWG provide complete draft of the stand-alone document, *Guidance Document on Offshore Non-Fishing Activities*. The EWG intends to provide a complete draft in March 2022 but both advisory bodies may wish to provide updates and recommendations for its completion in addition to any comments on the FEP draft.

Aside from these documents, in March 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. The EWG could consider this concept and report to the Council on its development with the aim of providing a description of a candidate initiative in March 2022.

The EWG has scheduled a meeting on September 2, which will include an overview of the contents of the final draft FEP for other Council advisory bodies and the public.

H.2 Climate and Communities Initiative

In March, the Council reviewed a summary report of outcomes from the climate change scenario planning exercise conducted in 2020 and early 2021. It directed the Ad Hoc Climate and

Communities Core Team (CCCT) to prepare a report on outcomes of the Climate and Communities Initiative for this Council meeting, which may be found in the briefing materials as CCCT Report 1. The report discusses progress on the Climate and Communities Initiative and outlines various potential future activities flowing from the initiative. At the direction of the Council, the CCCT scheduled a briefing for other Council advisory bodies and the public on September 2.

In addition to the previous topics, the Council will consider marine planning issues under Agenda Item E.1. In June, the Council established the Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) to lead the formulation of advice on these issues. The MPC is composed of representatives from advisory subpanels and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Scott McMullen serves on the MPC for the EAS. Yvonne de Reynier represents NMFS but is also on the EWG. The MPC is scheduled to meet on September 1 to develop recommendations for the Council. These representatives will brief their respective advisory bodies on MPC deliberations and recommendations.

You also may wish to provide comments on scheduling ecosystem-related topics at future Council meetings under Agenda Item E.7, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

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 [September 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.5: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Items H: Ecosystem Management
3. Agenda Items E: Administrative Matters
4. EAS and EWG Meeting Agendas
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021

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

FROM: Mr. Todd Phillips, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2021 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet via webinar September 8-11 & 13-15, 2021. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will convene their sessions starting Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. All meetings are open to the public. Advisory bodies will have once-daily opportunity for public comment scheduled on their agendas. Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars will be posted on the Council's [September 2021 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest. The following summarizes agenda items that may be of particular interest. The briefing book materials attached to this memorandum provide detailed information for these items on the Council's September 2021 agenda.

C.2 Pacific Whiting Utilization in the At-Sea Sectors

The Council is scheduled to adopt a range of alternatives (ROA) for public review at this meeting. This action considers whiting season start date, mothership processor obligations, mothership processor cap, and mothership processor and catcher-processor permit transfers.

C.4 Electronic Monitoring – Final Action

Under this agenda item the Council will discuss several elements of the Electronic Monitoring (EM) program. As part of this action, the Council may consider requesting NMFS delay implementation and issue extensions to current EM Exempted Fishing Permits. Additionally, NMFS is expected to report on the use of catch share cost recovery funds to support review and storage of EM data

C.5 Sablefish Gear Switching

The Council is scheduled to adopt an ROA for this action at this meeting. At their April meeting the Council adopted a maximum gear switching limit of 29 percent of the trawl sector's northern

sablefish allocation. However, as the alternatives are currently described, there is potential that be only a few options meet the Council's adopted 29 percent maximum gear switching goal. The Council will need to consider the degree of certainty that it would like in achieving that goal and whether the goal applies to all potential gear switchers or a subgroup – such as those receiving opportunities for legacy gear switchers. The GMT and GAP should consider providing guidance regarding this and other issues related to sablefish gear switching, as appropriate.

C.6 Adopt Stock Assessments

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will review the benchmark stock assessments for lingcod and vermilion rockfish as part of their September 8 & 9th, 2021 session. The SSC is expected to make recommendations to the Council regarding these assessments and other groundfish harvest specifications for the 2023-2024 biennial management cycle .

C.8 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 items. This item is the opportunity for stakeholders to request changes to current inseason management.

C.9 2023-2024 Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Actions for 2023-2024 Management

In June, the Council adopted a process and schedule for the 2023-2024 groundfish fisheries harvest specifications and management measures (see [Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 1, June 2021](#)). The Council will begin assessing groundfish harvest specifications and providing input on new management measures at this meeting. Specifically, the Council's tasks include adopting overfishing limits, a range of acceptable biological catches, a preliminary range of annual catch limits, and a preliminary range of new management measures for 2023-2024 fisheries.

E.1 Marine Planning

The Council is scheduled to hear from the *ad hoc* Marine Planning Committee and consider current offshore wind energy related issues. This agenda item will also review the current Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's offshore wind energy Call areas off of California, Oregon, and Washington.

E.5 Standardized Bycatch Reporting

The Council is scheduled to adopt the range of alternatives for [Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology](#) (SBRM) for each of its fishery management plans (FMP) at this meeting. The GMT and GAP should review the Groundfish FMP SBRM section and make recommendations to the Council regarding potential updates, corrections, etc., as appropriate.

G.1 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations

At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to develop recommendations for changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and annual regulations for Area 2A. This Agenda Item is the opportunity for stakeholders to provide input regarding potential options under consideration by the Council.

G.2 Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2022

As part of the International Halibut Commission (IPHC)/ PFMC Area 2A management transition plan process, the Council seeks stakeholder input regarding regulation changes for the Area 2A Non-Indian Directed Pacific Halibut Fishery at this meeting. The Council will finalize their recommendations at their November meeting and forward them to the IPHC, as appropriate.

H.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review

The Council is scheduled to receive a final draft of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) at this meeting. This report updates the FEP based on Council and advisory body recommendations from the March 2021 meeting.

H.2 Climate and Communities Initiative

At the March 2021 meeting, the Council directed the Ad Hoc Climate and Communities Core Team (CCCT) to develop a summary of the [Report on Regional Workshops focusing on the Implications of Climate Change for West Coast Fisheries and Fishing Communities](#). This summary concentrates on the priority actions and recommendations for future Council investigations.

Other Items

Three upcoming webinars may be of interest to the public, GAP, and GMT members. Attendance information can be found by selecting the hyperlinks or via the [Council's webpage](#).

- The GMT will host its pre-September Council meeting [webinar on August 31, 2021](#) to discuss items on the September Council agenda.
- The Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee will host a [webinar on September 1, 2021](#) to consider information related to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's planning process for offshore energy leases off the West Coast.
- The EWG and the CCT Team will host a joint [webinar on September 2, 2021](#) to discuss the revised draft of the FEP and the recommendations of Climate and Communities Initiative report.

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 [September 2021 Meeting 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.5 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment Items
3. Agenda Item C – Groundfish Management
4. Agenda Item E.1 – Marine Planning
5. Agenda Item E.3 – Legislative Matters
6. Agenda Item E.5 – Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology
7. Agenda Item E.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
8. Agenda Item E.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning
9. Agenda Item G – Pacific Halibut
10. Agenda Item H – Ecosystem
11. Agenda Item I – Habitat Issues
12. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 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: September 2021 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 8-11 and 13-15 by webinar. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) will meet Thursday through Saturday, September 9-11 and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Thursday through Saturday, September 9-11 and Monday-Tuesday, September 13-14. HMS topics are on the Council agenda on Saturday, September 11. Instructions for how to connect to advisory body webinars will be posted on the Council's [September 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 three HMS topics and other items of interest on the Council agenda are listed below.

D.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

National Marine Fisheries Service will brief the Council on recent regulatory activities.

D.2 International Management Activities

Several regional fishery management organization meetings occurred over the summer or will occur prior to the November 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 upcoming meetings.

D.3 Exempted Fishing Permits – Final 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 were received and reviewed in June. Seven applications for the use of standard and / or linked deep-set buoy gear were recommended for issuance by the Council in June using an expedited, one-meeting process. Three applications, for other gear configurations or uses, are subject to the regular two-meeting process and the Council will take final action at this meeting.

E.5 Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology – Range of Alternatives

The Council is scheduled to review proposed amendment language for its fishery management plans (FMPs) to address the requirement that FMPs establish a standardized bycatch reporting methodology (SBRM) and identify the required procedure or procedures that constitute the SBRM ([50 CFR 600 subpart R](#)). Agenda Item E.5, Attachment 1, contains proposed amended text for the HMS FMP. The HMSMT and HMSAS may wish to comment on, and propose revisions to, the draft text.

In addition to the previous topics, the Council will consider marine planning issues under Agenda Item E.1. In June the Council established the Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) to lead the formulation of advice on these issues. The MPC is composed of representatives from advisory subpanels including Mike Conroy from the HMSAS. The MPC is scheduled to meet on September 1 to develop recommendations for the Council. Mike Conroy will brief the HMSAS, and interested members of the HMSMT, on MPC deliberations and recommendations.

Time permitting, the HMSAS and HMSMT may wish to comment on the two ecosystem items on the September agenda. Under Agenda Item H.1, the Council will review a final complete draft of the revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). Under Agenda Item H.2, the Council will consider a report from the Ad Hoc Climate and Communities Core Team (CCCT) on outcomes of the FEP Climate and Communities Initiative and potential follow-on activities. The CCCT and Ecosystem Workgroup are holding online briefings covering these topics for Council advisory body members and the public on September 2. HMSAS and HMSMT members are encouraged to attend those briefings to help inform consideration of any recommendations. See the Council website for more information on those meetings.

In addition to the previous topics, you may wish to provide comments on scheduling HMS topics at future Council meetings under Agenda Item E.7, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

Two extra days (September 13-14) are scheduled on the HMSMT agenda to consider two potential topics on the November Council meeting agenda: adoption of a range of alternatives for drift gillnet fishery hard caps and topics related to the Swordfish Monitoring and Management Plan. In June, the Council requested the HMSMT further develop a range of alternatives for fishery hard caps adopted by the Council. With respect to the latter topic, it may be recalled that when the Council last considered authorizing a pelagic shallow-set longline fishery in November 2019, [the Council directed the HMSMT to provide additional information on shallow-set longline fisheries and the U.S. market for swordfish](#). The HMSMT may wish review these assignments and discuss addressing them, should they be scheduled on the November agenda.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.5: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Items D: Highly Migratory Species Management
3. Agenda Items E: Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item H: Ecosystem Management
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2021

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

FROM: Robin Ehlke, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2021 Council Meeting

In conjunction with the June Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting, the Salmon Technical Team (STT) will meet online on Friday, September 10 and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet online on Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10; meetings will start at 8:00 a.m. The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) is not scheduled to meet, however the Chair of the MEW will attend to update the Scientific and Statistical Committee (September 8), discuss salmon methodology topics with the STT (September 10) and provide information to the Council (September 11), as needed. 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 to the Council on September 11.

The September 2021 Council meeting will be held via webinar and will be in session Thursday through Saturday (September 9-11), and Monday through Wednesday (September 13-15). No meetings are scheduled for Sunday (September 12). The Council Agenda for the September meeting has three salmon topics and a variety of other topics of interest scheduled.

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On Thursday, September 9, the Council will discuss Groundfish Agenda Item C.3 which addresses Pacific Whiting Utilization in the At-Sea Sectors. This topic may be of interest to some SAS members. To prepare for discussion, interested SAS members should listen-in on the Groundfish Management Team online meeting (August 31) as they prepare for the September meeting. If needed, SAS members should try to have a draft statement ready for discussion with the SAS on Thursday, as the agenda item is on the Council floor later that day.

On Saturday, September 11, The Council will be briefed on Marine Planning (Agenda Item E.1) and finish the day with Salmon Management (Agenda Item F). Under salmon Agenda Item F.1,

National Marine Fisheries Service will update the Council on various aspects of salmon management, including regulations and research topics. Salmon Methodology Review (Agenda Item F.2) will follow, where the Council is slated to identify priority project selection from the four topics recommended for review at the [April 2021](#) Council meeting. Lastly, under Agenda Item F.3 the SONCC Workgroup will provide an updated Risk Assessment and a Range of Alternatives (ROA) for harvest control rules based on guidance provided by the Council in June 2021. The Council may adopt the refined ROAs for public review, with a final preferred alternative currently scheduled for adoption in November 2021.

On Monday, September 13, the Council will start the day with the Pacific Halibut. Consistent with Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9, the Council considers changes to the Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) and annual regulations in September and November of every year. The Council also considers changes to the annual regulations for the commercial -directed halibut fishery under the same schedule. Recommendations for change are adopted at the September meeting for public review, and final recommendations are adopted at the November Council meeting. For 2022, Agenda Item G.1 will cover changes to the CSP, and Agenda Item G.2 will cover changes to the commercial directed fishery regulations. The Council will finish the day with Ecosystem Management, discussing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan five-year review (Agenda Item H.1) and the Climate and Communities Initiative (Agenda Item H.2). The Ad Hoc Climate and Communities Core Team and the Ecosystem Workgroup are holding online briefings covering these ecosystem topics for Council advisory body members and the public on September 2. Advisory Body members are encouraged to attend those briefings to help inform consideration of any recommendations. See the Council website for more information on those meetings.

On Tuesday, September 14, topics of interest include Council discussion on Habitat Issues under Agenda Item I.1, and Initial Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measure Actions for 2023-2024 Management under Agenda Item C.8. Again, some SAS members may be interested in providing a statement on this topic, so the SAS will be briefed on this as part of their agenda.

On Wednesday, September 15 (Day Last), the Council will discuss Legislative Matters (Agenda Item E.3), Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (Agenda Item E.5), Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures (Agenda Item E.6), and future Council meeting agendas and workload planning (Agenda Item E.7). In June, the Council looked at the COPs referring to the composition of the Advisory Bodies and proposed some changes but none that will affect the SAS composition. 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 time necessary 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.5 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.3, C.8 – Groundfish
3. Agenda Item E.1, E.3, E.5, E.6, E.7 – Council Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Items F.1-F.3 – Salmon Management
5. Agenda Item G.1, G.2 – Pacific Halibut Management
6. Agenda Item H.1, H.2 – Ecosystem Management
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2021 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 8-11, 13-15, 2021 via webinar. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 9, starting at 8 a.m. each day. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

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Council Administrative Matters

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

The SSC will discuss a proposed change to Council Operating Procedure 4 to allow at-large Scientific and Statistical Committee members to request an alternate and will report their recommendations to the Council under Agenda Item E.6.

The SSC will discuss future workload planning matters and will report to the Council on their plans under Agenda Item E.7.

Groundfish Management

The SSC will review and consider endorsing new groundfish stock assessments for lingcod and vermilion and sunset rockfishes, as well as new catch-only projections for arrowtooth flounder,

petrale sole, canary rockfish, and darkblotched rockfish. The SSC will also report their recommendations on the spiny dogfish assessment and the California assessments for copper rockfish, quillback rockfish, and squarespot rockfish based on the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's August 17 review of further analyses and data explorations requested by the Council in June. The SSC will report their recommendations on these assessments as best scientific information available for management decision-making for fisheries in 2023 and beyond under Agenda Item C.8.

Salmon Management

The SSC will report their recommendations on salmon methodology topics to be reviewed later this year under Agenda Item F.2.

Ecosystem Management

The SSC will review a revised draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan and will provide their recommendations to the Council under Agenda Item H.1.

The SSC will review outcomes of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Community Initiative, provide guidance on the development of related future activities, and identify related candidate initiatives in their recommendations to the Council under Agenda Item H.2.

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.5 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item E.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item E.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Groundfish Management

4. Agenda Item C.2 – Stock Assessment Methodology Review
5. Agenda Item C.6 – Adopt Stock Assessments
6. Agenda Item C.8 – Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measure Actions for 2023-2024 Management

Salmon Management

7. Agenda Item F.2 – Methodology Review - Final Topic Selection

Ecosystem Management

8. Agenda Item H.1 – Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review
9. Agenda Item H.2 – Climate and Communities Initiative – Final

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

10. September 2021 SSC Agenda
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