



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2022

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

FROM: Jessi Doerpinghaus, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2022 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in person from June 8-14, 2022. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will convene June 8 and June 9. The Council is scheduled to take up CPS matters on June 9 and the majority of the CPSMT and CPSAS will likely attend those Council sessions. As time allows, both advisory bodies may reconvene after the Council has completed those agenda items. Major topics for discussion at this meeting are below. For more detailed information, please refer to the situation summaries in the Briefing Book materials.

#### **Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) Stock Assessment and Harvest Specifications (D.1)**

The Council adopted a process in June 2021 to periodically evaluate harvest reference points such as overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch of CSNA. A [framework and flowchart](#) describes that process and schedule in Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9. A benchmark stock assessment for CSNA was completed in December 2021 and will be reviewed by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) at the June meeting. The CPSMT and CPSAS should consider making recommendations on the annual catch limit and any necessary management measures at the June 2022 meeting.

#### **Stock Assessment Terms of Reference – Preliminary (D.2)**

In March 2022, the Council recommended that separate stock assessment terms of reference (TOR) be developed for groundfish and CPS. The SSC CPS subcommittee provide an initial draft for Council review. The CPSMT and CPSAS should consider providing input to the Council on the preliminary TOR. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) is expected to provide an update on two proposed workshops related to the Pacific sardine stock assessment.

### **Essential Fish Habitat Phase 2 Action Plan (D.3)**

The Council, NMFS West Coast Region, and the SWFSC launched a review of CPS Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) in October 2020 and completed Phase 1 at its April 2021 meeting. Members of the CPSMT and the SWFSC have continued to work on potential revisions to the CPS EFH and have provided an action plan in the advanced Briefing Book materials for the Council to consider.

### **Marine Planning (C.3)**

The Marine Planning Committee (MPC) will meet via webinar on May 24 to discuss a draft comment letter on the Oregon Call Areas and the draft policy/guidance document on marine planning based on the March 2022 Council agenda item. Additionally, the MPC will be discussing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Aquaculture Opportunity Areas. A supplemental report will be produced by the MPC for review and comment by the CPSMT and CPSAS.

### **Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (C.7)**

In April 2022, the Council directed Council staff to examine changes to COP 23 on CPS Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) that would have the CPSMT conduct an initial review of EFP applications and identify any scientific or experimental design elements of the EFP application that need SSC review. The CPSMT and CPSAS should review the staff proposed changes and offer recommendations to the Council.

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#### Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item D – Coastal Pelagic Species Management
4. Agenda Item C – Administrative Matters
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2022  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: June 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 8-14, 2022 at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel, 301 West Sixth Street, Vancouver, Washington, telephone: 360-993-4500 (except that the Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet via webinar). All meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity each day for public comment.

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Heritage C Room on Wednesday, June 8 starting at 2 p.m.; and the EC will have additional sessions as needed on an ad hoc basis Thursday, June 9 through Monday, June 13.

Enclosed are materials for items on the EC Agenda and additional items that might be of interest. The EC agenda allows the addition of other items from the Council agenda, if the EC should decide there are other issues on which it would like to comment.

Please join us for the Chair's Reception in the Heritage Foyer on Friday, June 10th at 6 p.m.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda
  2. Agenda Items C: Administrative Matters
  3. Agenda Items F: Groundfish Management
  4. Agenda Items G: Highly Migratory Species Management
  5. EC Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2022

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

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet in person [June 8-14, 2022](#) at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. Sixth Street, Vancouver, WA 98660. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will convene their sessions starting Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn on Monday, June 13, 2022. All meetings are open to the public.

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 2022 agenda. The following agenda items summarized below, however, may be of particular interest to the GMT and GAP. Please note that the Council will continue to encourage participants to obtain briefing book materials via our website. Printed materials may not be available at the meeting.

#### **E.2 Limited Entry Fixed Gear Catch Share Program Review**

The Council adopted the draft review of the limited entry fixed gear permit stacking program for public review in March 2022 which is found on the [Groundfish Fishery Management Plan \(FMP\) Amendment 14 web page](#). Comments on the public review draft should be provided for the June 2022 Council meeting when the Council is scheduled to take final action to adopt the review and provide guidance on the timing of the next program review.

#### **E.3 Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference – Final Action**

The Council is scheduled to adopt the list and schedule of new groundfish stock assessments anticipated to be conducted in 2023, which will be used to inform the harvest specifications and management measures decisions for groundfish fisheries in 2025 and beyond. The list of candidate species for full assessment in 2023 are black rockfish, petrale sole, copper rockfish, quillback rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish or roughey and blackspotted rockfishes. Longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead, English sole, and rex sole are slated for data-moderate assessments and catch-only projections are proposed for cowcod, spiny dogfish, and yelloweye rockfish. The

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Council is scheduled to adopt the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the groundfish stock assessment review process, a TOR groundfish rebuilding analyses, and TOR for groundfish and CPS methodology reviews.

#### **F.4 Stock Definitions – Scoping**

At the March 2022 meeting, the Council received notice from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding status determinations of certain stocks of groundfish, and the inability to make status determinations due to a lack of specificity in the groundfish FMP regarding the definition of stocks and whether they are in need of conservation and management. In response, the Council decided to pursue development of an FMP amendment, separate from the 2023-2024 harvest specifications and management measures process, which would more clearly define those groundfish stocks and complexes in need of conservation and management. At this meeting, the Council will initiate the scoping for this process.

#### **F.5 Sablefish Gear Switching**

At the September 2021 meeting, the Council adopted a range of action alternatives that would limit sablefish gear switching in the trawl individual fishing quota fishery, in addition to the no action alternative. These action alternatives would create gear-specific quota shares for northern sablefish (trawl-only and any-gear quota) or establish gear-switching endorsements that would be placed on trawl limited entry permits along with gear switching limits. Since September, staff have identified a number of questions that need to be resolved before the analysis can proceed. This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Council and its advisory bodies to offer further guidance regarding the alternatives and any other related issues concerning this action.

#### **F.6 Exempted Fishing Permits, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for 2023-2024 Fisheries – Final Action**

Under this action, the Council is scheduled to adopt final specifications for quillback rockfish and adopt final preferred routine management measures alternatives for 2023-2024 fisheries, including a suite of new management measures. Routine measures include adjustments to trip limits, Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) boundary updates, and allocations. The new management measures include changing the end date of the primary ‘tier’ sablefish fishery, modifying regulations to allow fishing in the non-trawl RCA, and bag limits for quillback rockfish, copper rockfish, and vermilion rockfish off of California. The Council will also adopt final recommendations on exempted fishing permits for 2023-2024 and will forward them to the NMFS for implementation.

#### **F.7 Inseason Adjustments– Final Action**

The Council will consider progress to date of the groundfish fisheries as well as routine inseason adjustments to the 2022 fisheries, as necessary, to achieve conservation objectives under this agenda item. Recommendations related to inseason adjustments may be made under this agenda item.

#### **C.3 Marine Planning**

Under this agenda item, the Council will be updated on current marine planning issues, including recent Bureau of Ocean Energy Management decisions on offshore wind energy. The Council may discuss and consider these and other related items: Oregon Call Areas, a proposed policy document on offshore development, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aquaculture Opportunity Areas. If the GAP and GMT intend to submit reports under this agenda

item, they should focus on the Marine Planning Committee's recommendations and flag any important omissions.

### **Other Items**

The GMT will host a two-day [webinar](#) on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. The 23<sup>rd</sup> and the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> will be a work session to complete Council directed tasks. On the afternoon of May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the GMT will hold its customary pre-Council webinar. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

The Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee will hold an [online meeting](#) Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Chair's Reception in the Heritage Foyer on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

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 2022 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 E – Habitat Issues
5. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
6. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
7. GAP Agenda
8. GMT Agenda
9. Scientific and Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
10. Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2022

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 2022 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 8-14 in Vancouver, Washington. Both the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) are scheduled to meet **in person**. The HMSAS will meet Friday through Sunday, June 10-12. The HMSMT will meet Thursday through Sunday, June 9-12. HMS topics are on the Council agenda on Sunday, March 12. Meeting information will be posted on the Council's [June 2022 Meeting webpage](#).

The HMSAS is also meeting online on Thursday, June 2 to review topics on the Council agenda and prepare for its in-person meeting.

Summaries of four HMS topics and other items of interest on the Council agenda are listed below.

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

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

#### G.2 International Management Activities

NMFS will report on three stakeholder workshops it held over the spring addressing management of North Pacific albacore and Pacific bluefin tuna. Upcoming regional fishery management organization (RFMO) meetings of interest include The International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), and the IATTC and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee (NC) Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (JWG). The date and venue of the next NC meeting has not been announced as of this writing but could occur before the September Council meeting. The draft executive summary from the ISC 2022 Pacific bluefin tuna stock assessment is included in your briefing materials for reference. The

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aforementioned RFMOs could take into account the results of the assessment in their actions. The Council has the opportunity to provide input to U.S. delegations to the meetings of these bodies.

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

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 20 lays out an annual June-September schedule for reviewing exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. According to COP 20, the HMSMT and HMSAS review EFP applications in June and make recommendations to the Council for action. Final action on EFPs then occurs at the September Council meeting. However, the Council has been following a one-meeting, expedited process for review and approval of deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFP applications. 14 EFP applications have been received for review in June. All of them propose using standard DSBG, linked DSBG, or modified, nonstandard DSBG configurations.

### G.4 Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps

At its June and November 2021 meetings the Council adopted a revised purpose and need statement and range of alternatives for a hard cap closure regime for the California large mesh drift gillnet (DGN) fishery. Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 1 includes descriptions of the purpose and need and range of alternatives for this action. The HMSMT submitted a report for the advance briefing book with a preliminary analysis of the effects of the alternatives. At this meeting the Council could further refine the range of alternatives and identify a preliminary preferred alternative, should it have sufficient information to do so.

### C.3 Marine Planning Update

The Council will consider marine planning issues under Agenda Item C.3. The Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) is meeting on May 24 to discuss several issues related to offshore wind energy development, including Oregon Call Areas and future lease sales off California, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aquaculture Opportunity Areas. The Committee intends to submit a supplemental report to the Council with its recommendations. The Council will finalize a comment letter on these topics and review a policy guidance document on these topics. Advisory body input has been incorporated into the draft letter and the draft policy document. If the HMSAS and HMSMT intend to submit reports under this agenda item, they should focus on the MPC recommendations and flag any important omissions.

In addition to the previous topics, you may wish to provide comments on scheduling HMS topics at future Council meetings under Agenda Item C.8, 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 [June 2022 Meeting webpage](#) to access these materials.

Please join us for the Chair's Reception in the Heritage Foyer on Friday, June 10th at 6 p.m.

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 C: Administrative Matters
3. Agenda Items G: Highly Migratory Species Management
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2022  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: June 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will conduct a hybrid meeting June 8-14 from Vancouver, Washington. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet **online** on Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 9, starting at 8 a.m. each day. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

Instructions for how to connect to Council and Advisory Body meetings will be posted on the Council's June 2022 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 the vacant SSC at-large seat and any vacant management or technical team seats that may come in before the June Council meeting. Your recommendations will be offered to the Council under the Council Closed Session on Thursday, June 9.

The SSC will discuss future workload planning matters and will report to the Council on this matter under Agenda Item C.8.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will review a new assessment for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA) and report recommendations under Agenda Item D.1. Dr. Peter Kuriyama, National Marine Fisheries Service-Southwest Fisheries Science Center, will attend the meeting to answer any questions on the assessment and Dr. André Punt, University of Washington, will answer any questions regarding the December 7-10, 2021 stock assessment review of the CSNA assessment. The SSC also is also tasked with proposing harvest specifications under the new [Council Operating Procedure 9 framework](#).

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The SSC will review a draft Terms of Reference for the Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Review Process for 2023-2024 and report recommendations to the Council under Agenda Item D.2.

### Groundfish Management

The SSC will review the limited entry fixed gear catch share program review document, including the research and data needs, and confirm if past SSC recommendations have been addressed. The SSC will report to the Council under Agenda Item F.2.

The SSC will review summary data informing 2023 and 2025 groundfish stock assessment priorities and a draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Process for 2023-2024 and report recommendations to the Council under Agenda Item F.3. Dr. Jim Hastie will attend to answer any questions on stock assessment priorities and Dr. John Budrick will answer any questions regarding the draft Terms of Reference.

The SSC will review the scoping document provided in Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1 and report recommendations and considerations for amending the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to define stocks for purposes of making status determinations. The SSC will report recommendations under Agenda Item F.4.

The SSC will review the annotated outline for the analytical document that will inform the sablefish gear switching initiative for the limited entry trawl catch share fishery and report recommendations under Agenda Item F.5. One specific issue is what to use as the comparison point to represent status quo (e.g., pre-COVID?) in the analyses.

The SSC will review the analytical document informing Council action on 2023-24 harvest specifications and management measures and report recommendations under Agenda Item F.6. Specifically, the SSC will consider endorsing a correction to the apportionment of California copper rockfish overfishing limits (OFLs) to the Nearshore Rockfish complexes north and south of 40°10' N. lat., as well as new alternative OFLs for California quillback rockfish.

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

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

3. Agenda Item D

Groundfish Management

4. Agenda Item F

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

5. June 2022 SSC Agenda
6. Draft April 2022 SSC Minutes
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