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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

1. Opening Remarks – Marc Gorelnik, Chair

Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Council Chair, called the 264th Emergency Meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 8:00 a.m. on January 21, 2022.

2. Roll Call – Merrick Burden

Council Members present (or online*) during the meeting:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Ms. Susan Bishop, designee
Alaska State Official:	Ms. Dani Evenson, nonvoting designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee
Oregon State Official:	Mr. Chris Kern, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Christa Svensson
California State Official:	Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee
California Obligatory:	Ms. Corey Ridings
Idaho State Official:	Mr. Virgil Moore, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Pete Hassemer
Tribal Official:	Mr. Joseph Oatman
At-Large:	Mr. Phil Anderson Mr. Robert Dooley 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 Brett Ettinger, nonvoting designee Mr. Chris German, nonvoting designee*
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Mr. Mike Clark, nonvoting designee Dr. Kyle Hanson, nonvoting designee*

Absent from the Meeting:

Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Butch Smith
U.S. State Department:	Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee

3. Agenda – Marc Gorelnik

a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

Motion 1: Council approve the Council Meeting agenda is printed in [Agenda Item A.3, January 21, 2022](#), Emergency Council Meeting Agenda.

Pete Hassemer/Bob Dooley (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

B. Salmon Management

1. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho (SONCC) Harvest Control Rule – Robin Ehlke

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. **Public Comment**
- c. **Council Action: Consider Rescinding a Motion Adopted in November 2021 Regarding the SONCC Coho Harvest Control Rule, Review the Risk Assessment and Range of Alternatives, and Adopt a Preferred Harvest Control Rule, and consider an Amendment to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan, as Appropriate**

Motion 2: Council rescind the action regarding the SONCC coho harvest control rule adopted at its November 2021 meeting, Agenda Item F.3.

Chris Kern/Virgil Moore (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

Motion 3: Council adopt the following as the final preferred alternative SONCC coho salmon harvest control rules for amendment of the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan:

Establish a conservation objective that would represent each individual population within the SONCC coho salmon ESU except for the Trinity River population unit (Upper Trinity River, Lower Trinity River, South Fork Trinity River) as described for Harvest Control Rule 5 in the Ad-Hoc Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Workgroup Risk Assessment for management of SONCC coho salmon ([Agenda Item F.3.a, SONCC Workgroup Report 1, November](#) PFMC). Harvest Control Rule 5 represents a total fishery exploitation rate (ER) limit of 15 percent. Establish a conservation objective for the Trinity River coho salmon population unit as described for Harvest Control Rule 6 in the Workgroup’s Risk Assessment. Harvest Control Rule 6 represents a total fishery ER limit of 16 percent. Both harvest control rules encompass all ocean and inland sources of fishery mortality, including landed and non-landed mortality of age-3 adult SONCC coho salmon in any individual year.

During its annual salmon preseason planning process, the Council would plan ocean fisheries using the coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) so that, when combined with freshwater ERs, the preseason projected total ER does not exceed the applicable Harvest Control Rule described previously in this motion. The in-river ER population unit-specific inputs will be determined using projections provided by co-managing agencies. Postseason exploitation rates for SONCC coho salmon would be estimated for each year once available postseason harvest and abundance estimates become available. Coho-directed fisheries and coho retention in Chinook-directed fisheries will remain prohibited in the Exclusive Economic Zone off of California.

Joe Oatman/Marci Yaremko (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

Motion 4: Council direct the Salmon Technical Team (STT), working with the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW), to generate a report on the work required to investigate the potential for improvements to forecasts of SONCC coho salmon ocean exploitation rates consistent with the recommendation of the SONCC Coho Workgroup (Workgroup) in Section 8 of its Risk Assessment, and present its report and findings to the Council at the September 2022 Council

meeting. An evaluation of the work required to assess potential bias in preseason versus postseason exploitation rates should be included in the STT report.

In its report, the Workgroup recommended that *“an investigation be conducted to determine if the methods used to forecast ocean fishery exploitation rates for both hatchery and naturally produced SONCC Coho Salmon could be improved upon. This investigation should initially be focused on analyses that can be conducted using existing data. The investigation should also identify whether new methods could improve the forecasts of marine exploitation rates on SONCC Coho Salmon if additional data were available (e.g., GSI or CWT’s and adipose fin clips on all hatchery fish).”*

The request is for the STT to assess the work and estimate the time required to complete the investigation recommended by the Workgroup, not to conduct the work itself. After this assessment is completed, the Council would then consider the STT report to determine further action.

Ryan Wulff/Marci Yaremko (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) rescinded the action taken at its November 2021 meeting under Agenda Item F.3 regarding the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho harvest control rule.

The Council adopted final preferred alternatives for a harvest control rule for SONCC coho. The Council will recommend that the National Marine Fisheries Service evaluate the new harvest control rule for potential implementation under the Endangered Species Act and as an amendment to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Consistent with the range of Alternatives provided in the [Risk Assessment](#) submitted at the November 2021 Council meeting under Agenda F.3, the Council adopted Alternative 5, a total fishery (marine and freshwater) exploitation rate (ER) limit of 15 percent as the preferred harvest control rule for all populations within the SONCC Evolutionary Significant Unit, except the Trinity River coho populations. The Council adopted Alternative 6, a total fishery ER limit of 16 percent as the preferred harvest control rule for the Trinity River coho populations.

During its annual salmon preseason planning process, the Council will evaluate ocean fisheries using the Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) so that, when combined with estimated freshwater impacts, the preseason projected total ER does not exceed the adopted harvest control rules. The estimated freshwater impacts will be determined using projections provided by co-managing agencies. Postseason ERs will be estimated for each year once postseason harvest and abundance estimates become available. Coho-directed fisheries and coho retention in Chinook-directed fisheries will remain prohibited in the Exclusive Economic Zone off of California.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Informational Report 1](#): In loving memory, Captain Don Hansen obituary

[Informational Report 2](#): In loving memory, Paul Heikkila obituary

VOTING LOG

Motion 1: Council approve the Council Meeting agenda is printed in [Agenda Item A.3, January 21, 2022, Emergency Council Meeting Agenda](#).

Pete Hassemer/Bob Dooley (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

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Chris Kern/Virgil Moore (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

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Ryan Wulff/Marci Yaremko (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:48 a.m.



Marc Gorelnik
Council Chair

July 28, 2022

Date