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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.
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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 265<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 11:00 a.m. on March 9, 2022. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### 2. Roll Call – Merrick Burden

##### Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Barry Thom Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Ms. Kelly Ames, designee Ms. Keeley Kent, designee Ms. Susan Bishop, designee
Alaska State Official:	Ms. Rachel Baker, nonvoting designee Ms. Karla Bush, nonvoting designee Ms. Dani Evenson, nonvoting designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee Ms. Heather Hall, designee Mr. Corey Niles, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Butch Smith
Oregon State Official:	Dr. Caren Braby, designee Mr. Chris Kern, designee Ms. Maggie Sommer, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Christa Svensson
California State Official:	Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee Mr. John Ugoretz, designee Ms. Briana Braby, 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 LT Lelea Lingo, nonvoting designee Mr. Chris German, nonvoting designee*
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Mr. Mike Clark, nonvoting designee Dr. Kyle Hanson, nonvoting designee Mr. John Netto, nonvoting designee Mr. Roger Root, nonvoting designee

**Absent from the Meeting:**

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

**3. Executive Director’s Report – Merrick Burden**

**4. Agenda – Marc Gorelnik**

**a. Council Action: Approve Agenda**

**Motion 1:** Council approve the Council Meeting agenda as printed in [Agenda Item A.4, March 8-14, 2022](#).

Phil Anderson/Christa Svensson (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

**B. Open Comment Period**

**1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items - Merrick Burden**

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

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Council Discussion and Comments, as Appropriate**

**C. Administrative Matters**

**1. Report of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) - Kerry Griffin**

**a. Report of the Director of the ONMS West Coast Regional Office - Bill Douros**

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

**c. Public Comment**

**d. Council Discussion**

**Staff Summary:** None

**2. Marine Planning - Kerry Griffin**

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

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Council Action: Review Recent Activity, Consider Draft Policy Documents, and Provide Guidance on Format, Content, and a Schedule for Future Council Engagement**

**Staff Summary:** The Council directed staff to develop comment letters on Oregon offshore wind energy Call Areas, the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area Draft Environmental Assessment, NOAA Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, and the United States Coast Guard Port Access Route Study, for transmittal during upcoming or current comment opportunities, as appropriate. The Council also directed that the draft policy documents on ocean development activities (C.2.a, MPC [Report 2](#) and



C.2.a, HC [Report 1](#)) be combined into a single document, for consideration at the June 2022 Council meeting. The Council also directed that the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) policy document (C.2.a, EWG [Report 1](#)) remain as a stand-alone document, with further work on it suspended until the Council provides guidance at the June 2022 meeting.

### **3. Fiscal Matters - Patricia Crouse**

- a. Report of the Budget Committee - Pete Hassemer**
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- c. Public Comment**
- d. Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations**

**Motion 19:** Council accept the report of the Budget Committee as shown in [Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental BC Report 1, March 2022](#).

Phil Anderson/Pete Hassemer (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the scheduling of a Budget Committee meeting for June 2022 and directed staff to prepare a draft policy and rationale for the use of the Council's deferred spending account that takes into account financial risks the Council may face due to funding delays and unforeseen expenses. The Council expressed support for a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region Proposal that was recently submitted that would analyze the potential for reducing the costs of the trawl rationalization program and directed staff to work with the Region staff if funding is awarded.

### **4. Legislative Matters - Mike Burner**

- a. Report of the Legislative Committee - Dave Hanson**
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- c. Public Comment**
- d. Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations**

**Staff Summary:** None

### **5. Approval of Council Meeting Records - Marc Gorelnik**

- a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Records**

**Motion 20:** Council approve the Council meeting records as presented in [Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1](#): Draft Council Meeting Record: 263rd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (November 15-19, & 21-22, 2021) and [Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2](#): Draft Emergency Council Meeting Record: 264th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (January 21, 2022).

Virgil Moore/Heather Hall (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

**6. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures - Mike Burner**

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

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures**

**Motion 21:** Council appoint Ms. Lisa Hillier to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and appoint Ms. Lorna Wargo to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Management Team.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council appoint Ms. Emily Shallow to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Salmon Technical Team.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

**Motion 23:** Council appoint Ms. Kandice Morgenstern to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Salmon Technical Team.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council appoint Mr. David Kasheta to the vacant Sport Fisheries At-Large position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Phil Anderson/Heather Hall (Motion 24 carried unanimously)

**Motion 25:** Council appoint Mr. Lyf Gildersleeve to the vacant Processor North of Cape Mendocino position on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel.

Christa Svensson/Corey Ridings (Motion 25 carried unanimously)

**Motion 26:** Council appoint Mr. Donald Vernon to the vacant Idaho Sport Fisheries position on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel.

Virgil Moore/Phil Anderson (Motion 26 carried unanimously)

**Motion 27:** Council appoint Dr. Matthew Reimer to a vacant At-Large position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Corey Ridings/Christa Svensson (Motion 27 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The United States Fish and Wildlife Service made changes to their list of Council designees.

Mr. Roy Elicker, Mr. David Teuscher, Mr. Tom Sinclair, and Dr. Denise Hawkins will be removed from the list, Dr. Benjamin Cross will be added, and Dr. Kyle Hanson, Mr. Roger Root, Mr. Michael Clark, and Mr. John Netto will remain.

Additionally, Oregon added Sergeant Heather Van Meter as an alternate Enforcement Consultant.

The Council made the following Advisory Body Appointments:

- Ms. Lisa Hillier was appointed to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team formerly held by Ms. Lorna Wargo
- Ms. Lorna Wargo was appointed to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Management Team formerly held by Erika Wayland
- Ms. Emily Shallow was appointed to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Salmon Technical Team formerly held by Mr. Craig Foster
- Ms. Kandice Morgenstern was appointed to the vacant California Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Salmon Technical Team
- Mr. David Kasheta was appointed to the vacant Sport Fisheries At-Large position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel
- Mr. Lyf Gildersleeve was appointed to the vacant Processor North of Cape Mendocino position on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel
- Mr. Donald Vernon to the vacant Idaho Sport Fisheries position on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel
- Dr. Matthew Reimer was appointed to a vacant At-Large position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee

The Council intends to discuss remaining vacancies for the 2022-2024 Advisory Body term at the June Council meeting.

**7. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning - Merrick Burden**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting and Workload Planning**

**Staff Summary:** None

**D. Salmon Management**

**1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Fisheries Science Center Activities**
- b. Regulatory Activities - Susan Bishop**
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- d. Public Comment**
- e. Council Discussion**

**Staff Summary:** None

**2. Review of 2021 Fisheries and Summary of 2022 Stock Forecasts - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Adopt 2022 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits, and Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, as Necessary**

**Motion 2:** Council adopt the 2022 stock abundance forecasts, ABCs, ACLs and OFLs as presented in [Agenda Item D.2, Supplemental Preseason Report 1](#).

Kyle Adicks/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the stock abundances, overfishing limits (OFLs), acceptable biological catches (ABCs), and annual catch limits (ACLs) as presented in the 2022 Preseason Report 1, for use in 2022 salmon management.

**3. Identify Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2022 Management Alternatives - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission - P. Anderson, C. Kern, J. Oatman**
- b. NMFS Recommendations - Susan Bishop**
- c. Tribal Recommendations - Joe Oatman**
- d. State Agencies Recommendations - K. Adicks, C. Kern, M. Yaremko**
- e. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- f. Public Comment**
- g. Council Action: Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Management Measure Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Consider Inseason Adjustments to Fisheries Prior to May 16, 2022**

**Motion 5:** Council direct the STT to develop alternatives to achieve an escapement of not less than 180,000 natural and hatchery adult spawners for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook salmon stock, as recommended in [Agenda Item D.3.d, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#).

Marci Yaremko/Chris Kern

**Amendment 1:** Replace “STT” with “SAS” and insert the word “intended” in front of “to”. So the motion would read: “I move that the Council direct the SAS to develop alternatives intended to achieve an escapement of not less than 180,000 natural and hatchery adult spawners for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook salmon stock, as recommended in Agenda Item D.3.d, Supplemental CDFW Report 1.”

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Amendment 1 withdrawn with consent of the second)

Motion 5 withdrawn with consent of the second

**Motion 6:** Council direct the development of alternatives to achieve an intended escapement of not less than 180,000 natural and hatchery adult spawners for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook salmon stock, as recommended in Agenda Item D.3.d, Supplemental CDFW Report 1.

Marci Yaremko/Chris Kern (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Motion 7:** Council adopt for STT compilation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2022 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel and described in [Agenda Item D.3.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#), March 10, 2022 with the following modification:

- Page 2, North of Cape Falcon Alternative III, 2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 27,500 Chinook and 25,600 marked coho

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Motion 8:** Council adopt for STT analysis the following initial treaty troll salmon management measures:

Alternative 1: 50,000 chinook and 62,000 coho;

Alternative 2: 40,000 chinook and 52,000 coho;

Alternative 3: 30,000 chinook and 42,000 coho.

The alternatives consist of a May 1-June 30 chinook - directed fishery and a July 1-September 15 all-species fishery.

The chinook quota should be evenly split between the 2 time periods.

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None

#### **4. Recommendations for 2022 Management Alternative Analysis - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis**

**Staff Summary:** None

#### **5. Further Direction for 2022 Management Alternatives - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Further Council Guidance and Direction, as Necessary**

**Staff Summary:** None

**6. Further Direction for 2022 Management Alternatives - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Further Council Guidance and Direction, as Necessary**

**Staff Summary:** None

**7. Adopt 2022 Management Alternatives for Public Review - Robin Ehlke**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review**

**Motion 28:** Council to adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area North of Cape Falcon as presented in [Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#), dated March 14, 2022.

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 28 carried unanimously)

**Motion 29:** Council to adopt for public review, alternatives for ocean commercial and recreational salmon fisheries between Cape Falcon and the Oregon-California border, as described in Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 14, 2022, with the following modifications:

- Commercial Management Alternatives

Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank line

Alternative 2

- Replace July 20-31 with July 22-31

Heceta Bank line to Humbug Mt.

Alternative 2

- Replace July 20-31 with July 22-31

Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ)

Alternative 2

- Replace the June 1-30 quota of 800 Chinook with 550 Chinook
- Replace the July 1-31 quota of 500 Chinook with 200 Chinook
- Replace “*June 1-July 31 weekly landing and possession limit of 50 Chinook per vessel per week (Thurs.- Wed.)*.” with “*June 1-July 31 weekly landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per vessel per week (Thurs.- Wed.)*.”

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 29 carried unanimously)

**Motion 30:** Council to adopt for STT collation, analysis and public review the salmon management measures for the 2022 commercial and recreational ocean fisheries in the area from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border as presented in Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 14, 2022, with the following modifications:

- Table 1. 2022 Commercial troll alternatives on table page 10 of 14  
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey)

Alternative 2:

- Replace May 1-10 with May 1-9
- Replace May 22-31 with May 23-31

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 30 carried unanimously)

**Motion 31:** Council adopt for public review the proposed salmon management alternatives for the 2022 tribal ocean fisheries as described in Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Table 3 dated March 14, 2022.

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks

**Amendment 1:** Change Agenda Item E.7.a to “D.7.a”.

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

Motion 31, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted for public review three management measure alternatives for the 2022 ocean commercial and recreational salmon fisheries beginning May 16. The Council also adopted three alternatives proposed by the Tribes for 2022 treaty Indian ocean salmon fisheries. The Council is scheduled to adopt final 2022 ocean salmon regulations at its April 2022 Council meeting. The Oregon and California alternatives included inseason actions that were taken during the Council meeting to modify fisheries occurring prior to May 16, 2022.

## **8. Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers - Robin Ehlke**

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

### **b. Public Comment**

### **c. Council Action: Appoint Hearings Officers**

**Staff Summary:** The Council appointed officers and reviewed plans for the 2022 public salmon hearings. The Council has opted to hold all of the salmon hearings virtually. The [Washington](#) and [California](#) hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd and the [Oregon](#) hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23.

## **E. Groundfish Management**

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report - Todd Phillips**

- a. Regulatory Activities - Ryan Wulff**
- b. Fisheries Science Center Activities**
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- d. Public Comment**
- e. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. Pacific Whiting Utilization - Final Action - Brett Wiedoff/Jessi Doeringhaus**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative, as Appropriate**

**Motion 9:** Council adopt as final alternatives for Pacific whiting utilization the preliminary preferred alternatives described in [E.2, Attachment 1](#), March 2022:

1. Whiting Season Start Date (for all whiting sectors, north of 40° 30' N. lat.)
  - Alternative 1: May 1, move all administrative deadlines associated with season start date to 45 days prior to the season start date.
2. Mothership Processor Obligation
  - Alternative 1: Remove mothership processor obligation from regulation.
3. Mothership Processor Cap
  - Alternative 3: Remove mothership processor cap from regulation.
4. Mothership Processor & Catcher-Processor Permit Transfer
  - Alternative 1 with Suboption C: A vessel can be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year, with unlimited transfers.

Maggie Sommer/Pete Hassemer

**Amendment 1:** Amend to replace item #3 with Alternative 1: 65 percent Corey Niles/Corey Ridings (Amendment 1 failed, Mr. Niles and Ms. Ridings voted yes, Mr. Wulff Abstained)

Motion 9 carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the following as final preferred alternatives:

1. Move the season start date for the primary whiting season start date north of 40 degrees 30 minutes North latitude from May 15th to May 1st. Move all administrative deadlines associated with the season start date to 45 days prior to May 1.
2. Remove the mothership processor obligation deadline from regulation.



3. Remove the mothership processor cap from regulation.
4. Allow a vessel to be registered to a mothership and catcher-processor endorsed permit in the same year, with unlimited transfers.

### **3. Stock Definitions - John DeVore**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Discuss Stock and Management Delineations and a Potential Fishery Management Plan Amendment, as Necessary**

**Motion 10:** Council consider development of a fishery management plan (FMP) amendment that would define stocks and complexes used for management and for making status determinations through a process that is separate from the 2023-2024 harvest specifications and management measures process as described as Option 1 in [Agenda Item E.3.a, NMFS Report 1](#), March 2022. Heather Hall/Maggie Sommer (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council received notice from the National Marine Fisheries Service 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 certain stocks and whether they are in need of conservation and management. In response, the Council decided to pursue development of a fishery management plan amendment, separate from the 2023-2024 harvest specifications and management measures process, that would more clearly define those groundfish stocks and complexes in need of conservation and management. This process is described as [Option 1 in a document provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service](#).

### **4. Limited Entry Fixed Gear Catch Share Program Review - Jim Seger/Jessi Doerpinghaus**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Adopt the Program Review Document for Public Review and Provide Guidance on the Review Process, Including Whether to Concurrently Develop New Management Measures, as Appropriate**

**Motion 11:** Council adopt the draft Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit-Stacking Program Review, [Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 1](#), March 2022, for public review after including the following in the draft document:

Section 3 Research and Data Needs:

- Collect and analyze additional permit prices to evaluate barriers to entry and expectations of future profitability in the fishery.
- Gather additional data and analysis of the impacts of the program on crew and operators.

- Conduct further analysis of changes in the spatial distribution of the fishery and whether outcomes are equitable between ports and users to evaluate future measures to increase equity.

Section 5 Recommendations:

- Begin the development of a cost recovery program for the LEFG Permit Stacking Program.
- Remove the requirement to designate a base permit from § 660.25(b)(3)(iii), subpart C.
- Prepare a report clarifying the owner on board exemption requirements to determine if regulatory or data system changes are needed.

Heather Hall/Maggie Sommer (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted for public review, the draft review of the limited entry fixed gear (LEFG) permit stacking program, including new lists of research and data needs and recommendations. None of the recommendations were prioritized for immediate work. Once the Council actions have been incorporated, the draft report will be posted to [the Groundfish FMP Amendment 14 web page](#). Comments on the public review draft should be provided for the June 2022 Council meeting, at which time the Council is scheduled to take final action.

**5. Fixed Gear Logbooks – Final Action - Todd Phillips**

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

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Council Recommendations to Clarify Logbook Requirements, as Appropriate**

**Motion 12:** Council adopt the following recommendations to clarify the Federal fixed gear logbook requirement:

- The logbook requirement would apply to the “non-trawl” groundfish fleets as opposed to the “fixed gear” groundfish fleets.
- Vessels using non-trawl gear in the following fishery sectors would be required to submit the Federal logbook to NMFS at initial rollout:
  - o Directed open access for groundfish (not incidental open access for groundfish):
    - Directed open access means that a fishing vessel is target fishing for groundfish
  - o LEFG Primary Sablefish
  - o LEFG trip limit
  - o Vessels using non-trawl gear in the trawl IFQ program (gear switching)
- The Council may recommend expanding the logbook requirement for additional non-trawl fisheries retaining groundfish in the future.

And provide the following guidance:

- Request that NMFS continue to:
  - o Work with state agencies where there are overlapping logbook requirements to determine whether the federal or state logbook should be used to meet both requirements, and on other aspects such as data elements, deadlines, etc. as needed to ensure consistency for industry, enforcement, and data users.

- o Work with stakeholders in making a determination on whether IFQ gear switching vessels using electronic monitoring will continue recording discard information on the EM Program Fixed Gear Logbook or transition to the new federal fixed gear logbook.
- Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council clarified their intent regarding the Federal fixed gear logbooks to specify that the logbook requirement would apply to the non-trawl groundfish fleet as opposed to just the fixed gear groundfish fleet. The Council adopted a preliminary definition for the term “directed open access” to mean that it is an open access vessel that is targeting groundfish. The Council also specified that the non-trawl sectors required to submit logbooks at program implementation would be groundfish directed open access, LEFG sablefish, vessels fishing under LEFG trip limits, and vessels using non-trawl gear in the trawl individual fishing quota (IFQ) program (gear switching). The Council noted the logbook requirement may be expanded to other non-trawl fishery sectors in the future. Additionally, the Council requested NMFS work with state agencies to avoid overlap with state programs and to educate stakeholders as to logbook requirements.

## **6. Workload and New Management Measure Priorities - Todd Phillips**

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

### **b. Public Comment**

### **c. Council Action: Review the List of Proposed Projects, Amendments, and New Management Measures; Consider Overall Workload and Provide Guidance on Priorities and Schedules**

**Motion 14:** Council adopt the lists of prioritized and candidate new management measures presented in Tables A and B in [E.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#), March 2022 Appendix 2, except:

- Do not include B16 at-sea processing south of 42° N.
- Combine into one package of Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow-On Actions:
  - o B3 Permit Price Reporting
  - o B17 Program Cost Recovery
  - o B18 Removal of Base Permit
  - o B19 Follow-on GAP recommendations:
    - Allow hook-and-line endorsed tiered sablefish permits to use slinky pots
    - For vessels with stacked sablefish endorsed permits, allow vessels to fish a cumulative non-sablefish landing limit for each permit
    - Allow a fourth permit per vessel

Maggie Sommer/Heather Hall (Motion 14 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the list of candidate and prioritized management measures as shown in Tables A and B in [E.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, March 2022](#). The Council removed item B16 (at-sea processing south of 42° N. lat.) from the list of candidate measures and

combined LEFG items (permit price reporting, program cost recovery, removal of base permit) and [GAP LEFG recommendations](#) (allow slinky pots, allow vessels with stacked sablefish endorsed permits to fish cumulative non-sablefish limits for each permit, and allow a fourth permit per vessel) into one LEFG follow-on package.

## **7. Inseason Adjustments – Final Action - Todd Phillips**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2022, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives**

**Staff Summary:** The Groundfish Management Team (GMT), Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), and stakeholders did not request any changes, and as such, the Council did not recommend any inseason adjustments for March.

## **8. Initial Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference - John DeVore**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Adopt for Public Review a Preliminary List and Schedule of Stocks for Assessment in 2023 and 2025 and Draft Terms of Reference for Assessments, Methodology Reviews, and Rebuilding Analyses**

**Motion 15:** Council adopt the following documents for public review:

1. Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Process for 2023-2024 ([Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 4](#)), while following the recommendation of the CPSMT and SSC for creating and adopting separate TORs for the two FMPs,
2. Draft Terms of Reference for Methodology Reviews, and
3. Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis for 2023-2024 ([Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 5](#)).

Corey Niles/Phil Anderson (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

**Motion 16:** Council:

- A. Adopt the following preliminary list of stock assessments for public review.
  1. 2023 Full Assessments
    - black rockfish
    - petrale sole
    - copper rockfish
    - quillback rockfish

- yellowtail rockfish or rougheye/blackspotted rockfish
- 2. 2023 Data Moderate Assessments
  - longspine thornyhead
  - shortspine thornyhead
  - english sole
  - rex sole
- 3. 2023 Catch Only Updates
  - cowcod
  - spiny dogfish
  - yelloweye rockfish
- 4. 2025 Full Assessments
  - sablefish
  - yelloweye rockfish
  - spiny dogfish
  - yellowtail rockfish or rougheye/blackspotted rockfish (if not 2023)

B. Request information and discussion from the Science Centers, SSC, and GMT on:

1. How the 2023 assessments will proceed in line with discussions on stock definitions.
2. How stocks of the same species may be assessed according to conservation need (i.e., do all areas need to be assessed at once?).
3. A presumption that the nearshore stocks and shelf stocks should be assessed at as fine-scale as the data allows; or how when areas are combined, how regional differences in status/depletion could be evaluated.
4. The feasibility of a research assessment for shortbelly rockfish in 2023, 2025, or even off cycle.

Corey Niles/Maggie Sommer (Motion 16 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council made preliminary decisions on groundfish stock assessment priorities for 2023 and 2025 as follows:

- Full Assessments in 2023: black rockfish, petrale sole, copper rockfish, quillback rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish or rougheye and blackspotted rockfishes;
- Data-Moderate Assessments in 2023: longspine thornyhead, shortspine thornyhead, English sole, and rex sole;
- Catch-Only Projection Updates in 2023: cowcod, spiny dogfish, and yelloweye rockfish; and
- Full Assessments in 2025: sablefish, yelloweye rockfish, spiny dogfish, and yellowtail rockfish or rougheye and blackspotted rockfishes (whichever is not assessed in 2023).

The Council also requested feedback on:

- How will 2023 assessments proceed in line with discussions on stock definitions?
- How stocks of the same species may be assessed according to conservation need (i.e., do all areas need to be assessed at once)?
- Presuming nearshore and shelf stocks should be assessed at as fine a scale as the data allows or when areas are combined, how should regional differences in status be evaluated?

- The feasibility of a research assessment for shortbelly rockfish in 2023, 2025, or out-of-cycle.

The Council also adopted for public review a [Terms of Reference \(TOR\) for the groundfish stock assessment review process](#) (a separate TOR for the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) stock assessment review process will be developed later this year), a [TOR for groundfish rebuilding analyses](#), and a [TOR for groundfish and CPS methodology reviews](#).

Final Council decisions on 2023 assessment priorities and TORs is scheduled for the June meeting in Vancouver, Washington.

**9. Update on 2023-2024 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures - Todd Phillips/John DeVore**

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

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Council Action: Review Preliminary Preferred Alternative Harvest Specifications, the Range of Management Measure Alternatives, and Draft Analyses; Provide Guidance, as Necessary**

**Motion 17:** Council provide the following guidance to the Groundfish Management Team:

- Retain the mid-water rockfish EFPs
- Do not analyze set-asides for quillback rockfish or copper rockfish off California
- Analyze ACTs for quillback rockfish and copper rockfish off California, ACTs should be broken out into 2 sub-areas, 42° to 40° 10' N. lat. and 40° 10' N. lat. to the U.S./Mexico border
- Add an option to remove the 50 mt ACT for cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. to the management measure package
- Continue using a yelloweye rockfish ACTs for the non-trawl sectors
- Analyze the use of BRAs and BACs for uses not currently available/analyzed, making them potentially available for inseason Pacific spiny dogfish trawl bycatch minimization in 2023-24
- Amend the Groundfish FMP to align the definition and uses of BACs with those in federal regulations as part of the 2023-24 harvest specifications process
- Allow all areas within the NT RCA to be subject to the same fishing requirements, and therefore any action taken by 12e would supersede the 21-22 regulations (from GAP, consistent with EC)
- Recommend NMFS revisit their proposed new gear definition in light of concerns about enforceability raised by the EC to ensure that any specific item such as number of hooks is of sufficient management concern to warrant at-sea or shoreside enforcement.

Heather Hall/Marci Yaremko (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council gave guidance to the GMT regarding their questions to facilitate completion of their over-winter analyses of proposed management measures for 2023 and 2024. The Council recommended keeping the mid-water Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) as part of the

analysis. Regarding quillback rockfish and copper rockfish off of California, the Council instructed the GMT to not analyze set-asides for quillback rockfish and copper rockfish off of California, but to continue to develop annual catch targets (ACTs) for these species in the areas from 42° to 40° 10' N. lat. and 40° 10' N. lat. to the U.S./Mexico border. The Council recommended the GMT analyze the use of bycatch reduction areas and block area closures as a potential inseason management measure for Pacific spiny dogfish trawl bycatch minimization. Additionally, the Council agreed to include an amendment to the fishery management plan that would align the definition of block area closures with Federal regulation for consideration in this process. The Council added an option to remove the 50 mt ACT for cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. and instructed the GMT to keep the current non-trawl sector specific yelloweye rockfish ACTs as part of their analyses. Regarding the new management measure that would modify management of the non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (NT\_RCA), the Council agreed with the GAP's and EC's recommendation that all areas within the NT\_RCA be subject to the same fishing requirements. Additionally, the Council recommended for NMFS to revisit their proposed new gear definitions based on input from the [EC](#) regarding the enforceability of the gear types in the current [NMFS proposal](#).

## **F. Pacific Halibut Management**

- 1. Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting Report - Robin Ehlke**
  - a. IPHC Report - David Wilson**
  - b. Council IPHC Representative Report - Phil Anderson**
  - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
  - d. Public Comment**
  - e. Council Action: Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

- 2. Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for Salmon Troll and Final Action on Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries - Robin Ehlke**
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
  - b. Public Comment**
  - c. Council Action: Recommend Inseason Changes to April/May 2022 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for Retention in 2022 and April/May 2023 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2022 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery**

**Motion 3:** Council adopt for public review the alternatives presented in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#), March 2022 for halibut landing restrictions in the salmon troll fishery in 2022 beginning May 16 and for April 1 through May 15, 2023. And recommend no change to the current incidental Pacific halibut retention limits for April 1 through May 15, 2022.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Motion 4:** Council adopt a final trip limit ratio of 150 pounds of Pacific halibut per 1,000 pounds of sablefish plus 2 additional Pacific halibut for the primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington, as recommended in [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#) under Agenda Item F.2.a, March 2022.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted three alternatives for incidental halibut retention in the 2022 and early 2023 Salmon troll fishery, consistent with the Salmon Advisory Subpanel report. Each alternative included a landing and possession limit of one halibut for every two Chinook, plus one additional halibut in excess of the possession/landing ratio. The possession/landing limit per trip ranged from 25 to 35 halibut among the three options. The Council is scheduled to adopt a final alternative at its April meeting.

The Council's final recommendation for the 2022 incidental halibut catch restrictions in the fixed gear fishery north of Point Chehalis from April 1 through October 31 was to set the limit at 150 pounds of dressed weight halibut for every 1,000 pounds dressed weight of sablefish, plus 2 additional halibut in excess of the ratio, which was consistent with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel report.

## **G. Habitat Issues**

### **1. Current Habitat Issues - Kerry Griffin**

- a. Report of the Habitat Committee - Lance Hebdon**
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- c. Public Comment**
- d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **H. Ecosystem Management**

### **1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Five-Year Review – Final Action - Kit Dahl**

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



**b. Public Comment**

**c. Council Action: Review the Final Draft Revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Provide Guidance on its Finalization**

**Motion 13:** Council adopt the final Draft Revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan with edits as discussed during today's Council meeting and advisory body reports.

Caren Braby/John Ugoretz (Motion 13 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted revisions to its Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan and directed the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) to make any necessary final edits. Once editing is complete, the revised document will be published on the Council website.

**2. 2021-2022 California Current Ecosystem Status Report and Science Review Topics - Kit Dahl**

**a. 2021-2022 California Current Ecosystem Status Report - Chris Harvey/Toby Garfield**

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

**c. Public Comment**

**d. Council Action: Review the 2021-2022 California Current Ecosystem Status Report and Consider Ecosystem Science Review Topics for 2022**

**Staff Summary:** The Council endorsed the EAS and EWG requests to regularly engage with the CCIEA team to discuss improvements to the annual Ecosystem Status Report. This would include identifying word and figure limits to replace the current 20 pages limit on the main report, which would make it easier for the CCIEA team to develop automated production methods, reducing report production workload. The Council noted the value of the fisheries participation network diagrams, analysis of spatial interactions between fisheries and other ocean uses (Appendix P), and the development of indicators to track long-term climate change (Appendix E). Finally, the Council endorsed the Scientific and Statistical Committee's ([SSC's recommendations on review of research in 2022](#)) supporting the development of indicators, as requested by the CCIEA team.

**3. Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives - Kit Dahl**

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

**b. Public Comment**

- c. **Council Action: Consider Proposed Revisions to Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives Appendix and Provide Guidance, Determine Whether to Begin Work on an Initiative in the Coming Year Including Process and Schedule, and Identify any Other New Activities Flowing from the Climate and Communities Initiative**

**Motion 18:** Council put out the revised FEP Appendix (Agenda Item H.3.a, [Supplemental EWG Report 1](#), March 2022) for public comment after adding to the list the combination initiative described by the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (Agenda Item H.3.a, [Supplemental EAS Report 1](#), March 2022), and flagging significant interest from PFMC advisory bodies for Initiatives 2.1 and 2.8. I also move that the Council request of Council staff to build a component of the PFMC website to address climate and ocean change, as workload and web modification processes allow.

Caren Braby/Heather Hall

**Amendment 1:** Add “and the public” after “PFMC advisory bodies” to the motion.

Phil Anderson/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

Motion 18, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council directed the EWG to further revise the FEP Initiatives Appendix as presented in its [report](#) by adding the Climate-Informed Fisheries Management Initiative described by the EAS in its [report](#). Once revisions are made, the revised FEP Initiatives Appendix will be made available for public review in advance of the September Council meeting. The Council noted broad interest Initiatives 2.1 (Ecosystem and Climate Information for Species, Fisheries, and FMPs) and 2.8 (Assess Flexibility in Fisheries Management Process) in the revised appendix among Council advisory bodies and the public and encouraged the EWG to add further detail when making revisions for the public review version of the Appendix. The Council would again review the Appendix at its September meeting with the aim of adopting the revisions and consider moving forward on one or more of the initiatives described in therein.

The Council directed Council staff to add a webpage to the Council website with information on climate and ocean change. Finally, the Council directed the Executive Director to work with the Council Coordinating Committee to develop a mechanism for regional fishery management councils to annually report on actions they are taking to better prepare fisheries for climate change.

## **I. Highly Migratory Species Management**

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report - Kit Dahl**

#### **a. Regulatory Activities - Ryan Wulff**

#### **b. Fisheries Science Center Activities**

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

#### **d. Public Comment**

**e. Council Action: Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

**2. International Management Activities - Kit Dahl**

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. Public Comment**
- c. Council Action: Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

[Informational Report 1](#): In loving memory, Bill James

[Informational Report 2](#): Draft Trawl Catch Share, Gear Switching Alternatives Available for Review

[Informational Report 3](#): Letter to BOEM from Barry Thom re: Humboldt Wind Energy Area Draft Environmental Assessment

[Informational Report 4](#): Letter to BOEM from Barry Thom re: Scoping on Morro Bay Wind Energy Area Environmental Assessment

[Informational Report 5](#): Announcing a 2022 Marine Resource Education Program (MREP)

**VOTING LOG**

**Motion 1:** Council approve the Council Meeting agenda as printed in [Agenda Item A.4, March 8-14, 2022](#).

Phil Anderson/Christa Svensson (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

**Motion 2:** Council adopt the 2022 stock abundance forecasts, ABCs, ACLs and OFLs as presented in [Agenda Item D.2, Supplemental Preseason Report I](#).

Kyle Adicks/Marc Gorelnik (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

**Motion 3:** Council adopt for public review the alternatives presented in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1, March 2022](#) for halibut landing restrictions in the salmon troll fishery in 2022 beginning May 16 and for April 1 through May 15, 2023. And recommend no change to the current incidental Pacific halibut retention limits for April 1 through May 15, 2022.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Motion 4:** Council adopt a final trip limit ratio of 150 pounds of Pacific halibut per 1,000 pounds of sablefish plus 2 additional Pacific halibut for the primary sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington, as recommended in [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#) under Agenda Item F.2.a, March 2022.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

**Motion 5:** Council direct the STT to develop alternatives to achieve an escapement of not less than 180,000 natural and hatchery adult spawners for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook salmon stock, as recommended in [Agenda Item D.3.d, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#).

Marci Yaremko/Chris Kern (Motion 5 withdrawn with consent of the second)

**Motion 6:** Council direct the development of alternatives to achieve an intended escapement of not less than 180,000 natural and hatchery adult spawners for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook salmon stock, as recommended in [Agenda Item D.3.d, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#).

Marci Yaremko/Chris Kern (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Motion 7:** Council adopt for STT compilation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2022 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel and described in [Agenda Item D.3.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#), March 10, 2022 with the following modification:

- Page 2, North of Cape Falcon Alternative III, 2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 27,500 Chinook and 25,600 marked coho

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Motion 8:** Council adopt for STT analysis the following initial treaty troll salmon management measures:

Alternative 1: 50,000 chinook and 62,000 coho;

Alternative 2: 40,000 chinook and 52,000 coho;

Alternative 3: 30,000 chinook and 42,000 coho.

The alternatives consist of a May 1-June 30 chinook - directed fishery and a July 1-September 15 all-species fishery.

The chinook quota should be evenly split between the 2 time periods.

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Motion 9:** Council adopt as final alternatives for Pacific whiting utilization the preliminary preferred alternatives described in [E.2, Attachment 1, March 2022](#):

1. Whiting Season Start Date (for all whiting sectors, north of 40° 30' N. lat.)
  - Alternative 1: May 1, move all administrative deadlines associated with season start date to 45 days prior to the season start date.
2. Mothership Processor Obligation
  - Alternative 1: Remove mothership processor obligation from regulation.
3. Mothership Processor Cap
  - Alternative 3: Remove mothership processor cap from regulation.
4. Mothership Processor & Catcher-Processor Permit Transfer

- Alternative 1 with Suboption C: A vessel can be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher-processor permit in the same calendar year, with unlimited transfers.

Maggie Sommer/Pete Hassemmer (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

**Motion 10:** Council consider development of a fishery management plan (FMP) amendment that would define stocks and complexes used for management and for making status determinations through a process that is separate from the 2023-2024 harvest specifications and management measures process as described as Option 1 in [Agenda Item E.3.a, NMFS Report 1, March 2022](#).

Heather Hall/Maggie Sommer (Motion 10 carried unanimously)

**Motion 11:** Council adopt the draft Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit-Stacking Program Review, [Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 1, March 2022](#), for public review after including the following in the draft document:

Section 3 Research and Data Needs:

- Collect and analyze additional permit prices to evaluate barriers to entry and expectations of future profitability in the fishery.
- Gather additional data and analysis of the impacts of the program on crew and operators.
- Conduct further analysis of changes in the spatial distribution of the fishery and whether outcomes are equitable between ports and users to evaluate future measures to increase equity.

Section 5 Recommendations:

- Begin the development of a cost recovery program for the LEFG Permit Stacking Program.
- Remove the requirement to designate a base permit from § 660.25(b)(3)(iii), subpart C.
- Prepare a report clarifying the owner on board exemption requirements to determine if regulatory or data system changes are needed.

Heather Hall/Maggie Sommer (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Motion 12:** Council adopt the following recommendations to clarify the Federal fixed gear logbook requirement:

- The logbook requirement would apply to the “non-trawl” groundfish fleets as opposed to the “fixed gear” groundfish fleets.
- Vessels using non-trawl gear in the following fishery sectors would be required to submit the Federal logbook to NMFS at initial rollout:
  - o Directed open access for groundfish (not incidental open access for groundfish):
    - Directed open access means that a fishing vessel is target fishing for groundfish
  - o LEFG Primary Sablefish
  - o LEFG trip limit
  - o Vessels using non-trawl gear in the trawl IFQ program (gear switching)
- The Council may recommend expanding the logbook requirement for additional non-trawl fisheries retaining groundfish in the future.

And provide the following guidance:

- Request that NMFS continue to:
  - o Work with state agencies where there are overlapping logbook requirements to determine whether the Federal or state logbook should be used to meet both requirements, and on other aspects such as data elements, deadlines, etc. as needed to ensure consistency for industry, enforcement, and data users.

- o Work with stakeholders in making a determination on whether IFQ gear switching vessels using electronic monitoring will continue recording discard information on the EM Program Fixed Gear Logbook or transition to the new Federal fixed gear logbook.
- Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 12 carried unanimously)

**Motion 13:** Council adopt the final [Draft Revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan](#) with edits as discussed during today's Council meeting and advisory body reports.  
Caren Braby/John Ugoretz (Motion 13 carried unanimously)

**Motion 14:** Council adopt the lists of prioritized and candidate new management measures presented in Tables A and B in [E.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, March 2022](#) Appendix 2, except:

- Do not include B16 at-sea processing south of 42° N.
- Combine into one package of Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow-On Actions:
  - o B3 Permit Price Reporting
  - o B17 Program Cost Recovery
  - o B18 Removal of Base Permit
  - o B19 Follow-on GAP recommendations:
    - Allow hook-and-line endorsed tiered sablefish permits to use slinky pots
    - For vessels with stacked sablefish endorsed permits, allow vessels to fish a cumulative non-sablefish landing limit for each permit
    - Allow a fourth permit per vessel

Maggie Sommer/Heather Hall (Motion 14 carried unanimously)

**Motion 15:** Council adopt the following documents for public review:

1. Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Process for 2023-2024 ([Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 4](#)), while following the recommendation of the [CPSMT](#) and [SSC](#) for creating and adopting separate TORs for the two FMPs,
2. Draft Terms of Reference for Methodology Reviews, and
3. Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis for 2023-2024 ([Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 5](#)).

Corey Niles/Phil Anderson (Motion 15 carried unanimously)

**Motion 16:** Council:

A. Adopt the following preliminary list of stock assessments for public review.

1. 2023 Full Assessments
  - black rockfish
  - petrale sole
  - copper rockfish
  - quillback rockfish
  - yellowtail rockfish or rougheye/blackspotted rockfish
2. 2023 Data Moderate Assessments
  - longspine thornyhead
  - shortspine thornyhead
  - english sole

- rex sole
  - 3. 2023 Catch Only Updates
    - cowcod
    - spiny dogfish
    - yelloweye rockfish
  - 4. 2025 Full Assessments
    - sablefish
    - yelloweye rockfish
    - spiny dogfish
    - yellowtail rockfish or rougheye/blackspotted rockfish (if not 2023)
- B. Request information and discussion from the Science Centers, SSC, and GMT on:
1. How the 2023 assessments will proceed in line with discussions on stock definitions.
  2. How stocks of the same species may be assessed according to conservation need (i.e., do all areas need to be assessed at once?).
  3. A presumption that the nearshore stocks and shelf stocks should be assessed at as fine-scale as the data allows; or how when areas are combined, how regional differences in status/depletion could be evaluated.
  4. The feasibility of a research assessment for shortbelly rockfish in 2023, 2025, or even off cycle.

Corey Niles/Maggie Sommer (Motion 16 carried unanimously)

**Motion 17:** Council provide the following guidance to the Groundfish Management Team:

- Retain the mid-water rockfish EFPs
- Do not analyze set-asides for quillback rockfish or copper rockfish off California
- Analyze ACTs for quillback rockfish and copper rockfish off California, ACTs should be broken out into 2 sub-areas, 42° to 40° 10' N. lat. and 40° 10' N. lat. to the U.S./Mexico border
- Add an option to remove the 50 mt ACT for cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. to the management measure package
- Continue using a yelloweye rockfish ACTs for the non-trawl sectors
- Analyze the use of BRAs and BACs for uses not currently available/analyzed, making them potentially available for inseason Pacific spiny dogfish trawl bycatch minimization in 2023-24
- Amend the Groundfish FMP to align the definition and uses of BACs with those in Federal regulations as part of the 2023-24 harvest specifications process
- Allow all areas within the NT RCA to be subject to the same fishing requirements, and therefore any action taken by 12e would supersede the 21-22 regulations (from GAP, consistent with EC)
- Recommend NMFS revisit their proposed new gear definition in light of concerns about enforceability raised by the EC to ensure that any specific item such as number of hooks is of sufficient management concern to warrant at-sea or shoreside enforcement.

Heather Hall/Marci Yaremko (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Motion 18:** Council put out the revised FEP Appendix ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1, March 2022](#)) for public comment after adding to the list the combination initiative described by the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental EAS](#))



[Report 1, March 2022](#)), and flagging significant interest from PFMC advisory bodies and the public for Initiatives 2.1 and 2.8. I also move that the Council request of Council staff to build a component of the PFMC website to address climate and ocean change, as workload and web modification processes allow.

Caren Braby/Heather Hall (Motion 18, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 19:** Council accept the report of the Budget Committee as shown in [Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental BC Report 1, March 2022](#).

Phil Anderson/Pete Hassemer (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Motion 20:** Council approve the Council meeting records as presented in [Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1: Draft Council Meeting Record: 263rd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council \(November 15-19, & 21-22, 2021\)](#) and [Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2: Draft Emergency Council Meeting Record: 264th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council \(January 21, 2022\)](#).

Virgil Moore/Heather Hall (Motion 20 carried unanimously)

**Motion 21:** Council appoint Ms. Lisa Hillier to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and appoint Ms. Lorna Wargo to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Groundfish Management Team.

Heather Hall/Phil Anderson (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council appoint Ms. Emily Shallow to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Salmon Technical Team.

Maggie Sommer/Christa Svensson (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

**Motion 23:** Council appoint Ms. Kandice Morgenstern to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife position on the Salmon Technical Team.

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council appoint Mr. David Kasheta to the vacant Sport Fisheries At-Large position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Phil Anderson/Heather Hall (Motion 24 carried unanimously)

**Motion 25:** Council appoint Mr. Lyf Gildersleeve to the vacant Processor North of Cape Mendocino position on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel.

Christa Svensson/Corey Ridings (Motion 25 carried unanimously)

**Motion 26:** Council appoint Mr. Donald Vernon to the vacant Idaho Sport Fisheries position on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel.

Virgil Moore/Phil Anderson (Motion 26 carried unanimously)

**Motion 27:** Council appoint Dr. Matthew Reimer to a vacant At-Large position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Corey Ridings/Christa Svensson (Motion 27 carried unanimously)



**Motion 28:** Council to adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area north of Cape Falcon as presented in [Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 14, 2022](#).

Kyle Adicks/Phil Anderson (Motion 28 carried unanimously)

**Motion 29:** Council to adopt for public review, alternatives for ocean commercial and recreational salmon fisheries between Cape Falcon and the Oregon-California border, as described in [Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 14, 2022](#), with the following modifications:

- Commercial Management Alternatives  
Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank line  
Alternative 2
  - Replace July 20-31 with July 22-31Heceta Bank line to Humbug Mt.  
Alternative 2
  - Replace July 20-31 with July 22-31Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ)  
Alternative 2
  - Replace the June 1-30 quota of 800 Chinook with 550 Chinook
  - Replace the July 1-31 quota of 500 Chinook with 200 Chinook
  - Replace “*June 1-July 31 weekly landing and possession limit of 50 Chinook per vessel per week (Thurs.- Wed.)*.” with “*June 1-July 31 weekly landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per vessel per week (Thurs.- Wed.)*.”

Chris Kern/Christa Svensson (Motion 29 carried unanimously)

**Motion 30:** Council to adopt for STT collation, analysis and public review the salmon management measures for the 2022 commercial and recreational ocean fisheries in the area from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border as presented in [Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 14, 2022](#), with the following modifications:

- Table 1. 2022 Commercial troll alternatives on table page 10 of 14  
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey)  
Alternative 2:
  - Replace May 1-10 with May 1-9
  - Replace May 22-31 with May 23-31

Marci Yaremko/Bob Dooley (Motion 30 carried unanimously)

**Motion 31:** Council adopt for public review the proposed salmon management alternatives for the 2022 tribal ocean fisheries as described in [Agenda Item D.7.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Table 3 dated March 14, 2022](#).

Joe Oatman/Kyle Adicks (Motion 31, as amended, carried unanimously)

## ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 12:50 p.m.

*Marc Gorenik*

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Marc Gorenik  
Council Chair

July 28, 2022  
Date

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