



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2022

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

FROM: Jessi Doerpinghaus, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2022 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in person from November 2-8, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will convene November 5-6 via webinar. The Council is scheduled to take up CPS matters on November 6th 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.

#### **Preliminary Review of Exempted Fishing Permits for 2023 (I.2)**

The Council will consider adopting for public review proposals for exempted fishing permits, with final approval scheduled for the April 2023 meeting. The California Wetfish Producers Association, in collaboration with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, submitted two letters of intent and copies of the prior year proposals. The West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group, in collaboration with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, submitted a letter of intent and a copy of the prior year's proposal. All three are included in the Advanced Briefing Book materials.

#### **Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Housekeeping Amendment (I.3)**

In April 2022, the CPSMT recommended that the Council consider an administrative "housekeeping" amendment to the CPS FMP with the completion of the management categories action (Amendment 20). The CPSMT provided an underline/strikethrough of the CPS FMP in CPSMT Report 1 for the Council, CPSAS, and stakeholders to consider adopting for public review. The scope of these changes are administrative in nature and do not change how the CPS fisheries are managed.

#### **Stock Assessment Terms of Reference – Final Action (I.4)**

In March 2022, the Council recommended that separate stock assessment terms of reference (TOR) be developed for groundfish and CPS. The Council adopted a draft TOR for public review in June 2022 (Attachment 1). The CPSMT and CPSAS should consider providing input to the Council on finalizing the TOR for use in the 2023-2024 stock assessments.

#### **Stock Assessment Prioritization (I.5)**

In June 2019, the Council adopted a biennial stock assessment prioritization process for use in 2020 to inform stock assessment priorities beginning in 2022. However, due to the COVID pandemic and the expectation of assessments underway in 2022, the item was delayed. This will be the first time that the Council and its advisory bodies use this process for planning assessments in 2024 and 2025. The CPSMT and CPSAS should consider recommending to the Council stock assessment priorities for the future biennium.

#### **National Marine Fisheries Service National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries (C.2)**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting feedback to inform revisions to the [2015 National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries \(Policy\)](#) to address changing ocean and fishery conditions as well as the evolving needs of the fishing public. The CPSMT and CPSAS should review the materials in the Briefing Book and consider if any changes are needed to the Policy.

#### **Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Designation (C.4)**

In September 2022, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries presented options for the Council to weigh in on the development of additional fishing regulations as a part of the designation process for the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. While current fishing regulations will continue to occur in the area, the CPSMT and CPSAS may want to consider and recommend to the Council whether modifications to existing regulations or new regulations are needed.

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#### Enclosures:

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

DATE: October 14, 2022  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: November 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in person [November 2-8, 2022](#) at Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840 (advisory bodies meet in person or online, depending on the advisory body). 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 Seville Room on Wednesday, November 2 starting at 2 p.m.; and the EC will have additional sessions as needed, located as follows: Thursday, November 3 and Friday, November 4, Seville Room; and Saturday, November 5 through Monday, November 7, online. Online meeting information will be posted on the Council's [November 2022 Meeting webpage](#).

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.

Additionally, on Thursday, November 3, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. This year's honorees include Mike Burner, John DeVore, Joanna Grebel, Chris Kern, and Brett Kormos. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details. If you wish to attend, please **RSVP using the [JotForm](#) by Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** (the invitation was sent to you via e-mail on October 11<sup>th</sup>).

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Enclosures:

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2022

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

FROM: Mr. Todd Phillips, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in person [November 2-8, 2022](#) at Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will convene their sessions starting Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time in the Terrace D-F and the Royal E rooms, respectively. The GMT and GAP will adjourn on Monday, November 7, 2022. All meetings are open to the public.

The Council will consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest at this meeting. The briefing book materials attached to this memorandum provide detailed information for these items on the Council's November 2022 agenda. The following agenda items summarized below 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.

**C.2 National Marine Fisheries Service National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries**  
NMFS is soliciting feedback from the Council to inform revisions to the [2015 National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries](#) based on outcomes from the [2022 National Saltwater Recreational Summit](#). The public can submit comments through December 31, 2022 through the NMFS [web portal](#).

**C.4 Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Designation**

At this meeting the Council will consider whether new fishing regulations are necessary to help implement the proposed [Chumash Heritage](#) National Marine Sanctuary (Chumash NMS). In August 2022, Mr. William Douros, NOAA's Sanctuaries West Coast Regional Director, sent a letter to the Council describing the process for the Council to propose fishing regulations within the proposed Chumash NMS. Should you wish to comment, focus on 1) whether additional regulations are warranted; 2) if so, why they may be warranted; and 3) recommendations regarding one of the four pathways forward as outlined in the September 2022 [Office of National Marine Sanctuaries presentation](#).

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### **C.5 National Marine Fisheries Service Accomplishments and Priorities**

Under this agenda item, the Region and Centers will report on their 2022 accomplishments and 2023 priorities as they relate to the [National Marine Fisheries Service National Strategic Plan for 2019-2022](#) and the [West Coast Geographic Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#).

### **C.6 Marine Planning**

The Council will receive a report (Agenda Item C.6.a, MPC Report 1) from the Marine Planning Committee (MPC) summarizing offshore wind energy (OSW) issues, the ad hoc MPC September 2022 meeting, and any current and upcoming comment opportunities. The Council may develop responses on the suitability modeling for Oregon Call Areas, NOAA's request for comments on collecting public sentiment towards OSW, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's [Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement](#) (PEIS) on oil and gas rig decommissioning on the Pacific outer continental shelf. If the GAP and GMT intend to submit reports under this agenda item, they should focus on the MPC's report and guidance document.

#### **E.1 2023 Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) and Annual Regulations – Final Action**

The Council will finalize their recommendations to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut CSP and annual fishing regulations. The Council adopted proposed changes at their September 2022 meeting and seeks input from the public on these topics.

#### **E.2 2023 Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations – Final Action**

The Council will finalize their recommendations for the Area 2A non-tribal commercial-directed Pacific halibut fishery structure. The Council adopted a proposed season structure at their September 2022 meeting and seeks input from the public on the topic. The Council's recommendations will be forwarded to NMFS for implementation. In 2023, NMFS will assume management of this fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

#### **H.2 Trawl Catch Share Program and Inter-Sector Allocation Review – Hearing Schedule**

The Council will decide the total number and location of Trawl Catch Share Program and Inter-Sector Allocation Review hearings. Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1 provides additional detail regarding these hearings, including proposed locations and format, for the Council to consider.

#### **H.3 Sablefish Gear Switching**

The Council will review the updated description of alternatives which includes the new Alternative 2 for sablefish gear switching. Additionally, the Council is being asked to review information on its previous decision to use an individual approach in applying qualification criteria, consider adoption of a preliminary preferred alternative, eliminate any non-viable options, and provide other guidance as needed, as appropriate. The GMT and GAP should consider the management and fishery implications of the alternatives.

#### **H.4 Methodology Review – Final Fishery Impact Model Topics and Final Assessment Methodologies**

The Council will consider adoption of new methodologies endorsed by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). Under this agenda item, the SSC is expected to report to the Council regarding their reviews of the GMT-proposed sablefish trip limit model the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) acoustic-visual survey of semi-pelagic rockfish Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hook-and-line survey designs methodology review held in September 2022.

### **H.5 Stock Definitions**

The Council will consider adopting a range of alternatives to define groundfish stocks for species assessed in 2021 and to be assessed in 2023. The GMT and GAP should review the staff white paper (Agenda Item H.5, Attachment 1) which discusses the state of the knowledge for the priority stocks and the management implications of the different stock definitions.

### **H.6 Inseason Adjustments Including Pacific Whiting Set-Asides– Final Action**

The Council will consider progress to date of the groundfish fisheries and may recommend routine inseason adjustments to 2022 and 2023 groundfish fisheries, as necessary. The Council is also scheduled to adopt yield set-asides to accommodate the incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in 2023 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery.

### **H.7 Electronic Monitoring (EM)**

The Council will discuss if changes to the EM Program regulations are needed based on input from the Ad Hoc Groundfish EM Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees (GEMPAC/TAC) subgroup's October [webinar meetings](#). The GEMPAC/TAC will consider regulatory issues and potentially develop a range of alternatives for the Council to consider, if applicable.

### **Other Items**

- The GMT will host a [webinar](#) on October 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to discuss the Council's November agenda items.
- The GAP will host a [webinar](#) on October 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Council's November agenda items.
- The GEMPAC/GEMTAC will host a [webinar](#) on October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on October 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Additionally, on Thursday, November 3, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held in the Garden 2-3 North Tower. This year's honorees include Mike Burner, John DeVore, Joanna Grebel, Chris Kern, and Brett Kormos. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details. If you wish to attend, please **RSVP using the [JotForm](#) by Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** (the invitation was sent to you via e-mail on October 11<sup>th</sup>).

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 November 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 Period
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 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: November 2022 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 2-8 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, California. Both the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) are scheduled to meet **in person** in the Valencia and Granada rooms, respectively. Both the HMSAS and the HMSMT will meet Wednesday through Friday, November 2-4. HMS topics are on the Council agenda on Friday, November 4. Meeting information will be posted on the Council's [November 2022 Meeting webpage](#).

The HMSAS is also meeting online on Monday, October 24 to review topics on the Council agenda and prepare for its in-person meeting.

Summaries of 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

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee (NC) met online October 3-5 (Pacific Time, October 4-6, Japan Standard Time). The meeting report is available in the briefing materials. The NC is proposing two measures for consideration by the full Commission at its Nineteenth Regular Session, November 28-December 2. One is a harvest strategy for North Pacific albacore, mirroring the harvest strategy adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC); the second is a conservation and management measure for North Pacific swordfish. The Council may make recommendations on U.S. positions at the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Regular Session.

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### G.3 Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps – Final

The Council is scheduled to take final action regarding hard caps for high priority protected species, as appropriate. Three alternatives are being considered: No Action, two-year rolling hard cap closures, and inseason individual and fleetwide hard cap closures. A draft environmental assessment evaluating the alternatives is included in the briefing materials.

### G.4 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Preliminary

[Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1, September 2022](#), contains the reference points and MFMT/MSST estimates for HMS stocks. In cases when reference point quantities ( $B_{MSY}$ ,  $F_{MSY}$ ) cannot be directly estimated proxy values are used. NMFS used new proxies to estimate SDC for two stocks: EPO skipjack (assessed by the IATTC) and North Pacific bluefin (assessed by the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean ISC). The SSC will report on the methods used for Council consideration of those proxies. The final 2021 HMS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report is also included in the briefing materials

### C.2 National Marine Fisheries Service National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting feedback to inform revisions to the [2015 National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries](#). The Policy provides NMFS with a set of goals specifically pertaining to recreational fisheries and establishes operating principles to achieve those goals.

### C.4 Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Designation

The [Chumash Heritage](#) National Marine Sanctuary (Chumash NMS) was nominated to the Sanctuary Program in 2015, and was included in the NMS Inventory until 2021, when the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) moved the nomination forward. In August 2022, NOAA Sanctuaries West Coast Region Director Bill Douros sent a letter to Council Executive Director Merrick Burden, describing the process for the Council to propose fishing regulations within the proposed Chumash NMS. At this meeting the Council will consider whether new fishing regulations are necessary to help implement the proposed Chumash NMS. Should you wish to comment, focus on 1) whether additional regulations are warranted; 2) if so, why they may be warranted; and 3) recommendations regarding one of the four pathways forward as outlined in the September 2022 [Office of National Marine Sanctuaries presentation](#).

### C.6 Marine Planning

The Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met September 30, 2022, to hear presentations and discuss topics including suitability modeling related to offshore wind (OSW) energy planning, the United States Coast Guard's Draft Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study (PAC PARS), the West Coast Oceans Alliance (WCOA), and other topics. The MPC Report (Agenda Item C.6.a, MPC Report 1) summarizes issues, including current and upcoming comment opportunities. The Council may develop responses on the suitability modeling for Oregon Call Areas, NOAA's

request for comments on collecting public sentiment towards OSW, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's preliminary draft environmental impact statement on oil and gas rig decommissioning. If the HMSAS and HMSMT intend to submit reports under this agenda item, they should focus on the MPC's report and guidance document. In addition to the previous topics, you may wish to provide comments on scheduling HMS topics at future Council meetings under Agenda Item C.10, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

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 [November 2022 Meeting webpage](#) to access these materials.

Additionally, on Thursday, November 3, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. This year's honorees include Mike Burner, John DeVore, Joanna Grebel, Chris Kern, and Brett Kormos. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details. If you wish to attend, please **RSVP using the [JotForm](#) by Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** (the invitation was sent to you via e-mail on October 11<sup>th</sup>).

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
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2022

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Ms. Robin Ehlke, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in person [November 2-8, 2022](#) at The Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, California.

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet on-line on Wednesday, November 2. The STT will begin at 8 a.m., and the SAS will begin at 1 p.m. Meeting information will be posted on the Council's [November 2022 Meeting webpage](#). The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not meet for the November Council meeting, but members are welcome to virtually attend. All meetings are open to the public.

There are three salmon topics before the Council at the November meeting. The Council will hear a report from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on salmon-related topics pertinent to the Council (Agenda Item D.1). The Council will be briefed on the results of the salmon methodology review and updated on progress made towards improving performance of the effort forecasts generated by the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (Agenda Item D.2). The salmon schedule for 2023, which includes potential dates for the public salmon hearings in March, will be adopted under Agenda Item D.3.

There are two Pacific halibut topics on the Council's agenda. Agenda Item E.1 covers proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for 2023 and Agenda Item E.2 covers proposed changes to the non-tribal commercial-directed halibut fishery structure for 2023. These topics were last discussed at the September meeting, where the Council adopted the proposed changes for public review. These proposed changes are detailed in their respective Situation Summaries and the Council is expected to adopt final changes at this November meeting. Any changes adopted by the Council under these two agenda items will be forwarded to NMFS for review and implementation.

Items under Administrative Matters of interest include:

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- NMFS Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy update (Agenda Item C.2), Thursday, November 3. NMFS is soliciting feedback from the Council to inform revisions to the [2015 National Policy for Saltwater Recreational Fisheries](#) based on outcomes from the [2022 National Saltwater Recreational Summit](#). The public can submit comments through December 31, 2022 through the NMFS [web portal](#).
- Legislative Matters (Agenda Item C.3), Sunday, November 6. The Council will be briefed on any pertinent material affecting West Coast ocean fisheries.
- Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Designation (Agenda Item C.4), Sunday, November 6. The Council will be briefed on the status of the proposed designation and, as part of the designation process, has the opportunity to draft any fishery regulations deemed necessary to implement the proposed designation.
- Marine Planning (Agenda Item C.6) Monday, November 7. Under this agenda item, the Council will be updated on current marine planning issues, including offshore wind energy and oil and gas rig decommissioning.
- Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (Agenda Item C.10) will be discussed on Tuesday, November 8.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting. Briefing materials for this meeting can also be accessed from the November 2022 Meeting briefing book webpage.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C – Council Administrative Matters
3. Agenda Items D – Salmon Management
4. Agenda Item F – Habitat Issues
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2022  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: November 2022 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 2-8 in Garden Grove, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 3, starting at 8 a.m. Pacific Time each day. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

Instructions for how to connect to Council and Online Advisory Body meetings will be posted on the Council's November 2022 Meeting webpage prior to the first day 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 November Council meeting. Your recommendations will be offered to the Council under the Council Closed Session on Thursday, November 3.

The SSC will discuss future workload planning matters and will report to the Council on this matter under Agenda Item C.10.

#### Salmon Management

The SSC will report their recommendations on new salmon methodologies reviewed this year under Agenda Item D.2.

#### Highly Migratory Species Management

The SSC will review a revised drift gillnet fishery hard cap bootstrap model and report their recommendations under Agenda Item G.3.

The SSC will review proposed status determination criteria for Eastern Pacific skipjack tuna and North Pacific bluefin tuna and make recommendations on their use in determining stock status under Agenda Item G.4.

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### Groundfish Management

The SSC will provide their recommendations on new groundfish methodologies to be reviewed in 2023. The SSC will also review and report their recommendations on:

- the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife acoustic-visual survey of semi-pelagic rockfish designed to inform future stock assessments;
- a workshop to evaluate Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hook-and-line rockfish surveys; and
- new groundfish discard mortality rates developed by the Groundfish Management Team and reviewed in September.

The SSC will provide their recommendations on new groundfish methodologies under Agenda Item H.4.

The SSC will review a proposed range of alternatives and considerations for amending the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to define stocks for purposes of making status determinations. The SSC will report their recommendations under Agenda Item H.5.

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will review the revised Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment Terms of Reference and report their recommendations under Agenda Item I.4.

The SSC will consider a proposed prioritization of 2024 and 2025 stock assessments for coastal pelagic species and will report their recommendations under Agenda Item I.5.

Additionally, on Thursday, November 3, the Council's Annual Awards Banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. This year's honorees include Mike Burner, John DeVore, Joanna Grebel, Chris Kern, and Brett Kormos. Please refer to the General Information section of the November briefing book for banquet details. If you wish to attend, please **RSVP using the [JotForm](#) by Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** (the invitation was sent to you via e-mail on October 11<sup>th</sup>).

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

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### Salmon Management

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