



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Marc Gorelnik, Chair | Merrick J. Burden, Executive Director

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RE: A.4 Executive Director's Report

Dear Council Members:

The Executive Director's report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) typically provides information on Informational Reports, changes to Council membership, Advisory Body and Committee alternates that are in place for the current meeting, activities of staff and Council members that have occurred since the last meeting, and other updates not announced elsewhere that may warrant summarization.

### **General Information**

As part of this Council meeting, we are continuing to provide COVID protocols. These are included as part of the "General Information" packet of materials in your Briefing Book. At the time of drafting this report, the San Mateo County COVID risk level is "Low". In spite of the low risk level, we encourage everyone to bring masks and tests to the meeting in case they are needed. We will have a limited supply available on hand.

Several Informational Reports are included in your Briefing Book. These include:

- A notice from NOAA Fisheries regarding the proposal to list Sunflower Sea Star as Threatened under Endangered Species Act
- Trawl Rationalization Compliance Summary
- Office of Law Enforcement – Enforcement Priorities
- I anticipate receiving a Supplemental Report on NOAA's West Coast Geographic Strategic Plan after this memo is published

A Chair's Reception is planned for Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. A flyer is included within the General Information section of your Briefing Book.

### **Council Roster**

As of the date of this memo, there are no changes to the Council roster since the March Council meeting.

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**Advisory Body Alternates**

At the time of drafting this memo, we will have a few alternates at this meeting as indicated in the table below.

Advisory Body	Seat	Member name	Alternate name
STT	CDFW	Kandice Morgenstern	Grace Easterbrook
CPSAS	CA Commercial	David Haworth	Neil Guglielmo
CPSAS	Processor	Vacant	Mark Fina
HC	Conservation	Waldo Wakefield	Dr. Joseph J. Bizzarro

**Ad-Hoc Committees**

No changes to Ad-Hoc committee membership have occurred since the March Council meeting.

**Recent and Upcoming Activities**

The Council Coordination Committee (CCC) will meet in Key West, Florida from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Chair, Vice Chairs, Executive Director, and Deputy Director plan to attend. The agenda for this meeting is still under development, but this meeting will be unique in that it will include a meeting of Council Deputy Directors. The focus of the Deputy Director’s meeting is on Council operations.

The CCC’s Area Management sub-group has been hard at work pulling together a mapping exercise that documents all of the conservation areas implemented by the Regional Councils throughout the U.S. This mapping exercise will be complimented with a journal article that is intended for publication later this year. NMFS has requested, and we have granted, access to the spatial data the Councils assembled for this effort.

Sincerely,



Merrick J. Burden  
Executive Director

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