



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

The declared COVID health emergency is over; however, we are continuing to provide COVID protocols within the "General Information" materials in your Briefing Book. We encourage everyone to bring masks and tests to the meeting in case they are needed. We will have a limited supply available within the ballroom and Secretariat.

A Chair's Reception is planned for Thursday, June 22nd at 6 pm. A flyer is included within the General Information section of your Briefing Book.

Informational Items

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

- Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative Amendment 20 Catcher/Processor Cooperative Annual Report 2022
- Whiting Mothership Cooperative an Amendment 20 Mothership Catcher Vessel Cooperative Annual Report on the 2022 Pacific Whiting Fishery
- Shorebased Whiting Cooperative Salmon Mitigation Plan Postseason Report on the 2022 Pacific Whiting Fishery
- In Memoriam Frank Warrens Obituary
- FY22 Annual Enforcement Report to the Council West Coast Enforcement Division
- NOAA Notice to all Vessel Owners and Operators Who Are Required to Carry Fisheries Observers
- Marine Recourse Education Program (MREP) Flyer
- Deep-Set Buoy Gear Permits Report
- Integrated West Coast Survey Workshop Flyer

In addition to the Informational Reports described above, NMFS will brief the Council on an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning National Standard 4, 8, and 9 Guidelines under Open Public comment.

Council Roster

There have been several changes to the Council roster since the April Council meeting. Ms. Jennifer Quan (NMFS) was recently named the NMFS West Coast Regional Administrator. Mr. Barry Thom (PSMFC) has named Mr. Chris Oliver as his designee, replacing Dr. Dave Hanson. Mr. Curt Melcher (ODFW) has named Mr. Mike Harrington as a designee, replacing Dr. Caren Braby.

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
GMT	CDFW	Mel Mandrup	Thompson Banez
GAP	At-Large	Scott Hartzell	George (Poggy) Lapham
EC	ODFW	Ryan Howell	Sgt. Heather VanMeter
HMSAS	Conservation	Josh Madeira	Dr. Andre Boustany
CPSAS	Conservation	Anna Weinstein	Dr. Geoff Shester
HC	At-Large	Dr. Scott Heppell	Dr. Selina Heppell

Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

Chair Gorelnik has appointed Ms. Corey Ridings to the Legislative Committee. Chair Gorelnik has also appointed Mr. Chris Oliver to the Legislative and Budget Committees.

Membership of the Council’s newly formed Ad-Hoc Equity and Environmental Justice Committee has been named and includes Mr. Joseph Oatman (Tribal), Ms. Heather Hall (WDFW), Ms. Christa Svensson (OR Obligatory), Mr. Virgil Moore (IDFG), Ms. Corey Ridings (CA Obligatory) and Ms. Maggie Sommers (NMFS).

Recent and Upcoming Activities

The Council Coordination Committee (CCC) met in Key West, Florida from May 23rd to May 25th. The Chair, Vice Chairs, Executive Director, and Deputy Director attended. The agenda for that meeting is included in C.1, Attachment 1. This meeting was unique in that it included a meeting of Council Deputy Directors. The focus of the Deputy Director’s meeting was on Council operations. A report of this meeting is provided as a Supplemental Report under Agenda Item C.1.

Sincerely,



Merrick J. Burden
Executive Director

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