

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT ON COUNCIL AND PROCESS EFFICIENCIES.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Budget Committee (BC or Committee) received a report from Mr. Merrick Burden on a proposed process to merge the "Council Efficiencies" agenda topic with the process associated with the Council's next grant renewal cycle.

The BC recommends the Council support the process as outlined by Council staff. As outlined, this process would entail several key steps that include 1) a Council staff analysis of cost efficiency measures necessary to achieve a budget that is in-line with expected income, and 2) a meeting of the committee-of-the-whole to discuss any changes to Council structure or process necessary to align revenues with expenses. These key steps would be folded into the Council's usual grant renewal process.

The BC notes that several questions should be addressed that set the parameters for a meeting-of-the-whole. These questions include 1) the scope of issues to be considered by the committee, 2) the degree to which the committee meeting should entertain input from the public and Council Advisory Bodies, and 3) dates for a committee-of-the-whole meeting.

If the Council agrees with the proposed timeline as outlined by staff, the BC will next consider this matter at the September meeting. At this time, the BC anticipates receiving an analysis from staff that identifies measures that may bring Council expenditures into closer alignment with revenues without disrupting Council functions.

### **Budget Committee Recommendations:**

- 1. Task staff to work on the proposed analysis as outlined in the ED Report, and report back to the Council as part of the September 2023 Budget Committee meeting.**
- 2. Identify dates for a committee-of-the-whole as appropriate.**

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