



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2023

TO: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2023 Council meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 7-14, 2023, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Spokane, Washington. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet **in person** on Saturday, September 9 (and also [online](#) Wednesday, September 6). The Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will hold an [online meeting](#) Tuesday, September 5. There is one Ecosystem topic scheduled on the Council agenda for Sunday, September 10, described below.

The Council chose to embark on the Ecosystem and Climate Information Initiative in September 2022 and the EWG presented a work plan for Council review in March 2023 (see [Agenda Item H.2.a, EWG Report 1](#)). Since that time the EWG has been developing the elements of the initiative as described in the work plan and has submitted a report under Agenda Item F.1 for the advance briefing book. This report describes: 1) A process for choosing species to receive climate information, 2) FMP-specific ecosystem and climate information onramps for harvest setting, and 3) Species-specific ecosystem information products. The EWG is soliciting further guidance from the Council on Initiative work in the near term and lays out a schedule to complete the initiative in September 2024.

There are six agenda items under Administrative Matters that have relevance across the Council's FMPs. For your information, I have included these items in your briefing materials, although I do not expect you would draft reports for these items. However, you may wish to draft a report for Agenda Item H.10, Future Council Agenda and Workload Planning, to comment on the scheduling of ecosystem items on future agendas.

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. Visit the [September 2023 Meeting webpage](#) to access these materials. Public comment is available only in electronic form through the Council's [e-portal](#).

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As always, thank you for your service to the Council process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.3: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item F.1: Initiative 4: Ecosystem and Climate Information - Progress Report
3. Agenda Items H: Administrative Matters
4. EAS Meeting Agenda
5. Informational Reports
6. Hotel Information and Council Roster

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