



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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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, PFMC) 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.

Council Roster

There have been no changes to the Council member roster since the September meeting.

Informational Items

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

- Informational Report 1: West Coast Region Roundtable Announcement
- Informational Report 2: Memorandum from the White House on Restoring Healthy and Abundant Salmon, Steelhead, and Other Native Fish Populations in the Columbia River Basin
- Informational Report 3: Recommendations from the Permanent Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
- Informational Report 4: California Wetfish Producers Association Letter of Intent to Renew of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) to Allow Take of Pacific Sardine in Point Sets in 2024-25 in Support of the CPS-NSC Research Program
- Informational Report 5: California Wetfish Producers Association Letter of Intent to Request Renewal of EFP to Allow Collection of Pacific Sardine Biological Samples in 2024-25
- Informational Report 6: Tri-State Enforcement Report 2023 (*Electronic Only*)
- Informational Report 7: Email Regarding the Commercial Fishery Disaster

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
GAP	At-Large	Scott Hartzell	Bob Eder
GAP	Oregon Charter	Vacant	Mike Sorensen
GMT	CDFW	Vacant	Thompson Banez

Select Activities of Staff and Council Leadership

Since our September meeting a few items of note have occurred on the part of staff and Council members that are outlined here.

- Several documents of interest have been completed and are now posted to the Council website, including:
 - The [Groundfish Stock Definitions Analytical Document and Final Preferred Alternative \(Amendment 31\)](#)
 - The draft [Highly Migratory Species Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation \(SAFE\) for 2022](#)
- Kelly Ames and Jessi Doerpinghaus participated in the Marine Resource Education Program session in Santa Cruz, September 25 through 29.
- Kit Dahl and Merrick Burden met with several staff from the Fisheries Agency of Japan, Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency, and Environmental Defense Fund to discuss U.S. west coast fisheries management.
- Kit Dahl participated in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's Permanent Advisory Committee meeting from October 2 through 3.

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.

The Annual Banquet is planned for Friday, November 3 with registration and social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. located in Garden 2/3 of the North Tower. We will be honoring Dr. Caren Braby, Dr. David Hanson, Mr. Wayne Heikkila, Ms. Terri Klinger, and Mr. Brett Wiedoff. A flyer is included within the General Information section of your Briefing Book.

Sincerely,



Merrick J. Burden
Executive Director

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