



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2024
TO: Ad-Hoc Equity and Environmental Justice Committee
FROM: Angela Forristall, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: June 2024 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council, PFMC) June 2024 meeting will be held in person from June 7 to June 13 in San Diego, California. The Equity and Environmental Justice Committee (EEJC) will meet in person on Friday, June 7, starting at 1 p.m., in Loft 2. This meeting is open to the public and at least one opportunity for public comment has been scheduled. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

May Council Coordination Committee (CCC) EEJ Update

The CCC will be receiving an update from the CCC Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) Working Group at their May 2024 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The EEJC will receive a summary of this update. The EEJC is not expected to comment on this update, but it may be of interest.

C. Administrative Matters

C.2 Council Operations and Priorities

The EEJC will discuss the proposed potential changes to the Council's operations in line with anticipated budget ceilings for the next three to five years. At this meeting, the Council is being asked to specify proposed recommendations it has for changing the nature of Council operations. To help inform these recommendations, Advisory Groups and the public are encouraged to focus their input on the areas of the Council process where they have the most relative expertise. For example, Advisory Subpanels and Management Teams are encouraged to provide the Council with input relative to their own operations, specify any recommendations they may have for improving these operations, and outline how any changes being considered could affect their ability to provide advice to the Council.

A virtual Advisory Body Briefing on this agenda item will take place on May 21, 2024. More information can be found here: <https://www.pcouncil.org/events/pacific-council-staff-briefing-may-21-2024/>

H. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

H.2 NMFS Regional Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) Plan & EEJC Update

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Regional Office is in the process of developing a Regional Implementation Plan of the national Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy that will serve as a roadmap for applying the national EEJ Strategy's goals and actions in the context of West Coast needs. The Regional Implementation Plan will not be available for the June meeting, but the EEJC will be receiving an update on progress to date.

The EEJC will also receive a summary of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report, *Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits: Data and Information Availability (2024)*. The report is the product of a consensus study conducted by the NAS, at the request of NMFS, and considers the data and information needs for assessing equity in the distribution of fisheries management benefits. The EEJC should provide any comments or recommendations on the Regional Implementation Plan and NAS report under agenda item H.2 on Monday, June 10.

Review of September 2023 Council Tasking and Progress to Date

At their September 2023 meeting, the Council adopted the EEJC's recommendations pertaining to considerations of EEJ within the Council process (September 2023 Council Meeting, [Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental EEJC Report 1](#)). While the EEJC will discuss progress to date on these items, it is not anticipated that the EEJC will provide a progress report on these items to the Council at the June Council meeting.

Thank you all for your dedication and service to the Council process.

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Enclosures

1. Agenda Item A: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item H: NMFS Regional Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) Plan and EEJ Committee - Update
3. EEJC Meeting Agenda
4. Informational Reports
5. Hotel Information and Council Roster

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