



# 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, select activities 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 roster as of the date of this report

## Informational Items

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

- Informational Report 1: News regarding the establishment of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary
- Informational Report 2: California Wetfish Producers report indicating the intention to request renewal of an exempted fishing permit
- Informational Report 3: Obituary for Mr. Leonard Krug
- Informational Report 4: A white paper from NMFS HQ outlining ways to implement flexible status determination criteria
- Informational Report 5: A flier announcing a recreational fisheries roundtable on November 15
- Informational Report 6: Notice of final rulemaking regarding Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary
- Informational Report 7: Obituary for Mr. Jon Gonzalez
- Informational Report 8: North Pacific Fisheries Commission update

## 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	Member	Seat	Alternate
HC	Vacant	PSMFC	Stan Allen
EAS	Vacant	WA At Large	Catalina Burch
HMSAS	Pamela Tom	Public at-large	Vi Au
GAP	Merit McCrea	CA Charter S. Pt. Conception	Jamie Diamond

GMT	Vacant	ODFW Commercial	Katlyn Lockhart
HC	Leonard Krug	Sport Fishery Seat	Randy Brummett
GMT	James Phillips	CDFW	Melanie Parker
CPSAS	Vacant	Conservation	Geoff Shester
CPSMT	Vacant	NMFS	Katie Davis

**Changes to Personnel**

After a long and productive career at the PFMC, Dr. Kit Dahl will elect to retire in the coming weeks. We greatly appreciate Kit’s service and will dearly miss his intellect and sense of humor. In anticipation of his retirement, we are recruiting for a new Staff Officer. This position will have a large focus on protected species, in addition to filling other regular duties of a PFMC Staff Officer.

**General Information**

The declared COVID health emergency is over; however, we are continuing to provide illness 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.

Sincerely,



Merrick J. Burden  
Executive Director

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