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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 3, 2022

TO: Pacific Council Members, Advisory Bodies, and stakeholders

FROM: Marc Gorelnik, Chairman

SUBJECT: April 2022 Council Meeting

Dear Fellow Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Members, Advisory Body Members, and West Coast Fishery Stakeholders,

As we prepare for the March Council meeting, planning for the April meeting is also underway. There is little time between our spring meetings. We have been hopeful that we would build from our March meeting experience and be able to have an April meeting that is closer to a normal inperson experience. However, there is substantial uncertainty whether all members of our management teams and advisory bodies would attend the April meeting. Overcoming the logistical and technical matters associated with hybrid participation in these bodies has proven to be too large of an issue to overcome with the time available. Therefore, staff are proceeding with April meeting plans that will substantially mirror the March meeting. This means that we are proceeding with plans for an April meeting that will have in-person attendance for:

- Council members
- Tribal co-managers and advisors
- Salmon Advisory Subpanel
- Salmon Technical Team
- Relevant Council staff

As I know you're all aware, putting together in-person meetings while the COVID situation continues to hang on has proven to be a challenge. Addressing this challenge in a way that is satisfactory for the Council is something that will benefit from a discussion among the entire Council when we meet next week. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and having a discussion with you all about how best to proceed in June and beyond.

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Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this difficult time and work to assemble meetings and processes that can support effective fisheries management. I look forward to seeing many of you next week.

Sincerely,

Marc Gorelnik Chairman

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