



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Ecosystem Plan Development Team, Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Mike Burner

SUBJECT: June 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 21-26, 2012 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. The Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) will not be meeting at the June Council meeting and will be receiving the meeting materials electronically. Meeting materials for the EAS are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the EAS agenda. The Council's developing Fishery Ecosystem Plan will be the focus of this session and I have tried to arrange the EAS agenda to allow ample time for discussion and development of productive recommendations to the Council. I would like the session to have flexibility and I am open to your thoughts on the best way to organize our session.

#### Administrative Matters

The EAS has three new members that have been appointed since we last met and I look forward to working with all of you in June. The EAS will hold elections for officers in June and I am open to suggestions as to how we conduct and schedule the process.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has posted an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) regarding potential revisions to the National Standard 1 Guidelines regarding fishery conservation and management. The ANPR highlights eleven areas that NMFS may explore and the Council will consider submitting comments. The EAS will briefly review the ANPR and the issues it raises and may develop recommendations on a Council response.

#### Ecosystem-Based Management Matters

The focus of the EAS meeting in June will be to provide input to the Council on the developing Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). At this meeting the Council will provide guidance on further development of an FEP and an annual "state-of-the-ecosystem" report. The EPDT's latest draft FEP and an outline for an annual report are included in your materials under Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1. Please review these materials carefully. Although the EPDT is not meeting in June, several EPDT members are planning to attend the June Council session and will be available, as schedules allow, to answer questions and discuss the drafts.

In a closely related matter under Agenda Item G.1, the Council will consider further protective measures for unexploited forage species. This is an administrative matter and the Council will not be adopting regulations or fishery prohibitions at this session. At this session, the Council will consider the need for and potential mechanisms to address unmanaged forage species. The options presented by the EPDT include options that would affect the future development of the FEP.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

MDB:kam

Enclosures include:

**Closed Session, Council, and SSC Administrative Matters**

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item G.1 – Consideration of Further Protection of Currently Unmanaged Forage Species
3. Agenda Item G.3 – Advance Notice for Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for National Standard 1 Guidelines
4. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

**Ecosystem-Based Management**

5. Agenda Item H.1 – Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development

**Enforcement Issues**

6. Agenda Item I.1 – Annual NMFS Enforcement Report

**EAS Agenda, Informational Reports, etc.**

7. June 2012 EAS Agenda
8. Informational Reports
9. Hotel Related Information

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