



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 20-26, 2012 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, 1770 South Amphlett Boulevard in San Mateo, California. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest including:

- The Fort Bragg/Central Coast Risk Pool Summary Report for 2011 under Open Public Comment;
- Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service on regulatory, science, and research activities;
- Potential use of recompression devices to improve survival of released fish that suffer barotrauma;
- Stock assessment planning for 2013;
- Adoption of Exempted Fishing Permits for 2013-2014 fisheries;
- Adoption of 2013-2014 biennial harvest specifications and management measures;
- Consideration of further protection of currently unmanaged forage fish;
- Fishery Ecosystem Plan development;
- Trawl rationalization trailing actions;
- Reconsideration of initial catch share allocations in the at-sea mothership and shoreside Pacific whiting trawl fisheries;
- An annual NMFS enforcement report;
- Considerations for inseason adjustments to 2012 groundfish fisheries;
- Advance notice of proposed rulemaking for National Standard 1 guidelines;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item D – Groundfish Management
4. Agenda Item G.1 – Consideration of Further Protection of Currently Unmanaged Forage Species
5. Agenda Item G.3 – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for National Standard 1 Guidelines
6. Agenda Item G.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. Agenda Item H.1 – Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development
9. Agenda Item I.1 – Annual NMFS Enforcement Report
10. SSC Agenda and Minutes
11. GMT Agenda
12. GAP Agenda
13. Hotel-related Information
14. Roster