



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species

SUBJECT: June 2012 Council Meeting

The March Council meeting takes place June 21-26 at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California. Both the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) begin meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20 and continue meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21. HMS topics are on the second day of the Council meeting, Friday, June 22.

There are two HMS items on the Council agenda. Agenda Item E.1 is Management Reference Points and Measures for 2013-2014 Fisheries. The Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP) authorizes a Council three-meeting process every other year to determine if regulatory changes are needed for the HMS FMP management program. With the implementation of Amendment 2 to the HMS FMP, this process also may be used for the Council to determine if estimates of maximum sustainable yield (MSY), optimum yield (OY), or status determine criteria (SDC) need to be reevaluated and adjusted for any managed HMS stocks. The June meeting is the first in this cycle's three-meeting process.

Agenda Item E.2 is International Management Activities and Recommendations. The HMSMT prepared a report, included in the Briefing Book, providing background information to help the Council consider recommendations to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's Northern Committee on the development of an international management regime for North Pacific albacore tuna. The HMSMT will meet with the HMSAS on Wednesday, June 20 to brief them on the contents of the report and get feedback for possible recommendations to the Council. The HMSMT will also meet with the Scientific and Statistical Committee on Wednesday to discuss biological reference points for North Pacific albacore and other HMS.

The Council will also receive an update on the U.S.-Canada albacore treaty under Agenda Item E.2. The U.S. and Canada have not agreed on renewing the Fishing Regime described in Annex C of the Treaty, which expired at the end of the 2011 fishing season. The Council may make recommendations on future discussions of the matter between the U.S. and Canada.

Your agendas also include discussion of Agenda Item G.3, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for Revisions to National Standard 1. National Marine Fisheries Service published the ANPR anticipating needed changes to National Standard 1 Guideline revisions promulgated in 2009. The HMSMT and HMSAS have the option of providing comments to the Council on this topic.

As usual, materials for Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (Agenda Item G.7) are included to inform committees on planning for future meetings. Note that the HMSMT submitted a report for the briefing book under this item. This item appears on the Council agenda at the end of the day on Tuesday, June 26. If they wish to, committees may submit supplemental reports proposing agenda topics for future meetings.

Paper copies of referenced briefing materials are enclosed. In addition, you may also obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website, as they become available after distribution of the briefing book.

Thanks for your continued participation and see you in San Mateo, originally part of *Rancho de las Pulgas* (literally “Ranch of the Fleas”). I am assured that the fleas are gone, at least from our hotel.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item E.1 – Management Reference Points and Measures for 2013-2014 Fisheries
3. Agenda Item E.2 – International Management Activities and Recommendations
4. Agenda Item G.3 – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for National Standard 1 Guidelines
5. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. Hotel-related Information
7. Council Roster

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