



**MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 28-30, 2015 ♦ San Diego, CA**

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**600 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101**

**MEETING ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES**

Decisions on the following:

- Recommendations on the Cooperative Research and Cooperative Management White Paper recommendations (*led by the Strategic Planning, Budget, & Program Management Subcommittee*)
- Recommendations on the report from the MAFAC Climate & Marine Resources Task Force on the NOAA Fisheries Draft Climate Science Strategy (*led by the Ecosystems Approach Subcommittee*)

Informational Updates on the following:

- Budget Outlook
- Recreational Fishing Policy Implementation
- MRIP's New Survey
- Proposed Revisions to National Standards 1, 3, and 7

Sub-Committee Work on the Following Ongoing Projects:

- Species Recovery Project, Protected Resources Subcommittee
  - MAFAC and Subcommittee will be receiving a report on one target species, the Middle Columbia River Steelhead Trout. The Subcommittee will be actively interviewing staff about status of actions and refining its interview process.
- Aquaculture Projects, Commerce Subcommittee
  - The Subcommittee will continue its work on its mock project for offshore aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico and will be beginning its review of NOAA's 10 year Strategy for Aquaculture.

**AGENDA**

<b>Day 1 – Tuesday, April 28, 2015</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
8:30 – 9:00	30	<b>Welcome Introductions of New Members &amp; Executive Director</b>	<b>Keith Rizzardi, Chair</b>
9:00 – 9:30	30	<b>Chair's Report &amp; Agenda Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of agenda and meeting activities</li> <li>• Creation of new Task Forces</li> <li>• Status of past activities with updates</li> </ul>	<b>Keith Rizzardi, Chair</b> <b>Jennifer Lukens, Director, Office of Policy</b>
9:30 – 10:15	45	<b>NOAA Fisheries Budget Outlook</b>	<b>Paul Doremus, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations</b>
10:15 – 10:30	15	Break	
10:30 – 11:00	30	<b>Reports from the State Directors Meeting and Fisheries Commissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlook for year ahead</li> </ul>	<b>David Donaldson, Executive Director, GSMFC</b>

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			<b>Randy Fisher</b> , Executive Director, PSMFC
11:00 – 12:00	60	<b>Cooperative Research &amp; Cooperative Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review topic, white paper, and discuss recommendations</li> </ul>	<b>Heather Sagar</b> , Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Policy
12:00 – 1:00	60	Lunch	
1:00 -- 2:00	60	<b>Protected Resources – Recovery of Species</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of recovery plans, actions, and the Species Recovery Project</li> <li>High level overview of the recovery plan for one species in the assessed, the Middle Columbia River Steelhead Trout</li> </ul>	<b>Therese Conant</b> , Recovery Coordinator, Office of Protected Species, Headquarters  <b>Nora Berwick</b> , Senior Natural Resource Specialist, Office of Protected Resources, West Coast Region
2:00 – 3:30	90	<b>Subcommittee Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Protected Resources</b> - Work on Recovery Project</li> <li><b>Strategic Planning, Budget &amp; Program Management</b> - Cooperative Research &amp; Management</li> <li><b>Aquaculture group (of Commerce Subcommittee)</b>- Work on Strategic Plan review</li> </ul>	<b>Julie Morris</b> , Chair, Protected Resources Subcommittee  <b>Tony Chatwin</b> , Chair, Strategic Planning, Budget & Program Management Subcommittee  <b>John Corbin</b> , Co-Chair, Commerce Subcommittee
3:30 – 5:00	90	<b>Tour &amp; Meet Scientists - Southwest Fisheries Science Center</b> <i>(Bus has been reserved)</i>	<b>Roger Hewitt</b> , Assistant Director, Southwest Fisheries Science Center

**Day 2 - Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

Time	Min.	Subject	Presenter
8:30 – 9:15	45	<b>Report from the Assistant Administrator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOAA and NOAA Fisheries priorities – 2015</li> </ul>	<b>Eileen Sobeck</b> , Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
9:15 – 10:15	60	<b>Recreational Fishing Topics</b>  <b>Policy &amp; Its Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on policy and what it means for the West Coast – challenges and goals</li> </ul> <b>Recreational Fisheries Working Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role, completion of tasks, and discussion</li> </ul>	<b>Russ Dunn</b> , Senior Advisory on Recreational Fisheries <b>Craig Heberer</b> , Recreational Fisheries Coordinator, West Coast  <b>Ken Franke</b> , Chair, Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee

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		about its future.	
10:15 – 10:30	15	Break	
10:30 – 11:00	30	<b>MRIP and Transitioning to a New Survey</b>	<b>Richard Merrick</b> , Chief Scientist Advisory and Director of Scientific Programs, NOAA Fisheries
11:00 – 12:00	60	<b>National Standards – Proposed revisions to NS1, 3, and 7 --</b> Informational / Discussion	<b>Dr. Wesley Patrick</b> , Acting Branch Chief, Fisheries Policy, Office of Sustainable Fisheries
12:00 – 1:00	60	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:15	15	<b>Public Comment Period</b>	
1:15 – 2:30	75	<b>Climate Change – Changing ocean conditions and its impacts on the West Coast and Pacific region.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the science and management challenges NOAA Fisheries faces, with respect to our mission and the need for a clear science strategy.</li> </ul>	<b>Cisco Werner</b> , Director, Southwest Fisheries Science Center
2:30 – 4:45 (Break as needed)	135	<b>Subcommittees meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recreational &amp; Commerce Fisheries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion on the Recreational Fisheries Working Group.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Ecosystems Approach Subcommittee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review and finalize recommendations of the Climate and Marine Resources Task Force on the National Climate Science Strategy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>As needed, continued....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Protected Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on Recovery Project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Ken Franke</b> , Chair, Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee <b>Julie Bonney</b> , Co-Chair, Commerce Subcommittee  <b>Pam Yochem</b> , Chair, Ecosystems Approach Subcommittee  <b>Julie Morris</b> , Chair, Protected Resources Subcommittee
4:45		Adjourn	
5:15 - ??		Happy Hour (“No-host”) at TGI Fridays, 743 Fifth Ave. Opportunity for MAFAC to meet local stakeholders and Science Center staff	Local organizer – Ken Franke

**Day 3 - Thursday, April 30, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
8:30 – 9:30	60	<b>Offshore Aquaculture (Tentative)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk by Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute director on their Marine Fish Hatchery in</li> </ul>	<b>Don Kent</b> , Director, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute

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		Carlsbad, California and the Institute's Offshore Aquaculture Program.	
9:30 – 10:00	30	<b>Subcommittee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquaculture Task Force – Update on work plan and schedule for 2015.</li> </ul>	<b>John Corbin, Co-Chair,</b> Commerce Subcommittee
10:00 - 10:15	15	Break	
10:15 – 10:45	30	<b>Subcommittee Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protected Resources - Update</li> </ul>	<b>Julie Morris, Chair,</b> Protected Resources Subcommittee
<b>Subcommittee Reports – FINAL ACTION</b>			
10:45 – 11:45	60	<b>Strategic Planning, Budget &amp; Program Management Subcommittee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final recommendations on the White Paper's Recommendations</li> </ul> <b>Recreational &amp; Commerce Fisheries - RFWG</b>	<b>Tony Chatwin, Chair,</b> Strategic Planning, Budget, & Program Management <b>Julie Bonney, Co-Chair,</b> Commerce Subcommittee <b>Ken Franke, Chair,</b> Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee
11:45 – 12:45	60	Lunch	
12:45 – 2:00	75	<b>Ecosystems Approach Subcommittee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final recommendations to MAFAC on the National Climate Science Strategy.</li> </ul>	<b>Pam Yochem, Chair,</b> Ecosystems Approach Subcommittee
2:00 - 3:00	60	<b>Close Out: Review of Decisions, Action Items, Next Steps</b>	<b>Keith Rizzard, Chair</b>
3:00 pm		<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Day 4 - Friday, May 1, 2015**

Time	Min.	Subject	Presenter
6:30 – 12:30	4 hrs	<b>Educational Recreational Fishing Excursion</b>  <i>Goal -- educate MAFAC members and NOAA staff about the various types of sportfishing, its economic importance to local economies, cooperative research activities that are underway involving anglers and NOAA Fisheries scientists, and to see demonstrations first hand of some of the new technologies available to help improve the survivability of fish that are released back to the water. Participants would be fishing and releasing their fish back into the water using barotrauma devices and other new technologies. This is a unique opportunity to interact with stakeholders in the region.</i>	<b>Ken Franke, Chair,</b> Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee & President, Sportfishing Association of California