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# NPFMC MEETING CYCLE ADJUSTMENT OPTIONS

JUNE 2023 – ADVISORY PANEL



# BACKGROUND

- 2022 Council effort to consider whether there are opportunities to improve Council operations
- Remaining issue: reduce number of meetings from 4 to 5 (drop February), or make one meeting/year virtual
- Impetus?
  - Workload: insufficient time between Dec and Feb for staff to produce sufficient work for a full Feb agenda
  - Budget: with increasing operational and meeting costs, Council can save \$80,000-\$140,000 by dropping or making virtual one mtg/yr



# PRIMARY ISSUE FOR COUNCIL

- Time-sensitive: staff needs to secure an Oregon venue for 2025 (February or other)
  
- Options discussed in paper:
  1. Drop the February meeting entirely
  2. Convert the Feb meeting to a virtual meeting
    - V1: SSC meets in person in Feb, AP/Council meet virtually
    - V2: Limit Dec meeting to specs only, with SSC in person and AP/C virtual; keep the Feb meeting as a full meeting



# DECEMBER/FEBRUARY OPTIONS

## Input welcomed re following considerations:

- **Drop Feb meeting**
  - Would need to prioritize earlier timing of NSRKC assessment
- **Make Feb virtual for SSC/AP/C**
  - Will need to consider how to avoid concerns about virtual agenda items
- **Make Feb in person for SSC and virtual for AP/C**
  - Provides SSC flex re meeting location/workshop planning
- **Make Dec in person for SSC and virtual for AP/C; gfish spx only**
  - Limits SSC workload in Dec to specs only; Feb is a full meeting
- **Also make another meeting virtual for SSC and in person for AP/C**
  - Provides full cost savings to Council of going virtual; parity for SSC members re number of in-person meetings



# INPUT ON OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- If we drop February, should we also consider changing the timing of the April and June meetings (to end Feb and mid May)?
  - Adjustment will be needed to regularly scheduled Council agenda items



- Factors affecting when, where, and how often to hold a meeting in the Pacific Northwest?
  - pros/cons of April, June, October, December?
  - Meeting locations downtown (Portland, Seattle) vs elsewhere
  - Is Council still committed to meeting every year in PNW (vs eg 2 out of 3)?



# INPUT ON OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- How to weigh meeting in June in AK coastal communities vs cost and accessibility issues
  - Concerns about cost and availability of hotel accommodations
- Any input on occasionally having only Council meet in-person, and SSC/AP virtual, to allow Council to meet in smaller communities



# RECAP - COUNCIL ACTION

- Are you interested in either dropping the February meeting or converting it to a virtual meeting?
  - We need to book an Oregon venue for 2025 asap
- Other input for staff regarding the importance of factors that we consider in selecting the timing and location of meeting venues
  - If drop Feb, also change April/June timing?
  - When/where/how often should we hold the Pacific Northwest meeting?
  - Tradeoffs re cost/accessibility of meeting in busy Alaska communities in June
  - Any interest in occasionally having only Council meet in-person in smaller communities that may not be able to support all SSC/AP/C meetings

