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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Council Members  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

**FROM:** Demian A. Schane  
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**SUBJECT:** Recusal Determinations for the February 2024 Council Meeting

NOAA General Counsel, Alaska Section has reviewed the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's February 2024 agenda for recusal issues.

Under 50 C.F.R. § 600.225(b)(9)(ii), none of the agenda items for the February 2024 meeting constitutes a "particular matter primarily of individual concern," and none of the Council members is recused from participating on any agenda item under that regulation.

Under 50 C.F.R. § 600.235, the following two agenda items do not constitute a "Council decision" as that term is defined at 50 C.F.R. § 600.235(a); therefore, a recusal determination is not required for either of them:

- C1: Norton Sound Red King Crab harvest specifications; and
- C3: Cook Inlet Salmon status determination criteria and harvest specifications.

According to the regulations at 50 C.F.R. § 600.235(g), any Council member may file a written request to NOAA General Counsel for a review of this determination. Requests for review should be e-mailed to Kristen Gustafson, Deputy General Counsel, NOAA Office of the General Counsel at [Kristen.L.Gustafson@noaa.gov](mailto:Kristen.L.Gustafson@noaa.gov). A request for review must be received by Ms. Gustafson by February 5, 2024. Please see the regulations at 50 C.F.R. § 600.235(g) for more information on requests for review.

