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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and International Year of the Salmon – overview on annual meeting and workshop

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Lynn Palensky

Summary: Lynn will provide an overview on the 27th annual North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission meeting (NPAFC) meeting and the International Year of the Salmon (IYS) activities and science workshop held in Portland in May 2019.

Relevance: The NPAFC has a primary objective of providing a mechanism for international cooperation to promoting conservation of the anadromous stocks with the Convention Area through shared information, science and no-harvest enforcement. Following the annual NPAFC meeting, the Second IYS Workshop on “Salmon Ocean Ecology in a Changing Climate ([abstract booklet](#)). The 8-day event included two receptions to raise awareness and support for the International Year of the Salmon and the 2019 Science Expedition aboard the Russian Research Vessel *Professor Kaganovskiy* documenting salmon and their winter habitat across nearly 700,000 km² in the Gulf of Alaska.

Workplan: These efforts relate to Fish and Wildlife Program measures under the Hatchery, Public Engagement, Plume and Nearshore Ocean, and Climate Change strategies. Council involvement with this initiative and

participation in workshops may help advance our understanding of salmon science and how to improve strategies, measures and investments in the Program.

Background: The North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) multi-lateral organization established by the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean, which took effect in 1993. The objective of the Commission is to promote the conservation of anadromous stocks (Pacific salmon and steelhead) in the Convention Area which includes the international waters of the North Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas north of 33° North (generally north of Los Angeles) beyond the 200-mile zone of the coastal states. The NPAFC member countries include Canada, Japan, Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States.

The IYS is a multi-year outreach and research initiative of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) and the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO). The IYS convenes salmon experts from across the globe to present on and discuss emerging scientific topics related to salmonids, with an emphasis on survival in the marine environment. The IYS has six primary themes that relate to many of our Program strategies: (1) status of salmon; (2) salmon in a changing “salmosphere”; (3) new frontiers; (4) human dimension; (5) information systems; and (6) outreach and communication. The IYS aims to encourage research and leave a legacy of knowledge, information systems, research/analytical tools, and a new generation of scientists better equipped to provide timely advice to inform rational management of salmon.

More Info:

- NPAFC: <https://npafc.org/annual-meetings/>
- October 2018 packet [memo](#)
- April 2019 Council meeting [memo](#).