

**FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADA - U.S. GROUND FISH  
COMMITTEE**

May 10, 2001

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**I. Call to Order**

Stephen Phillips (U.S.) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. May 10, 2001

Parent Committee Members:

**Stephen Phillips**, Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission

**Diana Trager**, Fisheries And Oceans, Canada

TSC Members and Others Present:

**Stephen Phillips**

**Cyreis Schmitt**

**Mark Wilkins**

**Bill Barss**

**Dave Clausen**

**Jim Bottom**

**II. Appointment of Secretary**

Jim Bottom of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**IV. Adoption of Minutes of May 2000 Meeting**

Minutes of the Forty-Second Annual Meeting (2000) were adopted.

**V. Progress on 2000 Recommendations from the Parent Committee to Itself**

1. The Parent Committee is to develop a distribution list for hard copy of the TSC report and ensure that the 1999 and future reports are distributed.

*Stephen said when hard copies of TSC reports are ready to be distributed he would provide an updated mailing list he has developed for this purpose.*

2. Parent Committee recommends letters to California Sea Grant and California Seafood council expressing our appreciation for funding of the Sardine Symposium 2000.

Letters were sent to California Sea Grant and California Seafood Council in appreciation for their funding the Sardine Symposium 2000.

3. Continue to explore options for developing a process by which Canadian and U.S. managers can jointly manage trans-boundary stocks.

This was discussed and will continue to be pursued.

4. All agencies need to be solicited to attend next year's meeting. TSC Chair needs to contact Parent Committee and report on 1999 anticipated meeting attendance, follow-up letter will be drafted if attendance is needed from TSC members.

*Stephen Phillips said Canadian and U. S. letters were written and mailed to state and federal fishery agencies to encourage broader management participation at the TSC. The North Pacific Council, Pacific Council, NMFS's Southwest Fisheries Science Center and Southwest Region were sent letters requesting participation at the TSC meetings. Unfortunately, the letters did not result in action. I think next year we should send letters once again.*

5. Review progress on recommendations by convening a September conference call.

A conference call was held in March to review progress on recommendations.

*Stephen: In the future, if we could hold such calls in January or February, we'd be way ahead.*

## **VI. Progress on 2000 Recommendations from TSC to Parent Committee**

1. The TSC requests that the PSMFC post the PFMC draft Groundfish Strategic Plan on the TSC website and post updates to the plan in a timely manner.

A link was placed on the web site to post updates to the PFMC draft Groundfish Strategic Plan as requested by the TSC.

2. The TSC requests that the parent committee write a letter to Dr. Michael Tillman explaining the importance of the TSC and requesting his annual participation and provide an annual report to TSC by the SWFSC. CC the request to the NWFSC Director Usha Varanasi, to Rod McInnis (SW Reg. Dir.), and director of Tiburon lab Churchill Grimes.

A letter was draft to Dr. Michael Tillman explaining the importance of the TSC and requesting his annual participation. The letter also asked that he provide an annual report to TSC by the SWFSC. Copies of the request went to the NWFSC Director Usha Varanasi, to SW Region Director Rod MacInnis, and Tiburon Laboratory Director Churchill Grimes.

3. The TSC notes that the combined Canadian/U.S. harvest of hake continues to exceed the adopted coast wide yield option, and it recommends to the Parent Committee that the bilateral negotiations be encouraged to arrive at a solution. Further, Canadian and U.S. managers have adopted divergent yield options for trans-boundary stocks including yellowtail rockfish and lingcod. The TSC asks that the Parent Committee recommend that the Canadian and U.S. managers develop a process to discuss yield options to prevent overharvest of trans-boundary stocks.

This will continue to be pursued.

## **VII. Progress on 2000 recommendations from Parent Committee to the TSC**

- 1) The Parent Committee recommends TSC annually review the appropriateness of their report format. Ongoing and future activities were discussed for inclusion.

*Stephen: Last year we modified the report to the point where people felt comfortable about it. At this meeting we discussed adding in a portion of the report that would talk about ongoing or future activities. Also, PacFIN information will be placed on the website, and will be part of the annual report. Canadian catch data will also be included.*

## **VIII. 2001 recommendations from the TSC to the Parent Committee**

- 1) The TSC notes that the combined Canadian/U.S. harvest of hake continues to exceed the adopted coast-wide yield option and recommends to the Parent Committee that the bilateral negotiations be encouraged to arrive at a solution. Further, Canadian and U.S. managers have adopted divergent yield options for trans-boundary stocks including yellowtail rockfish and lingcod. The TSC asks that the Parent Committee recommend that the Canadian and U.S. managers develop a process to discuss yield options to prevent overharvest of trans-boundary stocks.

*Cyreis: A couple of meetings were held last summer on a State Department level. I think there were proposals reviewed by each side, and ultimately, they decided to disagree. Hake was primary work, although I think there were some opportunities they wanted to take advantage of for other trans-boundary issues as well.*

- 2) TSC recommends that PACFIN project solicit Fisheries and Oceans Canada for groundfish catch summaries from B.C. waters and the Canadian and U.S. catch data will be combined in the annual report.

*Stephen: based on discussions with DFO, Canadian groundfish catch data summaries will be shared with PacFIN system. This information will be included in the TSC report.*

**IX. 2001 Recommendations from the Parent Committee to TSC.**

- 1) The Parent Committee recommends TSC continue to annually review the appropriateness of their report format. In addition they shall add information pertaining to ongoing and future research and assessment activities.
- 2) The Parent Committee recommends that the TSC annually consider its meeting frequency (i.e., meeting once a year or less frequently) and ways the meeting can be coordinated with other fisheries forums.
- 3) The Parent Committee recommends that a TSC representative attend the 2002 Western Groundfish Conference and present information about the TSC to increase awareness and possibilities for coordination among groundfish researchers and managers. The Parent Committee further recommends that Mark Saunders of Fisheries and Oceans Canada give the presentation.

**X. 2001 Recommendations from the Parent Committee to itself**

- 1) The Parent Committee recommends it continue to explore options for developing a process by which Canadian and U.S. managers can jointly manage trans-boundary stocks.
- 2) All agencies need to be individually solicited to attend next year's meeting; the TSC Chair needs to contact the Parent Committee to report on anticipated meeting attendance. A follow-up letter will be drafted if attendance is needed from TSC members. In addition to these agencies, a similar letter will be sent to the International Pacific Halibut Commission. Also, a letter will go to California Department of Fish and Game expressing the Parent Committee's concern that no representatives from that department attended this year's meeting, nor was a report submitted.
- 3) Review progress on recommendations by convening a February conference call.

**XI. Other Business**

- 1) The Parent Committee would like to thank Cyreis Schmitt of the NWFSC for her exceptional work hosting and chairing this year's meeting and Jim Bottom of the NWFSC for providing assistance as recording secretary.

**XII. 2002 Meeting Location**

- 1) The 2002 Annual Parent Committee meeting will be held May 8, in the Monterey Bay area of California, U.S.