

PROPOSED AGENDA
Salmon Advisory Subpanel

Pacific Fishery Management Council
Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay
East River I Room
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April 7-11, 2003

Of Special Note

- The April Council meeting has a salmon management agenda which begins at about **9 a.m. on Tuesday** with a report from NMFS, identification of overfished stocks, establishment of a model evaluation work group, and methodology reviews. Tentative adoption of the salmon management recommendations is scheduled for Tuesday late morning or early afternoon, with final adoption of season recommendations late Thursday afternoon.
- The salmon agenda of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will occur on Monday starting with overfishing concerns discussed at 10:30 a.m. (West River II Room).
- The Council has an agendum on enhancing communication with fishing communities scheduled for Friday morning.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003 - 8 A.M.^{1/}

A. Call to Order

Don Stevens

1. Role Call (Sign Attendance Roster)
2. Review of Agenda

Priority Agenda Items for Monday are C.4 and C.5

C. Salmon Management

5. Tentative and Final Adoption of 2003 Ocean Salmon Management Measures (Council agenda C.5 on Tuesday at 11 a.m.; C.6 on Wednesday, mid morning and on an as-needed basis; and C.7 on Thursday afternoon)

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will join the meeting at about 8:30 a.m. Monday and respond to technical questions regarding the 2003 fishery options as presented in *Preseason Report II Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*.

The SAS should have its preliminary management measures completed in time to allow editing, collation, and copying in the Council Secretariat. We would like your final input no later than 9 a.m., Tuesday morning. Please work with the Council staff to coordinate your efforts and forms.

1. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report on Salmon Management (Council agenda C.1, Tuesday morning)

1/ The meeting will continue on Tuesday to complete the SAS agenda and as necessary during the week to advise the Council on the selection of final management measures on Thursday.

NMFS may take this opportunity to update the Council on development of management objectives for Puget Sound chinook.

4. Methodology Review Process for 2003 (Council agenda C.4, Tuesday morning)

The SSC will report to the Council on the need and scheduling of methodology reviews. The SAS may wish to make recommendations to both the SSC and Council on reviews or revisions which should be initiated. The SSC will cover this issue at its meeting on Monday early afternoon (West River II Room).

2. Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Escapement Goals for Three Consecutive Years (Council agenda C.2, Tuesday morning)

The STT will update spawning escapements from the *Review of 2002 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Preseason Report I*, and identify any stocks not meeting conservation objectives for three consecutive years. Those stocks must be reviewed under the Council's process to prevent overfishing. The STT chair is scheduled to discuss this issue with the SSC on Monday morning at 10:30 a.m.

3. Establish Salmon Model Documentation and Evaluation Process (Council agenda C.3, Tuesday morning)

The Council will hear a report on the formation of the Model Evaluation Work Group, including proposed composition and leadership, and interface with the Council's existing Salmon Methodology Review process.

The SSC will discuss this issue late morning or early afternoon Monday. The SAS may want to have someone sit in on that discussion.

D. Habitat Issues

1. Essential Fish Habitat Issues (Council agenda D.1, Tuesday afternoon)

The Habitat Committee (HC) will make its recommendations to the Council on Tuesday afternoon. If the SAS has any habitat comments, they may be made through the SAS liaison with the HC or directly to the Council during the habitat agenda.

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Adopt Final 2003 Incidental Catch Regulations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries (Council agenda F.1, Thursday late afternoon)

The SAS will need to recommend landing restrictions for the troll salmon options to allow utilization of the incidental halibut harvest without undue risk of exceeding the halibut quota. The SAS will also need to comment on a proposal to avoid the "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area in Washington Marine Area 3.

B. Administrative Matters

2. Planning Session on Enhancing Communication with Fishing Communities (Council agenda B.2, Friday Morning)

The Executive Summary of a report on the study "An Investment in Trust" is included in your briefing materials. The report provides context, outlines some of the challenges to communication in fisheries management, describes methods currently used to communicate, and offers suggestions on how to improve communication. Ms. Jennifer Gilden, Council staff Information Communications

Staff Officer, will brief the SAS on the report Wednesday morning. The SAS Chair has a copy of the complete report if you are interested in more detail. The SAS may wish to provide the Council with comments or suggestions for improving communication with fishing communities.

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