

September Council Meeting and WCPFC Northern Committee Meeting Scheduling Conflict: Alternatives for 2009 and Beyond

1. *Status Quo*

- Both meetings typically scheduled for on or days either side of September 10-13
- Precludes direct participation of PFMC representatives at the Northern Committee meetings

2. *Pursue Change in the Northern Committee Schedule*

- Early October may be best fit for PFMC
- Requires agreement of all U.S. participants
- Requires agreement of several foreign counting delegations

3. *Pursue Changes in the September Council Meeting Schedule*

- Moving the meeting later may require also moving the November Council meeting later
 - November holidays and the early December WCPFC meeting are obstacles, as well as the mid-December holiday season
- Moving the meeting earlier is complicated by Labor Day Holiday and August
- Aggregating the September and November Council meetings to a single mid-October meeting could be considered
 - budget savings would likely accrue
 - meeting duration may be longer

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