



Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

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Council to Consider a Variety of Pacific Ocean Fishery Management Issues

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will meet September 9-14, 2007, in Portland, Oregon to address issues related to groundfish, highly migratory species, Pacific halibut, salmon, and essential fish habitat.

Key agenda items include Council action to:

GROUND FISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve stock assessments for developing 2009-2010 groundfish fishery management measures.• Adopt a final preferred alternative for limiting participation in the Pacific whiting fishery.• Consider inseason adjustments to the 2007 groundfish fishery.
HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider need, planning and potential options to establish a high seas limited entry longline fishery.• Adopt public review alternatives to address overfishing of yellowfin tuna.
PACIFIC HALIBUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider proposed changes to the Pacific halibut catch sharing plan for 2008.
SALMON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish final methodology review priorities to ensure the best available science is used for the 2008 salmon season.

Please refer to the attached agenda for a complete list of issues to be addressed. A schedule of advisory group meetings is provided on the last pages of the attached agenda.

Meeting Location and Arrangements

Meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Portland Lloyd Center, 1000 Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232; telephone 503-

281-6111. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session to be held from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Monday, September 10, to discuss litigation and personnel matters. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached agenda or call the Council office at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204.

Public Comment Guidelines

The public is encouraged to comment, either verbally at the meeting or in writing. Timing of agenda items may change as the meeting progresses, and items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to later in the meeting, usually the next day.

Oral Public Comments

- Oral public comments will be accepted prior to action on each agenda item.
- Public comments on fishery issues not on the agenda will be accepted at the end of the day on Monday, September 10.

Written Public Comments

- Written public comments are accepted by the Council at any time. However, the public is encouraged to submit written comments as far in advance of the meeting as possible.
- Comments received by 11:59 pm on **August 22, 2007** will be included in the briefing books mailed to Council members prior to the meeting.
- Comments received after August 22, 2007 but by 11:59 pm on **September 4, 2007** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting. Comments received at the Council office after September 4 will not be distributed at the meeting, and will not be included in the meeting record.
- If you cannot meet this latter deadline, but would like your written comments distributed to Council members at the meeting, please **bring 40 three-hole punched copies to the meeting with the agenda item topic number in the upper right corner of the front page of each copy**. Refer to the attached agenda for the topic numbers; for example, B.1.c refers to public comment on the first item under Administrative Matters on the September agenda.

This meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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