



Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

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Council to Consider a Variety of Issues Affecting Management of Fisheries in 2007 and 2008

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will meet November 4-9, 2007, in San Diego, California to address issues related to coastal pelagic species, groundfish, Pacific halibut, and salmon.

Key agenda items coming before the Council are:

Groundfish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take final action on proposed groundfish exempted fishing permits for 2008.• Consider potential adjustments to 2007 and 2008 groundfish fisheries, including Pacific whiting season dates.• Adopt a range of preliminary acceptable biological catches and optimum yields for 2009-2010 groundfish fisheries as well as a preliminary range of initial allocations, management concepts, and management measures.• Adopt alternatives for public review for an intersector allocation in groundfish fisheries.• Refine trawl rationalization alternatives for analysis.
Pacific Halibut	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt changes to the catch sharing plan and 2008 annual fishery regulations for Pacific halibut.
Salmon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the 2008 preseason management schedule including sites for public hearings and final salmon methodology changes for the 2008 season.
Coastal Pelagic Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt a Pacific sardine harvest guideline and 2008 management measures.• Approve the Pacific mackerel assessment methodology.

Please refer to the attached proposed 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. *NOTE:* There are also two evening events scheduled; an informational trawl rationalization presentation on Monday, November 5 at 7:00 pm, and the annual banquet to honor outgoing Council/Committee members on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting Location and Arrangements

Meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, 1441 Quivira Road, San Diego, California 92109; telephone 619-224-1234. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session to be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Monday, November 5, 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 start of the open session on Monday, November 5.

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 **October 17, 2007** will be included in the briefing books mailed to Council members prior to the meeting.
- Comments received after October 17, 2007 but by 11:59 pm **October 30, 2007** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting. Comments received at the Council office after October 30 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 November 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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