



**228<sup>th</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
 March 6-12, 2015**

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**Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 7.**

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 7 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of March 6 through March 12, 2015.

**Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on the next page.**

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda. However, please note that the timing--including the day--of the agenda items may change on the basis of the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

| Friday - Saturday<br>March 6-7  | Sunday<br>March 8 | Monday<br>March 9 | Tuesday<br>March 10      | Wednesday<br>March 11 | Thursday<br>March 12 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 9. | Closed Session    | Salmon            | Salmon                   | Salmon                | Salmon               |
|   | Call to Order     |                   |                          | Pacific Halibut       |                      |
|   | Open Comment      |                   | Highly Migratory Species |                       | Administrative       |
|   | Enforcement       |                   |                          | Ecosystem             |                      |
|   | Habitat           | Ecosystem         | Administrative           |                       |                      |
|   | Ecosystem         |                   |                          |                       |                      |

**Council Action** descriptions to adopt imply consideration to adopt; adoption is not mandatory.



## 228<sup>th</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

March 8-12, 2015

General Council Session  
Proposed Detailed Agenda

Sunday, March 8, 2015

8:00 AM Heritage Ballroom A-B

### Closed Executive Session

This session is closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Council Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### A. Call to Order

- A.1 Opening Remarks Dorothy Lowman, Chair
- A.2 Roll Call Don Mclsaac
- A.3 Executive Director's Report Don Mclsaac
- A.4 Agenda Dorothy Lowman
  - a. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda

#### B. Open Comment Period

- B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items
  - a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
  - b. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. Council Discussion as Appropriate

#### C. Enforcement Issues

- C.1 Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report
  - a. Agenda Item Overview Jim Seger
  - b. U.S. Coast Guard Annual West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report Capt. White
  - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Consider the U.S. Coast Guard Report

#### D. Habitat

- D.1 Current Habitat Issues
  - a. Agenda Item Overview Jennifer Gilden
  - b. Report of the Habitat Committee Joel Kawahara
  - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

#### E. Ecosystem Management

- E.1 California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
  - a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
  - b. Report of the IEA Team Chris Harvey, Toby Garfield
  - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report

**Sunday, March 8, 2015 (continued)**

**E. Ecosystem Management (continued)**

**E.2 Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Prioritize Potential Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule

**E.3 NMFS Climate Science Strategy Update**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service Jason Link
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider the NMFS Draft Climate Science Strategy

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**Monday, March 9, 2015**

**8:00 AM Heritage Ballroom A-B**

**A. Call to Order (reconvene)**

Dorothy Lowman

**A.5 Commencing Remarks**

Don McIsaac

**F. Salmon Management**

**F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Regulatory Activities Bob Turner
- c. Fisheries Science Center Activities Pete Lawson
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

**F.2 Review of 2014 Fisheries and Summary of 2015 Stock Abundance Forecasts**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, and adopt 2015 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary

**F.3 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2015 Salmon Management Alternatives**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission Bob Turner
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Description

**Monday, March 9, 2015 (continued)**

**E. Ecosystem Management (continued)**

**E.4 Unmanaged Forage Fish Protection Final Action**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternative and Amendment Language for Incorporating Protection of Unmanaged Forage Fish in Council Fishery Management Plans; Consider Adopting Council Operating Procedure 24 – Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Shared Ecosystem Component Species
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**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

**8:00 AM Heritage Ballroom A-B**

**A. Call to Order (reconvene)**

Dorothy Lowman

**A.6 Commencing Remarks**

Don McIsaac

**F. Salmon Management (continued)**

**F.4 Council Recommendations for 2015 Management Alternative Analysis**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis

**G. Pacific Halibut Management**

**G.1 Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. IPHC Report Bruce Leaman and Ian Stewart
- c. Council Representative Report Gway Kirchner
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Consideration of the IPHC Report

**G.2 Incidental Catch Recommendations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Make Recommendations for Inseason Changes to April 2015 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for 2015 and April 2016 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2015 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

**H. Highly Migratory Species Management**

**H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Regulatory Activities Heidi Taylor
- c. Science Center Activities John Stein and Cisco Werner
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

**H.2 Recommendations for International Management Activities Including U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Area Fishery Update**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Report on the WCPFC Meeting Dorothy Lowman
- c. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service Heidi Taylor
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Consider Reports on International Activities and 2014 U.S.-Canada Albacore Fishery

**I. Administrative Matters**

**I.1 Legislative Matters**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Jennifer Gilden
- b. Report of the Legislative Committee Dave Hanson
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee

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**Wednesday, March 11, 2014**

**8:00 AM Heritage Ballroom A-B**

**A. Call to Order (reconvene)**

Dorothy Lowman

**A.7 Commencing Remarks**

Don Mclsaac

**F. Salmon Management (continued)**

**F.5 Further Council Direction for 2015 Management Alternatives**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Further Guidance and Direction as Necessary

**H. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)**

**H.3 Final Exempted Fishing Permit Approval**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Approve Final Recommendations for Exempted Fishing Permits in 2015-16 West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries

**Wednesday, March 11, 2014 (continued)**

**H. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)**

**H.4 Drift Gillnet Management and Monitoring Plan Including Final Action on Hard Caps**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Approve Purpose and Need Statement, Including Goals and Objectives, for a Drift Gillnet Management and Monitoring Plan; Provide Guidance on Further Development of the Management and Monitoring Plan; Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Hard Caps
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**Thursday, March 12, 2015**

**8:00 AM Heritage Ballroom A-B**

**A. Call to Order (reconvene)**

Dorothy Lowman

**A.8 Commencing Remarks**

Don McIsaac

**F. Salmon Management (continued)**

**F.6 Adoption of 2015 Management Alternatives for Public Review**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Management Alternatives for Public Review

**F.7 Salmon Hearings Officers**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. **Council Action:** Appoint Hearings Officers Dorothy Lowman

**I. Administrative Matters (continued)**

**I.2 National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region Strategic Plan Update**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service Barry Thom
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Provide Comments on Completion of the NMFS WCR Strategic Plan

**I.3 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

- a. Council Member Review and Comments Dorothy Lowman
- b. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes

**I.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Committees and Other Forums

**Thursday, March 12, 2015 (continued)**

**I. Administrative Matters (continued)**

**I.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Don McIsaac
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

| <b>Day 1—Friday, March 6, 2015</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Habitat Committee  | 8:30 AM     | Heritage F      |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee | 10:00 AM    | Heritage E      |
| <b>Day 2—Saturday, March 7, 2015</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
| Council Secretariat  | 11:00 AM    | Alder Room      |
| Scientific and Statistical Committee   | 8:00 AM     | Heritage E      |
| Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel  | 8:00 AM     | Discovery D     |
| Legislative Committee  | 1:00 PM     | Hemlock Room    |
| <b>Day 3—Sunday, March 8, 2015</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
| Council Secretariat  | 7:00 AM     | Alder Room      |
| California State Delegation  | 7:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Oregon State Delegation  | 7:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Washington State Delegation  | 7:00 AM     | Heritage F      |
| Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel  | 8:00 AM     | Discovery D     |
| Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel                                       | 8:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Highly Migratory Species Management Team   | 8:00 AM     | Discovery E     |
| Scientific and Statistical Committee   | 8:00 AM     | Heritage E      |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel   | 8:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Salmon Technical Team  | 8:00 AM     | Heritage C      |
| Enforcement Consultants  | 3:00 pm     | Hemlock Room    |
| Chairman's Reception   | 6:00 pm     | Discovery A/B   |
| Tribal Policy Group  | Ad hoc      | Cedar Room      |
| Tribal and Washington Technical Group  | Ad hoc      | Ash Room        |
| <b>Day 4—Monday, March 9, 2015</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
| Council Secretariat  | 7:00 AM     | Alder Room      |
| California State Delegation  | 7:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Oregon State Delegation  | 7:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Washington State Delegation  | 7:00 AM     | Heritage F      |
| Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel                                       | 8:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Highly Migratory Species Management Team   | 8:00 AM     | Sacramento Room |

| <b>Day 4—Monday, March 9, 2015 (continued)</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel                       | 8:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Salmon Technical Team                          | 8:00 AM     | Heritage C      |
| Enforcement Consultants                        | Ad hoc      | Hemlock Room    |
| Tribal Policy Group                            | Ad hoc      | Cedar Room      |
| Tribal and Washington Technical Group          | Ad hoc      | Ash Room        |

| <b>Day 5—Tuesday, March 10, 2015</b>       | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Council Secretariat                        | 7:00 AM     | Alder Room      |
| California State Delegation                | 7:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Oregon State Delegation                    | 7:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Washington State Delegation                | 7:00 AM     | Heritage F      |
| Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Highly Migratory Species Management Team   | 8:00 AM     | Sacramento Room |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel                   | 8:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Salmon Technical Team                      | 8:00 AM     | Heritage C      |
| Enforcement Consultants                    | Ad hoc      | Hemlock Room    |
| Tribal Policy Group                        | Ad hoc      | Cedar Room      |
| Tribal and Washington Technical Group      | Ad hoc      | Ash Room        |

| <b>Day 6—Wednesday, March 11, 2015</b>     | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Council Secretariat                        | 7:00 AM     | Alder Room      |
| California State Delegation                | 7:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Oregon State Delegation                    | 7:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Washington State Delegation                | 7:00 AM     | Heritage F      |
| Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Highly Migratory Species Management Team   | 8:00 AM     | Discovery F     |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel                   | 8:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Salmon Technical Team                      | 8:00 AM     | Heritage C      |
| Enforcement Consultants                    | Ad hoc      | Hemlock Room    |
| Tribal Policy Group                        | Ad hoc      | Cedar Room      |
| Tribal and Washington Technical Group      | Ad hoc      | Ash Room        |

| <b>Day 7—Thursday, March 12, 2015</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Council Secretariat                   | 7:00 AM     | Alder Room      |
| California State Delegation           | 7:00 AM     | Discovery C     |
| Oregon State Delegation               | 7:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Washington State Delegation           | 7:00 AM     | Heritage F      |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel              | 8:00 AM     | Heritage D      |
| Salmon Technical Team                 | 8:00 AM     | Heritage C      |
| Enforcement Consultants               | Ad hoc      | Hemlock Room    |
| Tribal Policy Group                   | Ad hoc      | Cedar Room      |
| Tribal and Washington Technical Group | Ad hoc      | Ash Room        |

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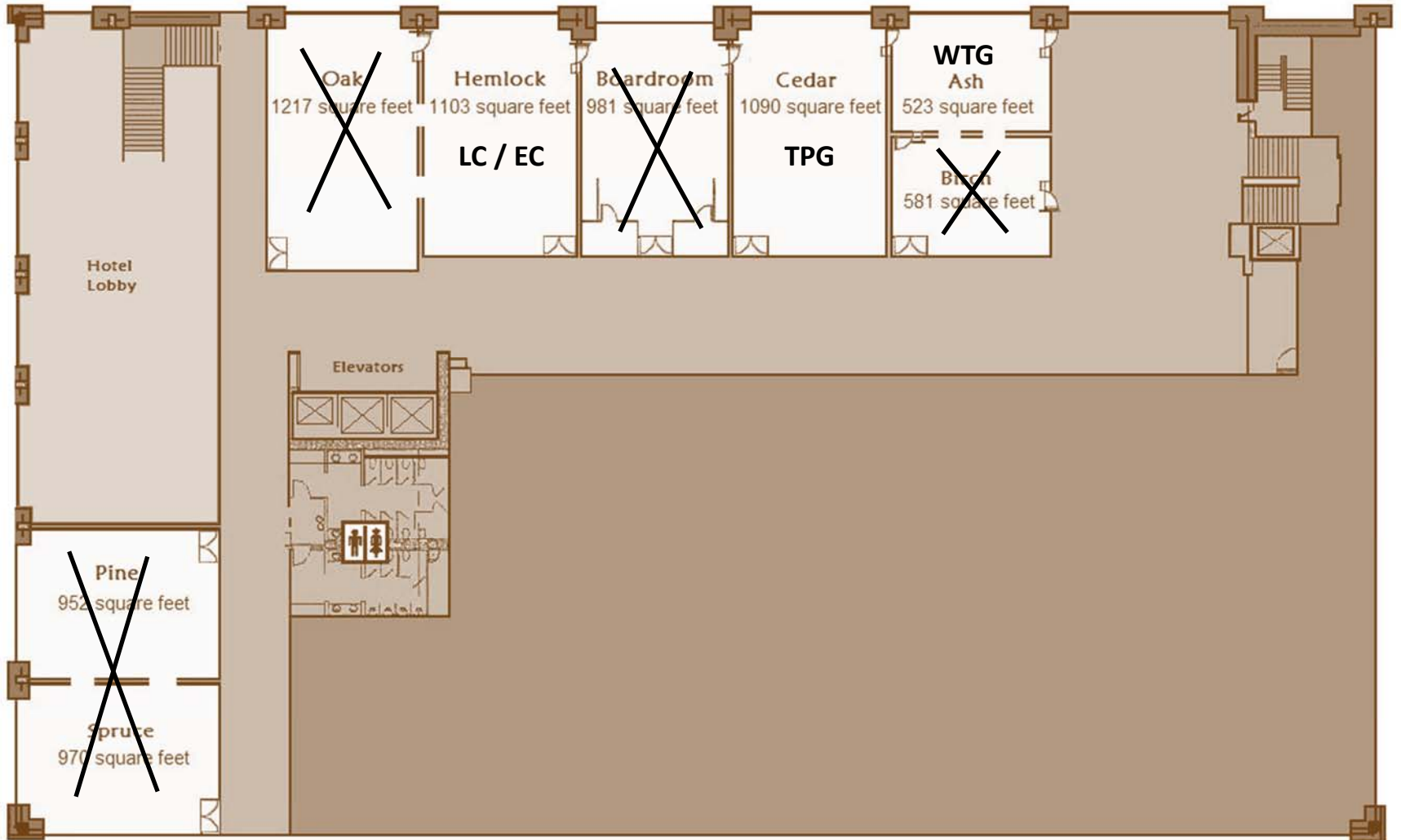
**PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, MARCH 6-12, 2015 IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

| Acronyms   | Sun, Mar 8   | Mon, Mar 9   | Tue, Mar 10  | Wed, Mar 11  | Thu, Mar 12   |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| <p><i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i><br/> <i>CPS: Coastal Pelagic Species</i><br/> <i>EAS: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel</i><br/> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i><br/> <i>ED: Executive Director</i><br/> <i>EFP: Exempted Fishing Permit</i><br/> <i>FPA: Final Preferred Alternative</i><br/> <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i><br/> <i>HMS: Highly Migratory Species</i><br/> <i>HMSAS/MT: HMS Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt Team</i><br/> <i>IEA: Integrated Ecosystem Assessment</i><br/> <i>IPHC: International Pacific Halibut Commission</i><br/> <i>LC: Legislative Committee</i><br/> <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i><br/> <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i><br/> <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team</i><br/> <i>USCG: US Coast Guard</i><br/> <i>WCR: West Coast Region</i></p> | <p align="center"><b>CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION</b></p> <p>Discuss Litigation &amp; Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</b></p> <p>1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>B. OPEN COMMENT</b></p> <p>1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>C. ENFORCEMENT</b></p> <p>1. Annual USCG Enforcement Rpt (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>D. HABITAT</b></p> <p>1. Current Habitat Issues (45 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>E. ECOSYSTEM</b></p> <p>1. California Current Ecosystem and IEA Report (2 hr)</p> <p>2. Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives (2 hr 30 min)</p> <p>3. NMFS Climate Science Strategy Update (30 min)</p> | <p align="center"><b>F. SALMON</b></p> <p>1. NMFS Report (1 hr)</p> <p>2. Review of 2014 Fisheries &amp; Summary of 2015 Stock Abundance Forecasts (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>3. Identify Mgmt Objectives &amp; Preliminary Definition of 2015 of Management Alternatives (3 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>E. ECOSYSTEM</b></p> <p>4. Unmanaged Forage Fish Protection FPA (2 hr 15 min)</p> | <p align="center"><b>F. SALMON</b></p> <p>4. Recommendations for 2015 Management Alternative Analysis (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>G. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b></p> <p>1. Report on the Annual IPHC Meeting (45 min)</p> <p>2. Incidental Catch Limits: Options for Salmon Troll &amp; Final for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>H. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</b></p> <p>1. NMFS Report (1 hr)</p> <p>2. Recommendations for International Management Activities including US-Canada Albacore Treaty Area Fishery Update (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>I. ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>1. Legislative Matters (1.5 hr)</p> | <p align="center"><b>F. SALMON</b></p> <p>5. Further Direction for 2015 Management Alternatives (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>H. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</b></p> <p>3. Final EFP Approval (3 hr)</p> <p>4. Drift Gillnet Management Plan including Hard Caps FPA (4 hr)</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate; not reliable for planning attendance or participation.</p> </div> | <p align="center"><b>F. SALMON</b></p> <p>6. Adopt 2015 Management Alternatives for Public Review (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>7. Appoint Salmon Hearing Officers (15 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>I. ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>2. NMFS WCR Strategic Plan Update (1 hr)</p> <p>3. Approve Council Minutes (15 min)</p> <p>4. Membership Appointments &amp; COPs (15 min)</p> <p>5. Future Meeting Agenda &amp; Workload Planning (30 min)</p> |
| <b>Fri, Mar 6</b>  |  |  |  |  |   |
| 10 am SSC CPS Subcommittee<br>8:30 am HC   |  |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Sat Mar 7</b>   | 8.75 hr  | 8.25 hr  | 7.75 hr  | 8 hr   | 4 hr  |
| 11 am Secretariat<br>8 am SSC<br>8 am EAS<br><br>1 pm LC   | 7 am State Delegations<br>7 am Secretariat<br>8 am SSC<br>8 am SAS & STT<br>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT<br>8 am EAS<br>3 pm EC<br>6 pm Chair's Reception  | 7 am State Delegations<br>7 am Secretariat<br><br>8 am SAS & STT<br>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT<br><br>Ad Hoc EC  | 7 am State Delegations<br>7 am Secretariat<br><br>8 am SAS & STT<br>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT<br><br>Ad Hoc EC  | 7 am State Delegations<br>7 am Secretariat<br><br>8 am SAS & STT<br>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT<br>Ad Hoc EC  | 7 am State Delegations<br>7 am Secretariat<br><br>8 am SAS & STT<br><br>Ad Hoc EC   |



Columbia Avenue

CONVENTION CENTER ENTRANCE



2nd Floor Meeting Space