

PRESEASON SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2012

To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November. The proposed 2012 process and schedule are contained in Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1.

For 2012, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2011. The hearings would be:

- March 26, 2012 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 27, 2012 Eureka, California

In 2012, the March Council meeting will occur in Sacramento, California and the April Council meeting in Seattle, Washington. Therefore, the public comment period on Monday of the April meeting in Seattle also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1998 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Westport	4	18	24	30	11	16	16	25	26	34	20	27	21	54
Astoria		14												
Tillamook	28		13	16 ^{2/}	18 ^{2/}									
Coos Bay	15	31	36	18	40	26	26	105	146	43	60	108	60	19
Eureka	16	18	37	12	25	46	-				167	65	34	41
Ft. Bragg							27	38						
Sacramento	13													
Santa Rosa			4						500	35				
Moss Landing ^{2/}	100	51	50	33	14									

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2012.

2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

Council Action:

1. **Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.**
2. **Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2012 ocean salmon management measures.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule and Process for Developing 2012 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.
2. Agenda Item C.2.b, STT Report: Salmon Technical Team Statement on the Preseason Management Schedule for 2012.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt a 2012 Preseason Management Schedule

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