

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR  
DEVELOPING 2012 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov 1-7,  
2011            The Council and advisory entities meet at the Hilton Orange County, Costa Mesa, California, to consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options.
- Jan. 17-20,  
2012            The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft *Review of 2011 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 7 print date, available on-line February 10.)
- Feb. 21-24       STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2012 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2012 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options (February 29 print date, March 1 mailed to the Public and available on-line).
- Feb. 25  
through  
Mar. 1            State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Mar. 2-7           Council and advisory entities meet at the DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento, CA to adopt 2012 regulatory alternatives for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts preliminary alternatives on March 4, adopts tentative alternatives for STT analysis on March 5, and final alternatives for public review on March 7.
- Mar. 12-16       The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2012 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* (March 19 print date, March 20 available to the public).
- Mar. 12-31       Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory alternatives. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 13-15 and March 27-29.
- Mar. 20           Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2012 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, alternative highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management alternatives.

- Mar. 26-27 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 26); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 26); and Eureka, California (March 27). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 2 in Seattle, Washington.
- Apr. 1-6 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, Washington. *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2012 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*, results from the public hearings, and information developed at the Council meeting is considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 2. Final adoption of recommendations to NMFS is tentatively scheduled to be completed on April 6.
- Apr. 7-20 The STT and Council staff completes *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Management Measures for 2012 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (April 16 print date, mailed to the Council and available to the public April 17). Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 17 Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and *Preseason Report III* is made available to the public.
- May 1 NMFS implements Federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

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