

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**March 5-10, 2006**

<b>MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>					
<i>Sunday, March 5</i>	<i>Monday, March 6</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 7</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 8</i>	<i>Thursday, March 9</i>	<i>Friday, March 10</i>
Advisory Body Meetings (KFMC)--see last pages of Proposed Agenda	Advisory Body Meetings—see last pages of Proposed Agenda	Pacific Halibut	Groundfish Management	Marine Protected Areas	Salmon Management
	Closed Executive Session 1 p.m.	Groundfish Management		Groundfish Management	Administrative Matters
	General Session Call to Order 2 p.m.	Salmon Management	Habitat	Highly Migratory Species Management	Salmon Management
	Administrative Matters		Coastal Pelagic Species Management		
	Salmon Management		Salmon Management	Salmon Management	
	Enforcement Issues	Public Comment	Salmon Management	Salmon Management	

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Please note the actual order and timing of agenda items may vary somewhat from the proposed agenda. For example, items not completed on the scheduled day may be carried over to the next day. Items may be moved to an earlier or later time than shown on this Proposed Agenda or rescheduled for a different time during the week.

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion. However, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting, unless they are emergency in nature.

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Verbal testimony is limited to five minutes for individuals and ten minutes for groups or individuals representing organizations. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony.

How to Submit Written Testimony

Written comments may be submitted by the deadlines listed below in person or by mail to:

Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200,  
Portland, OR 97220;

Email to: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Fax to: 503-820-2299.

Written comments **received by close of business February 15, 2006** will be mailed to Council members prior to the meeting.

Comments or materials received at the Council Office **after February 15 but by close of business February 28** will be included in the supplemental materials distributed to the Council on the first day of the meeting.

Comments received at the Council after February 28 will be kept on file as having been received too late for consideration at the March Council meeting.

Individuals planning to testify at the meeting, who were unable to submit written comments by February 28, may bring copies of their testimony to be given to Council members at the time they testify. **It is the individual's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies to ensure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies). Each copy must include the Agenda Item Topic Number (as listed in the detailed agenda) in the upper right hand corner of the front page.**

Financial interest statements for the appointed Council members are available for inspection at the entry table in the Council meeting room.

## DETAILED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006

### ANCILLARY SESSIONS

Various technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, and state delegations will meet throughout the week. See the SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS at the end of this agenda for a complete listing of these meetings.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

### CLOSED SESSION

1 p.m.

*Evergreen Ballroom*

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

### GENERAL SESSION

2 p.m.

*Evergreen Ballroom*

#### A. Call to Order

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| 1. <i>Opening Remarks, Introductions</i> | Don Hansen, Chair |
| 2. <i>Roll Call</i>                      | Don McIsaac       |
| 3. <i>Executive Director's Report</i>    | Don McIsaac       |
| 4. <i>Council Action:</i> Approve Agenda | Don Hansen        |

#### B. Administrative Matters

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|---|-------------|
| 1. <i>Approval of Council Meeting Minutes</i>                 |             |
| a. Council Member Review and Comments                         | Don Hansen  |
| b. <b>Council Action:</b> Approve September 2005 Minutes      |             |
| 2. <i>Future Council Meeting Agenda Planning</i>              |             |
| a. Agenda Item Overview                                       | Don McIsaac |
| b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies                    |             |
| c. Public Comment   |             |
| d. Council Discussion of Future Council Meeting Agenda Topics |             |

#### C. Salmon Management

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. <i>Mass Marking and Coded-Wire Tagging</i> |                             |
| a. Agenda Item Overview                       | Chuck Tracy                 |
| b. Pacific Salmon Commission Report           | Dave Hankin, Gary Morishima |
| c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies    |                             |
| d. Public Comment                             |                             |
| e. Council Discussion                         |                             |

**2. Fort Bragg March 15, 2006 Commercial Fishery Opening**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Agency and Tribal Recommendations
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Modifying Opening Date

Chuck Tracy

**D. Enforcement Issues**

**1. Fishery Enforcement Activity Report**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Annual U.S. Coast Guard Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

Jim Seger

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006
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GENERAL SESSION  
8 A.M.  
*Evergreen Ballroom*

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

Don Hansen

**5. Commencing Remarks**

Don McIsaac

**E. Pacific Halibut Management**

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

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Summary of Meeting
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

Chuck Tracy  
Phil Anderson

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

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. State Proposals for the Salmon Troll Fishery
- c. State Proposals for the Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery
- d. Tribal Comments
- e. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- f. Public Comment
- g. **Council Action:** Adopt Public Review Options for 2006

Chuck Tracy

Jim Harp

**F. Groundfish Management**

**1. NMFS Report**

- a. Regulatory Activities
- b. Science Center Activities
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

Frank Lockhart  
Elizabeth Clarke

**2. Stock Assessment Planning for the 2009-2010 Fishing Season**

- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
- b. Report from the Stock Assessment Process Review Workshop Don McIsaac
- c. Stock Assessment Options Elizabeth Clarke
- d. Preliminary Stock Assessment Terms of Reference Martin Dorn
- e. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- f. Public Comment
- g. **Council Action:** Adopt for Public Review the Preliminary Terms of Reference, List of Stocks to be Assessed, and Stock Assessment Review Schedule

**3. Yelloweye Stock Assessment**

- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
- b. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SCC) Report Kevin Hill
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Approve Yelloweye Assessment for use in the 2007-2008 Fishing Season

**C. Salmon Management (continued)**

**3. Review of 2005 Fisheries and Summary of 2006 Stock Abundance Estimates**

- a. Report of the Salmon Technical Team (STT) Dell Simmons
- b. Agency and Tribal Comments
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

**4. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2006 Salmon Management Options**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Jim Harp
- c. Report of the Klamath Fishery Management Council (KFMC) Curt Melcher
- d. NMFS Recommendations Frank Lockhart
- e. Tribal Recommendations Jim Harp
- f. State Recommendations Phil Anderson/Curt Melcher/Maria Vojkovich
- g. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- h. Public Comment
- i. Council Recommendations for Initial Options for STT Collation and Description

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Public comments on fishery issues not on the agenda are accepted at this time.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

GENERAL SESSION  
8 A.M.  
*Evergreen Ballroom*

- A. Call to Order (reconvene)** Don Hansen
- 6. Commencing Remarks** Don McIsaac
- F. Groundfish Management (continued)**
- 4. Pacific Whiting Management for 2006**
- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Adopt 2006 Stock Assessment, ABC and OY Levels, and Management Measures
- G. Habitat**
- 1. Current Habitat Issues**
- a. Report of the Habitat Committee (HC) Stuart Ellis
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Consider HC Recommendations
- H. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**
- 1. NMFS Report**
- a. Regulatory Activities Mark Helvey
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. Council Discussion
- 2. Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment—Krill Management**
- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
  - b. NMFS Report Svein Fougner
  - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred FMP Amendment Alternative
- C. Salmon Management (continued)**
- 5. Council Recommendations for 2006 Management Option Analysis**
- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
  - b. Report of the STT Dell Simmons
  - c. Report of the KFMC Curt Melcher
  - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - e. Public Comment
  - f. Council Direction to the STT and Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) on Options Development and Analysis

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006

GENERAL SESSION  
8 A.M.  
*Evergreen Ballroom*

- A. Call to Order (reconvene)** Don Hansen
- 7. Commencing Remarks** Don McIsaac
- I. Marine Protected Areas (MPA)**
- 1. Fishery Regulation in MPAs within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) through Magnuson-Stevens Act and State Management Authority**
- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
  - b. Northwest Hawaiian Islands Sanctuary Process Edwin Ebisui
  - c. NMFS Report Mark Helvey
  - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - e. Public Comment
  - f. **Council Action:** Consider Adopting Public Review Alternatives for Area Closures in the CINMS
- F. Groundfish Management (continued)**
- 5. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments**
- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
  - b. Report of the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) Susan Ashcraft
  - c. Agency and Tribal Comments
  - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - e. Public Comment
  - f. **Council Action:** Adopt Recommendations for Adjustments to 2006 Fisheries
- J. Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management**
- 1. NMFS Report**
- a. Activity Reports
    - 1. Domestic Regulatory Activities Craig Heberer
    - 2. International Activities Mark Helvey
    - 3. Science Center Activities Gary Sakagawa
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. Council Discussion
- 2. Bigeye Tuna Overfishing Response**
- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
  - b. NMFS Report Mark Helvey
  - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Adopt Alternatives for a Pacific Council Position on an Overfishing Response for Bigeye Tuna for Public Review

**3. Drift Gillnet Management**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Highly Migratory Species Management Team Report Dale Squires
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternative to Modify the Drift Gillnet Time/Area Closure

**4. Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications for Highly Migratory Species**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Final Recommendations for Approving EFP Applications

**C. Salmon Management (continued)**

**6. Council Direction for 2006 Management Options (If Necessary)**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the STT Dell Simmons
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Guidance and Direction

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006

GENERAL SESSION  
8 A.M.  
*Evergreen Ballroom*

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

Don Hansen

**8. Commencing Remarks**

Don McIsaac

**C. Salmon Management (continued)**

**7. FMP Amendment Scoping for *de minimis* Fisheries Associated with Klamath River Fall Chinook Impacts**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the Klamath Fishery Management Council Curt Melcher
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Provide Direction for Developing FMP Amendment Alternatives to Address *de minimis* Fisheries



**B. Administrative Matters (continued)**

**3. Legislative Matters**

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

**4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. **Council Action:** Appoint New Members as Necessary

**5. April 2006 Council Meeting Agenda and Three-Meeting Outlook**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Don McIsaac
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Agenda for the April 2006 Meeting

**C. Salmon Management (continued)**

**8. Adoption of 2006 Management Options for Public Review**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the STT Dell Simmons
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Agency and Tribal Comments
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt Management Options for Public Review

**9. Salmon Hearings Officers**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. **Council Action:** Appoint Hearings Officers Don Hansen

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## SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006

Klamath Fishery Management Council	3 p.m.	Spokane Room
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### MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

Council Secretariat	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom E
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 2 and 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 1
Klamath Fishery Management Council	8 a.m.	Spokane Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom A
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom C
Legislative Committee	8:30 a.m.	Aberdeen Room
Habitat Committee	10 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Enforcement Committee	5:30 p.m.	Aberdeen Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Olympia Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary	Bellevue Room
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Yakima Room

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom E
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 2 and 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 1
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom A
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom C
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Aberdeen Room

## SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary	Spokane Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Olympia Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary	Bellevue Room
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Yakima Room
Chair's Reception	6 p.m.	Atrium

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom E
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 2 and 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 1
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom C
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom A
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	Aberdeen Room
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary	Spokane Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Olympia Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary	Bellevue Room
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Yakima Room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom E
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 2 and 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	Seattle Ballroom 1
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom C
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D

## SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom A
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	Aberdeen Room
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary	Spokane Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Olympia Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary	Bellevue Room
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Yakima Room

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom E
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom D
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.	Washington Ballroom A
<b>Special Presentation:</b> Report on Experimental Salmon Excluder Device Used in Makah Whiting Fishery	10:30 a.m.	Washington Ballroom B
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	Aberdeen Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	As necessary	Washington Ballroom D
Groundfish Management Team	As necessary	Washington Ballroom C
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary	Spokane Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Olympia Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary	Bellevue Room
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Yakima Room

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