

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR
DEVELOPING 2008 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 5-9,
2007 The Council and advisory entities meet at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego, California to: (1) adopt the management process and schedule for 2008 ocean salmon fisheries; (2) consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options, and; (3) consider an exempted fishing permit for genetic stock identification sampling in 2008.
- Jan. 22-25,
2008 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Council staff economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft *Review of 2007 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 8 print date, available to the public February 15.)
- Feb. 19-22 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2008 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2008 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (February 27 print date, available to the public and mailed to the Council February 28.)
- Feb. 25
through
Mar. 8 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Feb. 28 Council reports summarizing the 2007 salmon season and salmon stock abundance projections for 2008 are available to the public from the Council office.
- Mar. 9-14 Council and advisory entities meet at the Doubletree Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, California, to adopt 2008 regulatory options for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts preliminary options on March 11, adopts tentative options for STT analysis on March 12, and final options for public review on March 14.
- Mar. 17-20 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2008 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. (March 21 print date, mailed to the Council and available to the public March 24)
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Apr. 6 Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are usually scheduled for around March 17 (Portland area), March 18-19 (Olympia area) and April 1-3 (Seattle area).

- Mar. 24 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2008 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.
- Mar. 31 and Apr. 1 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 31); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 31); and Eureka, California (April 1). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 8 in Seattle, Washington.
- Apr. 6-11 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Seattle Marriott Hotel Sea Tac, Seattle, Washington. The *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2008 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* 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 8. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are scheduled to be completed on April 10.
- Apr. 11-17 The STT completes *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2008 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. (April 17 print date, mailed to the Council and available to the public April 25)
- Apr. 18-24 Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 25 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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