

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**March 8-14, 2008**

<b>MARCH 2008 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY</b>						
<i>Saturday March 8</i>	<i>Sunday March 9</i>	<i>Monday March 10</i>	<i>Tuesday March 11</i>	<i>Wednesday March 12</i>	<i>Thursday March 13</i>	<i>Friday March 14</i>
Advisory body meetings – HMSAS & HMSMT only at Hilton Hotel -- see last pages of this proposed agenda.	Advisory body meetings – HMSAS & HMSMT at Hilton Hotel -- see last pages of this proposed agenda.	Highly Migratory Species Management	Salmon Management	Groundfish Management	Administrative Matters	Groundfish Management
	<b>Closed Executive Session 3:30 PM</b>				Groundfish Management	Salmon Management
	Call to Order 4:30 PM			Pacific Halibut Management	Administrative Matters	
	Administrative Matters			Salmon Management		Salmon Management
			Habitat Issues			

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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.

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7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, OR 97220

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

By fax to: 503-820-2299

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## Miscellaneous Information

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

### **Acronyms used in this agenda:**

EFP	Exempted Fishing Permit
GMT	Groundfish Management Team
KRFC	Klamath River Fall Chinook
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
SSL	Shallow-Set Longline
STT	Salmon Technical Team

# DETAILED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

## ANCILLARY SESSIONS

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008

## CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:30 pm

*Grand 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.

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## GENERAL SESSION

4:30 pm

*Grand Ballroom*

### A. Call to Order

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

### B. Administrative Matters

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| <i>B.1 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 |             |

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

### C. Highly Migratory Species Management

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| <i>C.1 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report</i> |               |
| a. Southwest Region Activity Report                        | Mark Helvey   |
| b. Southwest Science Center Report                         | Gary Sakagawa |
| c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies                 |               |
| d. Public Comment  |               |
| e. Council Discussion                                      |               |

**C.2 Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations to Address Overfishing

**Note:** Council Action on Agenda Items C.3 and C.4 will follow a combined Public Comment Session in Agenda Item C.5.

**C.3 High Seas Shallow-Set Longline (SLL) Amendment**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies

**C.4 Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) for Longline Fishing in the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies

**C.5 Public Comment Session on the High Seas SLL Amendment and Longline Fishing EFP**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Public Comment

**C.3 High Seas SLL Amendment (Continued)**

- c. **Council Action:** Consider Alternatives for Development of a High Seas SLL Fishery

**C.4 EFP for Longline Fishing in the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone (Continued)**

- c. **Council Action:** Adopt EFP for Public Review

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008**

**GENERAL SESSION**

**8:00 am**

*Grand Ballroom*

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

**A.5 Commencing Remarks** Don McIsaac

**D. Salmon Management**

**D.1 Review of 2007 Fisheries and Summary of 2008 Stock Abundance Estimates**

- a. Report of the Salmon Technical Team (STT) Robert Kope
- b. Agency and Tribal Comments
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information and Act on 2008 Abundance Estimates as Necessary

**D.2 Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Conservation Objectives**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Agency and Tribal Comments
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Direct Necessary Actions Required by the Salmon Fishery Management Plan

**D.3 Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC) Stock Assessment and Management Recommendations**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Salmon Technical Team Assessment Robert Kope
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Direct Necessary Actions Required by the Salmon Fishery Management Plan

**D.4 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2008 Salmon Management Options**

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

**E. Habitat**

**E.1 Current Habitat Issues**

- a. Report of the Habitat Committee Stuart Ellis
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008**

**GENERAL SESSION**

**8:00 am**

*Grand Ballroom*

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

Don Hansen

**A.6 Commencing Remarks**

Don McIsaac

## F. Groundfish Management

### F.1 *NMFS Report*

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

### F.2 *Stock Assessment Planning for 2011-2012 Management Measures*

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

### F.3 *Pacific Whiting Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2008*

- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt 2008 Stock Assessment, Allowable Biological Catch, Optimum Yield, and Management Measures

## G. Pacific Halibut Management

### G.1 *Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting*

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Summary of Meeting Phil Anderson
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

### G.2 *Incidental Catch Regulations in the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries*

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. State Proposals for the Salmon Troll Fishery
- c. State Proposals for the Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery
- d. Tribal Comments David Sones
- e. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- f. Public Comment
- g. **Council Action:** Adopt Public Review Options for 2008

**D. Salmon Management (continued)**

***D.5 Council Recommendations for 2008 Management Option Analysis***

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the STT Robert Kope
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Direction to the STT and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Options Development and Analysis

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008**

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 am

*Grand Ballroom*

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

Don Hansen

***A.7 Commencing Remarks***

Don McIsaac

**F. Groundfish Management (continued)**

***F.4 Fishery Management Plan Amendment 22: Open Access License Limitation***

- a. Agenda Item Overview LB Boydston
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Amendment Alternatives for Public Review

***F.5 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments***

- a. Agenda Item Overview Merrick Burden
- b. Report of the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) Kelly Ames
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary or Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2008 Fisheries

***F.6 Tracking and Monitoring for Trawl Rationalization Program***

- a. Agenda Item Overview Jim Seger
- b. Current Status of Program Administration Issues Steve Freese
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Refine Tracking and Monitoring and other Program Administration Provisions as Appropriate for Analysis

**D. Salmon Management (continued)**

***D.6. Council Direction for 2008 Management Options (If Necessary)***

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008**

**GENERAL SESSION**

8:00 am

*Grand Ballroom*

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

Don Hansen

***A.8 Commencing Remarks***

Don McIsaac

**B. Administrative Matters (continued)**

***B.2 Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Implementation***

- a. Agenda Item Overview
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Review Proposed Changes to EFP Regulations and Address other New Requirements, as Available.
- Mike Burner

**F. Groundfish Management (continued)**

***F.7 Final Consideration of Inseason Adjustments (if Needed)***

- a. Agenda Item Overview
  - b. Report of the GMT
  - c. Agency and Tribal Comments
  - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - e. Public Comment
  - f. **Council Action:** Adopt or Confirm Final Adjustments to 2008 Fisheries
- Merrick Burden  
Kelly Ames

**D. Salmon Management (continued)**

***D.7 Adoption of 2008 Management Options for Public Review***

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

***D.8 Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers***

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

**B. Administrative Matters (continued)**

**B.3 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

- a. Agenda Item Overview John Coon
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Appoint New Advisory Body Members and Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures as Needed

**B.4 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

- a. Council Member Review and Comments Don Hansen
- b. **Council Action:** Approve September and November 2007 Minutes

**B.5 Future Council Meeting Planning, April 2008 Council Meeting Agenda, and Workload Priorities**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Don McIsaac
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt April 2008 Council Agenda, and Provide Guidance on Future Meetings and Priorities for Advisory Body Consideration

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**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008**

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West,  
2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815;  
Telephone 916-922-4700**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	9:00 am	Brandywine Room
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	9:00 am	Cabernet Room

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008**

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West** (*address and telephone above*)

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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**Doubletree Hotel Sacramento** (*address and telephone on front page*)

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Council Secretariat	1:00 pm	California Ballroom Salon 1
Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:30 pm	California Ballroom Salon 2
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	2:00 pm	California Ballroom Salon 3
Groundfish Management Team	2:00 pm	California Ballroom Salon 4

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Council Secretariat	7:00 am	California Ballroom Salon 1
California State Delegation	7:00 am	California Ballroom Salon 3
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Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 am	Garden Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 am	California Ballroom Salon 2
Enforcement Consultants	8:30 am	Sacramento Room
Habitat Committee	9:00 am	Capital Ballroom Salon A
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon B
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon C
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon D

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Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 am	California Ballroom Salon 2
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	Sacramento Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon B
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon C
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon D

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008**

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Oregon State Delegation	7:00 am	Terrace Room
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Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 am	Garden Room
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	Sacramento Room
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon B
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon C
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon D

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008**

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Washington State Delegation	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon D

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary	Capital Ballroom Salon C
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