

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries

Advancing Sustainability

Conference Purpose Statement, Session Themes, and Focus Topics

The purpose of this conference is to elevate the discussion of current, developing concepts on the sustainability of United States marine fishery management, towards possible future use in improving contemporary practices. The conference will examine three theme areas, each of which focuses on policy, science, and process issues associated with three germane topic areas of high current interest. Findings that emerge from this national conference regarding advancing sustainable fishery management practices could be considered for changes to current policy or regulatory approaches developed at Regional Fishery Management Councils or implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service, or legislative changes via reauthorization of the Magnuson –Stevens Act, as appropriate.

Session Themes and Focus Topics

	Improving Fishery Management Essentials	Advancing Ecosystem-based Decision-making	Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability
1	ACL Science and Implementation Issues, including Managing Data-Limited Stocks	Assessing Ecosystem Effects and Integrating Climate Change	Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Connections
2	Rebuilding Program Requirements and Timelines	Forage Species Management	Integrating Community Protection, Jobs Emphasis, and Domestic Seafood Quality Assurances
3	International Fisheries Management: Leveling the Playing Field	Integrating Habitat Considerations: Opportunities and Impediments	Assessment of Socio-Economic Tradeoffs

216th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
November 2-7, 2012



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Friday November 2	Saturday November 3	Sunday November 4	Monday November 5	Tuesday November 6	Wednesday November 7
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 8.	8:00 am General Session	Administrative Matters	Highly Migratory Species Management	Groundfish Management	Groundfish Management
	Open Comment Period				
	Salmon Management	Coastal Pelagic Species Management			Administrative Matters
	Habitat Issues		Groundfish Management	Ecosystem Based Management	
	Pacific Halibut Management	Enforcement Issues			
	Closed Session	Groundfish Management		Groundfish Management	

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 8.

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 8 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the period of November 2 – November 7, 2012.

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on the next page.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda; however the order of the agenda items may change as required to effectively address the issues.



216th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
November 3-7, 2012
General Council Session
Proposed Detailed AGENDA

Saturday, November 3, 2012

8:00 am Pacific Ballroom 3 - 4

A. Call to Order

- A.1 Opening Remarks Dan Wolford, Chairman
- A.2 Roll Call Don McIsaac
- A.3 Executive Director's Report Don McIsaac
- A.4 Agenda Dan Wolford
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period

- B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items Dan Wolford, Chairman
 - a. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion of Comments as Appropriate

C. Salmon Management

- C.1 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
 - b. Regulatory Activities Peter Dygert
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion and Guidance
- C.2 Preseason Salmon Management Schedule for 2013
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt a 2013 Preseason Management Schedule
- C.3 2012 Salmon Methodology Review
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2013

D. Habitat

- D.1 Current Habitat Issues
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Jennifer Gilden
 - b. Report of the Habitat Committee Joel Kawahara
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

E. Pacific Halibut Management

- E.1 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Proposed Changes for the 2013 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations

Closed Executive Session

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

Sunday, November 4, 2012

8:00 am Pacific Ballroom 3 - 4

- A. Call to Order (reconvene) Dan Wolford
 - A.5 Commencing Remarks Don Mclsaac

F. Administrative Matters

- F.1 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Council Member Review and Comments Dan Wolford
 - b. **Council Action:** Approve Council Minutes from a Previous Meeting

G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

- G.1 NMFS Report
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Kerry Griffin
 - b. Regulatory Activities Mark Helvey
 - c. Fisheries Science Center Activities Russ Vetter
 - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. Council Discussion
- G.2 Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Process
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Kerry Griffin
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFP Process (Council Operating Procedure 23)
- G.3 Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Management for 2013, Including Preliminary EFP Proposals and Tribal Set-Aside
 - a. Agenda Item Overview Kerry Griffin
 - b. Survey and Assessment Report Kevin Hill
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Approve West Coast Vancouver Island Survey for use in Future Stock Assessments; Review any Preliminary Proposal or Notice of Intent for EFPs in 2013; Adopt Final Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and 2013 Management Measures

H. Enforcement Issues

H.1 Current Enforcement Issues

- a. Agenda Item Overview Jim Seger
- b. Federal Fishery Enforcement Priorities Report Martina Sagapolu and Bill Giles
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Provide Comments on Regional Enforcement Priorities and Guidance, as Needed

I. Groundfish Management

I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart
- c. Fisheries Science Center Activities John Stein and Michelle McClure
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

Monday, November 5, 2012

8:00 am Pacific Ballroom 3 - 4

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Dan Wolford

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

J. Highly Migratory Species Management

J.1 Council Recommendations on International Highly Migratory Species Management

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider International Management Recommendations Including the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty and Recommendations to the U.S. Delegation to the Ninth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

I.2 Amendment 24 (Improvements to the Groundfish Management Process)

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Range of Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative for Public Review

I.3 Progress Report on Using Descending Devices to Mitigate Barotrauma in Recreational Fisheries

- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Further Development and Refinement of Information Necessary to Establish Allowable Credits

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

8:00 am Pacific Ballroom 3 - 4

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Dan Wolford

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Don Mclsaac

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

I.4 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

a. Agenda Item Overview

Kelly Ames

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2012 and 2013 Groundfish Fisheries

K. Ecosystem Based Management

K.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)

a. Agenda Item Overview

Mike Burner

b. Report of the Ecosystem Plan Development Team

Yvonne deReynier

c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary FEP for Public Review

K.2 Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report

a. Agenda Item Overview

Mike Burner

b. Fisheries Science Centers' Report

John Stein and Cisco Werner

c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Council Discussion

K.3 California Current Ecosystem Report

a. Agenda Item Overview

Mike Burner

b. Report of the Ecosystem Plan Development Team

Yvonne deReynier

c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Council Discussion

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

I.5 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions and Updates

a. Agenda Item Overview

Jim Seger

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Alternatives for Chafing Gear, Lenders, and Whiting Season Opening Date; Adopt Range of Alternatives for Analysis of Widow Reallocation; Provide Guidance for Carry-over, Electronic Monitoring, and Cost Recovery; and Consider Update on Adaptive Management

(This item continues on Wednesday)

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

8:00 am Pacific Ballroom 3 - 4

A. Call to Order (reconvene) Dan Wolford

A.8 Commencing Remarks Don McIsaac

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

I.5 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions and Updates

(This item is continued from Tuesday)

F. Administrative Matters (continued)

F.2 Fiscal Matters

a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy

b. Report of the Budget Committee Dave Ortmann

c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Recommendations

F.3 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures, and Appointments to Advisory Bodies Including Changes and Nominees for the 2013-2015 Term

F.4 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

a. Agenda Item Overview Don McIsaac

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1—Friday, November 2, 2012	Time	Location
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel-----	8:00 am-----	Emerald Bay 2
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team -----	8:00 am-----	Laguna Beach 2
Pacific Whiting Carryover Workshop -----	8:00 am-----	Emerald Bay 1
Scientific and Statistical Committee -----	8:00 am-----	Balboa Bay 2
Habitat Committee -----	8:30 am-----	Balboa Bay 1
Council Secretariat -----	11:00 am-----	Emerald Bay 3
Budget Committee-----	3:00 pm-----	Huntington Beach 1-2

Day 2—Saturday, November 3, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 3
California State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 1
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7:00 am	Balboa Bay 1
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 2
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Emerald Bay 1
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 1
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 am	Balboa Bay 1
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 am	Balboa Bay 2
Enforcement Consultants	4:30 pm	Huntington Beach 1-2

Day 3—Sunday, November 4, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 3
California State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 1
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7:00 am	Balboa Bay 1
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 2
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 1
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 am	Balboa Bay 1
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Huntington Beach 1-2
Chair's Banquet	6:00 pm	Fountain Terrace

Day 4—Monday, November 5, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 3
California State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 1
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7:00 am	Balboa Bay 1
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 2
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 1
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Huntington Beach 1-2

Day 5—Tuesday, November 6, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 3
California State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 1
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 am	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7:00 am	Balboa Bay 1
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 am	Emerald Bay 1
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 am	Laguna Beach 1
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Huntington Beach 1-2

Day 6—Wednesday, November 7, 2012	Time	Location
Council Secretariat -----	7:00 am -----	Emerald Bay 3
California State Delegation-----	7:00 am -----	Emerald Bay 1
Oregon State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation -----	7:00 am -----	Balboa Bay 1
Enforcement Consultants -----	As Needed-----	Huntington Beach 1-2

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