Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Meeting in April 2015 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

April 10-16, 2015 Meeting

The Council and its advisory bodies will meet April 10-16, 2015 in Rohnert Park, California to address issues related to salmon, Pacific halibut, groundfish, coastal pelagic species, and essential fish habitat matters.

Key agenda items for the April meeting include Council considerations to:

- Adopt final 2015 ocean salmon fisheries regulations.
- Adopt final 2015 incidental catch recommendations for Pacific halibut in salmon troll fisheries.
- Determine the scope of issues to include in an amendment to revise groundfish Essential Fish Habitat, Rockfish Conservation Areas, and associated management measures.
- Adopt final preferred alternatives for widow rockfish reallocation and divestiture issues.
- Adopt preliminary preferred alternatives for blackgill and slope rockfish reallocation.
- Consider inseason adjustments to the current groundfish fishery and consider a regulatory amendment to manage set-asides.
- Prepare comments on proposed changes to National Standard Guidelines 1, 3, and 7.
- Consider a new sardine stock assessment and adopt management measures for the 2015-16 sardine fishery.
- Adopt a range of alternatives for vessel movement monitoring regulations in Council area commercial fisheries.

A complete list of issues to be addressed is provided in the attached proposed meeting agenda. A schedule of advisory group meetings is provided on the last pages of the attached agenda. Copies of briefing materials prepared for the meeting can be found on our briefing book webpage http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/ on or around April 1, 2015.
**Meeting Arrangements and Public Comment Guidelines**

All meetings are open to the public, except for a closed executive session scheduled for 8 AM on Saturday, April 11 to discuss litigation and personnel matters. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed detailed agenda for the April meeting. Information is also available for the meeting on the Council website [http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/](http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/) or by calling the Council office at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 toll-free.

The public is encouraged to comment, either verbally at the meeting or in writing. Timing of agenda items may change as the meeting progresses, and items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to later in the meeting, usually the next day.

**Oral Public Comments**

Oral public comments will be accepted during the meeting prior to action on each agenda item.

**Written Public Comments**

- Written public comments are accepted by the Council at any time. However, the public is encouraged to submit written comments as far in advance of the meeting as possible.

- **For the April meeting**, comments received by 11:59 p.m. **March 20, 2015** will be included in the briefing books mailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Comments received after March 20 but by 11:59 p.m. **April 2, 2015** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting.

- If you cannot meet the latter deadlines for each meeting, but would like your written comments distributed to Council members when you testify at the meeting, please bring 40 copies to the meeting with the Agenda Item Topic Number in the upper right corner of the front page of each copy. Refer to the attached agendas for the topic numbers; e.g., Agenda Item B.1 refers to public comment under Open Comment.

- If available, electronic copies of public comment can be submitted to [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov). Electronic copies facilitate posting to our website.

These meetings are open to the public and physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kris Kleinschmidt at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

The Council meeting will also be live-streamed on the internet beginning at 9:00 AM Pacific Time (PT) Saturday, April 11, 2015 through Thursday, April 16, 2015. Broadcasts end daily at 6:00 PM PT or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Council meeting will be broadcast. The
audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online please use the following link: http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar and enter the April Webinar ID, 109-418-027 and your email address. The online attendance can be done using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio portion only of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number 1-646-307-1721; phone audio access code 965-893-632 (not a toll-free number).

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229th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 10-16, 2015

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Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 7.

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 7 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of April 10-16, 2015.

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on the next page.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda. However, please note that the timing—including the day--of the agenda items may change based on the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

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A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 8.
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:00 AM    Salon III-IV Ballroom

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.

9:00 AM

A. Call to Order
   1. Opening Remarks     Dorothy Lowman, Chair
   2. Roll Call           Don McIsaac
   3. Executive Director’s Report     Don McIsaac
   4. Agenda
      a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period
   1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items     Chuck Tracy
      a. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Discussion as Appropriate

C. Habitat
   1. Current Habitat Issues     Jennifer Gilden
      a. Report of the Habitat Committee     Joel Kawahara
      b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      c. Public Comment
      d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

D. Salmon Management
   1. Tentative Adoption of 2015 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis     Mike Burner
      a. Update of Estimated Impacts of March 2015 Alternatives     Robert Kope
      b. Summary of Public Hearings     Hearing Officers
      c. Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission     Bob Turner
      d. Recommendations of North of Cape Falcon Forum     Oregon, Washington, Tribes
      e. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      f. Public Comment
      g. Council Action: Adopt Tentative 2015 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis
Saturday, April 11, 2015 (continued)

D. Salmon Management (continued)

2. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection  
   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
   b. Public Comment  

E. Groundfish Management

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

Sunday, April 12, 2015

8:00 AM  Salon III-IV Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

5. Commencing Remarks

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

2. Trawl Cost Recovery Report  
   a. NMFS Report  
   b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
   c. Public Comment  
   d. **Council Action**: Consider any Necessary Action Based on the Cost Recovery Report

3. Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reconsultation Update  
   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
   b. Public Comment  
   c. **Council Action**: Recommend Preliminary Options for ESA Salmon Consultation Standards for Groundfish Fisheries

F. Administrative Matters

1. Seabird Protection Update  
   a. Washington Sea Grant Report  
   b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
   c. Public Comment  
   d. **Council Action**: Consider Report on Seabird Protection Measures

D. Salmon Management (continued)

   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
   b. Public Comment  
   c. Council Guidance and Direction
G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. Final Action on Sardine Assessment, Specifications, and Management Measures
   a. Stock Assessment Report
   b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
   c. Public Comment
   d. **Council Action**: Adopt Pacific Sardine Assessment and Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2015-2016 Sardine Fishery

2. Finalize Methodology Review Council Operating Procedures (COP)
   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Adopt Coastal Pelagic Species Methodology Review Process COP

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Monday, April 13, 2015
8:00 AM    Salon III-IV Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)
   6. Commencing Remarks

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

4. Finalize Methodology Review Council Operating Procedures (COP)
   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Adopt Groundfish Methodology Review Process COP

F. Administrative (continued)

2. Prepare Comments on Proposed Changes to National Standard Guidelines 1, 3, and 7
   a. NMFS Report
   b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
   c. Public Comment

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

5. Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Amendment Scoping, Including Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) and Area Adjustments
   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Determine Scope of Issues to be Addressed in a Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment or Other Actions; Provide Guidance on Development and Analysis of Alternatives as Appropriate
Monday, April 13, 2015 (continued)

D. Salmon Management (continued)
      Mike Burner
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Guidance and Direction

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
8:00 AM  Salon III-IV Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)
   7. Commencing Remarks

E. Groundfish Management (continued)
   5. Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Amendment Scoping, Including RCA and Area Adjustments (continued from Monday)
      Kerry Griffin and Kelly Ames
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Determine Scope of Issues to be Addressed in an FMP Amendment or Other Actions; Provide Guidance on Development and Analysis of Alternatives as Appropriate

H. Pacific Halibut Management
   1. Final Action on Incidental Landing Restrictions for 2015-2016 Salmon Troll Fishery
      Kelly Ames
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment

I. Enforcement Issues
   1. Regulations for Vessel Movement Monitoring
      Brett Wiedoff
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Adopt a Range of Alternatives for Vessel Movement Monitoring Regulations in Council Area Commercial Fisheries

D. Salmon Management (continued)
   5. Final Action on 2015 Ocean Salmon Management Measures
      Mike Burner
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
8:00 AM  Salon III-IV Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)
   8. Commencing Remarks

E. Groundfish Management (continued)
   6. Final Action on Widow Rockfish Reallocation and Divestiture Issues  Jim Seger
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Widow Rockfish Reallocation and Divestiture Issues
   7. Blackgill and Slope Rockfish Reallocation  John DeVore
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Blackgill and Slope Rockfish Reallocation
   8. Inseason Adjustments Including Carryover and Regulatory Amendment to Manage Set-Asides  Kelly Ames
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Consider Inseason Adjustments as necessary and Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management of Set-Asides

Thursday, April 16, 2015
8:00 AM  Salon III-IV Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)
   9. Commencing Remarks

E. Groundfish Management (continued)
   9. Final Action to Implement 2015 Pacific Whiting Fishery under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement  John DeVore
      a. Joint Management Committee Report  Phil Anderson
      b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      c. Public Comment
      d. Council Action: Consider any Necessary Action for Implementation of the 2015 Pacific Whiting Fishery

F. Administrative Matters
   3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes  Dorothy Lowman
      a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes
   4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures  Chuck Tracy
      a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures
Thursday, April 16, 2015 (continued)

5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning  
   Don McIsaac
   a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

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## PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, APRIL 10-16, 2015 IN Rohnert Park, California

**Acronyms**
- COP: Council Operating Procedures
- CPSAS/MT: Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subcommittee/Mgmt Team
- EC: Enforcement Consultants
- ED: Executive Director
- ESA: Endangered Species Act
- FPA: Final Preferred Alternative
- GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subcommittee/Mgmt Team
- HC: Habitat Committee
- NS1: National Standard One
- PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- RCA: Rockfish Conservation Areas
- ROA: Range of Alternatives
- SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subcommittee/Technical Team

### Sat, Apr 11
- **8 AM**
  - **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)
- **9 AM**
  - **A. CALL TO ORDER**
    1. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)
  - **B. OPEN COMMENT**
    1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)
  - **C. HABITAT**
    1. Current Habitat Issues (45 min)
  - **D. SALMON**
    1. Tentative Adoption of 2015 Management Measures for Analysis (2 hr 30 min)
    2. Methodology Review Process & Preliminary Topic Selection for 2015 (1 hr)
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    1. NMFS Report (1 hr)

### Sun, Apr 12
- **8 AM**
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    2. Trawl Cost Recovery Report (1 hr)
    3. Salmon ESA Reconsultation Update (2 hr)
  - **F. ADMINISTRATIVE**
    1. Seabird Protection Update (30 min)
  - **D. SALMON**
    3. Clarify Council Direction on 2015 Management Measures (1 hr)
  - **G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES**
    1. Sardine Assessment and Management Measures FPA (3 hr)
    2. Finalize Methodology Review COP (30 min)

### Mon, Apr 13
- **8 AM**
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    4. Finalize Methodology Review COP (1 hr)
  - **F. ADMINISTRATIVE**
    2. NS1,3&7 Guidelines Comments (2 hrs)
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    5. Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Amendment Scoping including RCA and Area Adjustments (4 hr)
  - **H. PACIFIC HALIBUT**
    1. Final Incidental Catch Limits for 2015 Salmon Troll Fishery (15 min)

### Tue, Apr 14
- **8 AM**
  - **D. SALMON**
    5. Final Action on 2015 Management Measures (2 hr)
  - **H. PACIFIC HALIBUT**
    2. Widow Rockfish Reallocation and Divestiture Issues FPA (4 hr)
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    7. Blackgill and Slope Rockfish Reallocation PPA (2 hr)
  - **F. ADMINISTRATIVE**
    8. Consider Inseason Adjustments and PPA for Regulatory Amendment to Manage Set-Asides (2 hr)

### Wed, Apr 15
- **8 AM**
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    6. Final Action on 2015 Pacific Whiting Fishery under U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement (1 hr)
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    9. Implementation of 2015 Pacific Whiting Fishery (1 hr)

### Thu, Apr 16
- **8 AM**
  - **F. ADMINISTRATIVE**
    3. Approve Council Minutes (15 min)
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    4. Membership Appointments & COPs (15 min)
  - **E. GROUNDFISH**
    5. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (1 hr)

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