

231st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council September 9-16, 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 September 9-16, 2015.

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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.

Wednesday Sept 9 and Thursday Sept 10	Friday Sept 11	Saturday Sept 12	Sunday Sept 13	Monday Sept 14	Tuesday Sept 15	Wednesday Sept 16	
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 7.	Closed Session	Highly Migratory Species	Highly Migratory Species	Groundfish	Groundfish	Groundfish	
	Call to Order					Pacific Halibut	
	Open Comment					Administrative	
	Administrative						
	Ecosystem	Groundfish	Administrative	Groundfish	Groundfish	Administrative	
	Salmon		Groundfish			Groundfish	Groundfish
	Habitat						

Council Action “to adopt,” implies consideration to adopt; i.e., adoption is not mandatory.



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Proposed Detailed AGENDA

Friday, September 11, 2015

8:00 AM Grand 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. Council Member Appointments Bob Turner
3. Roll Call Don McIsaac
4. Executive Director's Report Don McIsaac
5. Agenda Dorothy Lowman
 - 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. Administrative Matters

1. Update on Council Coordination Committee Meeting Don McIsaac
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Report from the Council Coordination Meeting

D. Ecosystem Management

1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative Scoping Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Determine Timeline for, and Issues to be Addressed in: 1) an Initiative to Develop and Refine Indicators for Ecosystem, and 2) an Initiative to Monitor Climate Shift
2. Unmanaged Forage Fish Regulations Mike Burner
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Deem Regulations Implementing Unmanaged Forage Fish Regulations in Four Fishery Management Plans and Finalize Council Operating Procedure 24 Outlining Process for Authorizing New Forage Fish Fisheries

Friday, September 11, 2015 (continued)

E. Salmon Management

1. Salmon Methodology Review Mike Burner
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Identify Priority Projects for Review in 2015
2. Sacramento River Winter Chinook (SRWC) Update Mike Burner
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Sacramento River and Ocean Conditions Relative to SRWC Spawning and Survival, Revisions to the Harvest Control Rule, and Plans for 2016 Fishery Management Objectives

F. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues Jennifer Gilden
 - a. Report of the Habitat Committee Eric Wilkins
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations
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Saturday, September 12, 2015

8:00 AM Grand Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

6. Commencing Remarks

G. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. Update on International Issues Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Action on International Issues as Appropriate, including Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Activities
2. Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan, and Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Hardcaps

H. Groundfish Management

1. Mid-Water Recreational Fishing Regulations Kelly Ames
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative for Mid-Water Recreational Fishing Regulations in Oregon and California

Saturday, September 12, 2015 (continued)

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

2. Consideration of Gear Regulations for the Trawl Catch Shares Sector Jim Seger, Jamie Goen
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives for Changing Gear Regulations for the Trawl Catch Shares Sector
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Sunday, September 13, 2015

8:00 AM Grand Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

7. Commencing Remarks

G. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

3. Scoping of Amendment 4 to the FMP: Authorizing a Shallow-Set Longline Fishery Outside of the EEZ Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Identify Issues to be addressed in an FMP Amendment and Provide Guidance for Developing Alternatives

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

2. Legislative Matters Jennifer Gilden
Dave Hanson
 - a. Report of the Legislative Committee
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

3. Final Stock Assessments John DeVore
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Approve Final Stock Assessments for 2017-2018 Management
 4. Electronic Monitoring Regulations and Exempted Fishing Permit Update Brett Wiedoff
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Preliminary Results of EFPs Relative to Council Action and Implications for Development of Proposed Regulations for Electronic Monitoring in the Whiting Fishery
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Monday, September 14, 2015

8:00 AM Grand Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

8. Commencing Remarks

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

5. Specifications Process for 2017-2018 Management John DeVore, Kelly Ames
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Overfishing Limits and Preliminary P*/Acceptable Biological Catches, a Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative for Managing Skates, a Preliminary Range of New Management Measures, and Review a Contingency Schedule

6. Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reinitiation of Consultation Kit Dahl

Workshop Report

 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** 1) Consider Workshop Report and New Information on Salmon Bycatch in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery and 2) Provide Guidance on the Biological Opinion Proposed Action for Ongoing Management of the Groundfish Fishery Taking into Account Salmon Bycatch

7. Blackgill-Slope Rockfish Intersector Allocation and John DeVore

Accumulation Limit Adjustments

 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Intersector Allocation Alternative for Blackgill-Slope Rockfish and Consider Recommending Accumulation Limit Adjustments

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

8:00 AM Grand Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

9. Commencing Remarks

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

8. Amendment to Modify Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat and Kerry Griffin, Kelly Ames

to Adjust Rockfish Conservation Areas

 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives for Analysis

9. Inseason Adjustments Kelly Ames
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Inseason Adjustments as Necessary

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

8:00 AM Grand Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

10. Commencing Remarks

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

10. Groundfish Management Science Improvements and Methodology

Review Topics

John DeVore

a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Plan for Improvements in Groundfish Management Science and Identify Priority Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topics for 2016

I. Pacific Halibut Management

1. 2016 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes

Kelly Ames

a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt for Public Review Proposed Changes for the 2016 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

3. Approval of Council Meeting Record

Dorothy Lowman

a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

4. Fiscal Matters

Chuck Tracy

a. Report of the Budget Committee

Dave Ortmann

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

c. Public Comment

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

5. 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

6. 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

Day 1, Wednesday, September 9, 2015

	Time	Room
SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	9:00 AM	Capital B

Day 2, Thursday, September 10, 2015

	Time	Room
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Redwood Room
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 AM	Redwood Room
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 AM	California Salon II
Habitat Committee	8:30 AM	California Salon IV
Council Secretariat	11:00 AM	California Salon I
Legislative Committee	1:00 PM	Garden Room
Budget Committee	2:30 PM	Garden Room

Day 3, Friday, September 11, 2015

	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	California Salon IV
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Capitol A
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Capitol B
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 AM	California Salon II
Enforcement Consultants	8:00 AM	Redwood Room
Chairman's Reception	6:00 PM	Garden/Terrace

Day 4, Saturday, September 12, 2015

	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	California Salon IV
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Capitol A
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Capitol B
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Redwood Room
Stock Assessment Briefing	7:00 PM	Grand Ballroom

Day 5, Sunday, September 13, 2015

	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	California Salon IV
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Redwood Room

Day 6, Monday, September 14, 2015

	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	California Salon IV
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Redwood Room

Day 7, Tuesday, September 15, 2015

	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	California Salon IV
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Redwood Room

Day 8, Wednesday, September 16, 2015

	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I

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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, SEPTEMBER 9-16, 2015 IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Acronyms	Fri, Sept 11	Sat, Sept 12	Sun, Sept 13	Mon, Sept 14	Tue, Sept 15	Wed, Sept 16
<i>BC: Budget Committee</i> <i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i> <i>EAS: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone</i> <i>EFH: Essential Fish Habitat</i> <i>EFP: Exempted Fishing Permit</i> <i>ESA: Endangered Species Act</i> <i>EWG: Ecosystem Workgroup</i> <i>FEP: Fishery Ecosystem Plan</i> <i>FPA/PPA: Final/Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s)</i> <i>GAP and GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and Management Team</i> <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i> <i>HMSAS and HMSMT: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and Management Team</i> <i>LC: Legislative Committee</i> <i>ROA: Range of Alternatives</i> <i>RCA: Rockfish Conservation Areas</i>	<p align="center">CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</p> <p>Discuss Litigation and Admin. Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</p> <p>1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">B. OPEN COMMENT</p> <p>1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>1. Council Coordination Committee Update (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">D. ECOSYSTEM</p> <p>1. FEP Initiative Scoping: Indicators & Climate Shift (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>2. Unmanaged Forage Fish Regulation Deeming and Finalize COP 24 (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">E. SALMON</p> <p>1. Methodology Review Identify Priority Topics (30 min)</p> <p>2. Sacramento Winter Chinook Update (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">F. HABITAT</p> <p>1. Current Habitat Issues (45 min)</p>	<p align="center">G. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>1. Update on International Activities (1 hr)</p> <p>2. Swordfish Management Plan and Hard Caps FPA (5 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">H. GROUND FISH</p> <p>1. Mid-water Sport Regs PPA (1 hr)</p> <p>2. Gear Changes ROA (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate, and are not reliable for planning attendance or participation.</p> </div>	<p align="center">G. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>3. Scoping Amendment 4: Authorizing Shallow Set Long Line Fishery Outside EEZ (4 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>2. Legislative Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">H. GROUND FISH</p> <p>3. Adopt Final Stock Assessments (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>4. Electronic Monitoring Regulations and EFP Update (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p align="center">H. GROUND FISH</p> <p>5. Review Process & Schedule and Initial Actions for Setting 2017-2018 Specifications (3 hr)</p> <p>6. ESA Salmon Reinitiation of Consultation Workshop Report (3 hr)</p> <p>7. Blackgill-Slope Rockfish Intersector Allocation PPA (2 hr)</p>	<p align="center">H. GROUND FISH</p> <p>8. EFH and RCA ROA (6 hr)</p> <p>9. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">I. PACIFIC HALIBUT</p> <p>1. Catch Share Plan Changes ROA (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>3. Approve Council Meeting Record (15 min)</p> <p>4. Fiscal Matters (15 min)</p> <p>5. Membership Appointments and COPs (30 min)</p> <p>6. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (2 hr)</p>	
Wed, Sept 9						
9 am SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee						
Thu, Sept 10	7.75 hr	8.5 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	6 hr
11 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am EAS & EWG 8 am GMT 8:30 am HC 1 pm LC 2:30 pm BC	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am EC 6 pm Chair's Reception	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 8 am GAP & GMT Ad hoc EC 7 pm Stock Assessment Briefing	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT Ad hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT Ad hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT Ad hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat

