

Pacific Fishery Management Council **MEETING NOTICE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 10, 2015

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Consider Swordfish Fishery Management and Other Matters Affecting West Coast Fisheries September 9-16, 2015

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 9-16, 2015 in Sacramento, California to address issues related to management of groundfish, highly migratory species, ecosystem management, salmon, Pacific halibut, and habitat matters.

Listed below are some key agenda items, which include Council considerations to:

- Consider swordfish management and monitoring, and adopt preferred alternatives for hardcaps in the fishery.
- Deem implementation of regulations for unmanaged forage fish in four fishery management plans, outline the process for authorizing new forage fish fisheries, and consider issues for new fishery ecosystem plan initiatives.
- Consider an update on Sacramento River Winter Chinook relative to 2016 fishery management objectives.
- Adopt for public review proposed changes for the 2016 Pacific halibut catch sharing plan and annual fishing regulations.
- In the groundfish fishery: 1) approve final stock assessments and consider the specifications process for 2017-2018 fishery management; 2) adopt a preliminary preferred alternative for midwater recreational fish regulations in Oregon and California; 3) adopt a range of alternatives for gear regulations in the trawl catch shares sector; 4) consider a range of alternatives for analysis to modify groundfish essential fish habitat and adjust rockfish conservations areas and; 5) adopt inseason adjustments to the current groundfish fishery.

A complete list of issues to be addressed is provided in the attached draft proposed meeting agenda, including advisory group meetings listed on the last pages of the attached agenda. Copies of briefing materials prepared for the meeting can be found on our briefing book webpage by clicking on this link, http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/ on or around August 26, 2015.

Meeting Locations and Public Comment Guidelines

Meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California 95815, telephone 916-929-8855. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed executive session scheduled for 8 AM on Friday, September 11 to discuss litigation and administrative appointments. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed agenda and the Council website at http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/ or call 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. If available, electronic copies of public comment can be submitted to pfmc.comments@noaa.gov. Electronic copies facilitate posting to our website. 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 September meeting, comments received by 11:59 p.m. **August 14, 2015** will be included in the briefing books mailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Comments received after August 14 but by 11:59 p.m. **September 2, 2015** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting.
- If you cannot meet this latter deadline, 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
 agenda for the topic numbers; i.e., Agenda Item B.1.b refers to public comment under Open
 Comment.

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The Council meeting will also be live-streamed on the internet beginning at 9:00 AM Pacific Time (PT) Friday, September 11, 2015 through Wednesday, September 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 June Webinar ID 141-257-515 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 1-702-489-0008; phone audio access code 418-407-809 (not a toll-free number).

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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.

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.

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

Opening Remarks
 Council Member Appointments
 Roll Call
 Executive Director's Report
 Agenda
 Dorothy Lowman, Chair
 Bob Turner
 Don McIsaac
 Don McIsaac
 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
- 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

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
- 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)

- 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

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

a. Report of the Legislative Committee

Dave Hanson

- 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
 - 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

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
- Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reinitiation of Consultation
 Workshop Report
 Kit Dahl
 - 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

Accumulation Limit Adjustments

John DeVore

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- 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 to Adjust Rockfish Conservation Areas Kerry Griffin, Kelly Ames
 - 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

Wednesday, September 9, 2015	Time	Room Capital B	
system Subcommittee	9:00 AM		
Γhursday, September 10, 2015	Time	Room	
em Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Redwood Room	
em Workgroup	8:00 AM	Redwood Room	
fish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III	
ic and Statistical Committee	8:00 AM	California Salon II	
Committee	8:30 AM	California Salon IV	
Secretariat	11:00 AM	California Salon I	
ive Committee	1:00 PM	Garden Room	
Committee	2:30 PM	Garden Room	
Friday, September 11, 2015	Time	Room	
nia State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV	
State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon II	
gton State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento Room	
Secretariat	7:00 AM	California Salon I	
fish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	California Salon IV	
fish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III	
Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Capitol A	
Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Capitol B	
ic and Statistical Committee	8:00 AM	California Salon II	
ment Consultants	8:00 AM	Redwood Room	
an's Reception	6:00 PM	Garden/Terrac	
Saturday, September 12, 2015	Time	Room	
nia State Delegation	7:00 AM	California Salon IV	
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fish Management Team	8:00 AM	California Salon III	
Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Capitol	
Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Capitol B	
ment Consultants	Ad hoc	Redwood Room	
ssessment 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
BC: Budget Committee COP: Council Operating Procedures EAS: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel EC: Enforcement Consultants ED: Executive Director EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone EFH: Essential Fish Habitat EFP: Exempted Fishing Permit ESA: Endangered Species Act EWG: Ecosystem Workgroup FEP: Fishery Ecosystem Plan FPA/PPA: Final/Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s) GAP and GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and Management Team HC: Habitat Committee HMSAS and HMSMT: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and Management Team LC: Legislative Committee ROA: Range of Alternatives RCA: Rockfish Conservation Areas Wed, Sept 9 9 am SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	CLOSED SESSION 8 AM Discuss Litigation and Admin. Matters (1 hr) A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min) B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non- Agenda Items (30 min) C. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. Council Coordination Committee Update (1 hr) D. ECOSYSTEM 1. FEP Initiative Scoping: Indicators & Climate Shift (1 hr 30 min) 2. Unmanaged Forage Fish Regulation Deeming and Finalize COP 24 (1 hr) E. SALMON 1. Methodology Review Identify Priority Topics (30 min) 2. Sacramento Winter Chinook Update (1 hr) F. HABITAT 1. Current Habitat Issues (45 min)	G. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 1. Update on International Activities (1 hr) 2. Swordfish Management Plan and Hard Caps FPA (5 hr) H. GROUNDFISH 1. Mid-water Sport Regs PPA (1 hr) 2. Gear Changes ROA (1 hr 30 min) Time estimates are approximate, and are not reliable for planning attendance or participation.	G. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 3. Scoping Amendment 4: Authorizing Shallow Set Long Line Fishery Outside EEZ (4 hr) C. ADMINISTRATIVE 2. Legislative Matters (1 hr) H. GROUNDFISH 3. Adopt Final Stock Assessments (1 hr 30 min) 4. Electronic Monitoring Regulations and EFP Update (1 hr 30 min)	H. GROUNDFISH 5. Review Process & Schedule and Initial Actions for Setting 2017-2018 Specifications (3 hr) 6. ESA Salmon Reinitiation of Consultation Workshop Report (3 hr) 7. Blackgill-Slope Rockfish Intersector Allocation PPA (2 hr)	H. GROUNDFISH 8. EFH and RCA ROA (6 hr) 9. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments (2 hr)	H. GROUNDFISH 10. Plan Off Year Science Improvements and Methodology Review Topic Selection (2 hr) I. PACIFIC HALIBUT 1. Catch Share Plan Changes ROA (1 hr) C. ADMINISTRATIVE 3. Approve Council Meeting Record (15 min) 4. Fiscal Matters (15 min) 5. Membership Appointments and COPs (30 min) 6. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (2 hr)
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

DoubleTree, Sacramento Room Diagram—Pacific Fishery Management Council—September 2015 Meeting

