

SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2016

To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November 2015. The proposed 2016 process and schedule are contained in Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 1.

For 2016, Council staff recommends one salmon management alternatives hearing per coastal state. The hearings would be:

- March 28, 2016 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 29, 2016 Ft. Bragg, California

In 2016, the March Council meeting will occur in Sacramento, California and the April Council meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Therefore, the public comment period regarding the tentative adoption of management measures for analysis at the April meeting in Vancouver also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 2001, for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Westport	30	11	16	16	25	26	34	20	27	21	54	25	36	26	23
Astoria															
Tillamook	16 ^{2/}	18 ^{2/}													
Coos Bay	18	40	26	26	105	146	43	60	108	60	19	29	25	14	13
Eureka	12	25	46					167	65	34	41	42	28		
Ft. Bragg				27	38										58
Santa Rosa						500	35							5	
Moss Landing ^{2/}	33	14													

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2016.

2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

At the September 2015 Council meeting, the Council discussed the status of Sacramento River winter Chinook (SRWC) and plans for the management of this stock beyond 2016. During that discussion, the Council decided to move forward with forming an ad hoc workgroup and developing a proposed schedule to explore an alternative SRWC harvest policy for the future (Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 2). It is anticipated that appointments to an ad hoc workgroup and the approval of a final schedule will occur at the November 2015 Council meeting.

Council Action:

- 1. Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.**
- 2. Approve staff’s overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2016 ocean salmon management measures.**
- 3. Consider membership and 2016 schedule for the ad hoc Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule and Process for Developing 2016 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.
2. Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 2: Draft Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Policy Review Process.
3. Agenda Item D.3.a, NMFS Report on the Draft Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Policy Review Process.

Agenda Order:

D.3 Salmon Management Schedule for 2016

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- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt a 2016 Preseason Management Schedule and Consider Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup Membership and Schedule

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