

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROCESS
FOR DEVELOPING 2016 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 13-19, 2015 The Council and advisory entities meet at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, Garden Grove, California, to consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory alternatives.
- Jan. 19-22, 2016 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) meet in Portland, Oregon to draft The Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document *Review of 2015 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (Available early February.)
- Feb. 16-19 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2016 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest, and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2016 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (Available early March.)
- Feb. 22 through Mar. 7 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Mar. 9-14 Council and advisory entities meet at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Sacramento, California to adopt 2016 regulatory alternatives for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts tentative alternatives for STT analysis on March 10 and final alternatives for public review on March 14.
- Mar. 15-21 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2016 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. (Available March 22.)
- Mar. 15-31 Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory alternatives. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are *tentatively* scheduled for March 16-17 and March 29-31.
- Mar. 22 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2016 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, alternative highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management alternatives.

- Mar. 28-29 Tentative sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 28); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 28); and Ft. Bragg, California (March 29). Comments on the alternatives will also be taken during the April Council meeting in Vancouver, Washington.
- Apr. 9-14 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Vancouver, Washington. *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2016 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*, results from the public hearings, and information developed at the Council meeting are considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 9. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is tentatively scheduled to be completed on April 13.
- Apr. 15-22 The STT and Council staff complete *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2016 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* (Available April 22). Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 22 Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and *Preseason Report III* is available to the public.
- May 1 NMFS implements Federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

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