

233<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 8-14, 2016
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# Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 8.

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 8 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of March 8 through March 14, 2016.

# 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 on the basis of the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

Tuesday March 8	Wednesday March 9	Thursday March 10	Friday March 11	Saturday March 12	Sunday March 13	Monday March 14
	Closed Session  Call to Order  Open Comment			Highly Migratory Species	Halibut	
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 8.	Habitat	Salmon	Highly Migratory Species	Groundfish	Groundfish	Groundfish
on page o.	Ecosystem		Salmon		Salmon	Administrative
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**Council Action** descriptions to adopt imply consideration to adopt; adoption is not mandatory.



# 233<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council March 9-14, 2016

General Council Session Proposed Detailed Agenda

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 8:00 AM Capitol Ballroom C-D

#### **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.

# A. Call to Order

A.1 Opening Remarks

A.2 Roll Call

Don McIsaac

A.3 Executive Director's Report

Don McIsaac

Dorothy Lowman

Dorothy Lowman

a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

#### **B.** Open Comment Period

#### **B.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

# **C.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. Ecosystem Management

# D.1 California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem

Assessment

- a. Report of the IEA Team Chris Harvey, Toby Garfield
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Action: Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report

# D.2 Update on Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative

Kit Dahl

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- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Consider Issues Relevant to the Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule

#### Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:00 AM **Capitol Ballroom C-D**

# A. Call to Order (reconvene)

**Dorothy Lowman** A.5 Commencing Remarks Don McIsaac

#### E. Salmon Management

# **E.1** National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Mike Burner

a. Regulatory Activities

**Bob Turner** 

b. Fisheries Science Center Activities

Pete Lawson

- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

# E.2 Review of 2015 Fisheries and Summary of 2016 Stock

**Abundance Forecasts** Mike Burner

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, and Adopt 2016 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary

## E.3 Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM)

# **Co-manager Update**

Mike Burner

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Consider Revisions to Chinook FRAM Methodology for Analyzing 2016 Salmon Fisheries

#### E.4 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2016 Salmon Management Alternatives Including Test Fishery Alternatives Mike Burner

a. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission

**Bob Turner** 

- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Action: Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Management Measure and Test Fishing Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Description

Friday, March 11, 2016 8:00 AM **Capitol Ballroom C-D** 

A. Call to Order (reconvene) A.6 Commencing Remarks **Dorothy Lowman** Don McIsaac

#### Friday, March 11, 2016 (continued)

# F. Highly Migratory Species Management

# F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Kit Dahl

a. Regulatory Activities

Heidi Taylor

b. Science Center Activities

- Cisco Werner and Gerard Dinardo
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

# F.2 Report on Ongoing Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP)

Kit Dahl

a. PIER EFP Report

- Chugey Sepulveda
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action**: Consider Current Status of Exempted Fishing Permits in West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries, Make Recommendations on Issuance or Extensions, Comment on Letter of Acknowledgement for Gear Research

#### F.3 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Amendment Scoping

Kit Dahl

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Consider Issues to be Addressed in a Fishery Management Plan Amendment to Authorize Deep-Set Buoy Gear in West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries

#### E. Salmon Management (continued)

# E.5 Council Recommendations for 2016 Management Alternative Analysis Mike Burner

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:00 AM Capitol Ballroom C-D

# A. Call to Order (reconvene)

**Dorothy Lowman** 

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

#### F. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

# F.4 Recommendations for International Management Activities Including U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Area Fishery Update

Kit Dahl

a. Report on the WCPFC Meeting

**Dorothy Lowman** 

b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service

- Heidi Taylor
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Reports on International Activities Including the 2015 U.S.-Canada Albacore Fishery and Recommendations for the 90<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Meeting

#### Saturday, March 12, 2016 (continued)

#### G. Groundfish Management

# **G.1** National Marine Fisheries Service Report

**Kelly Ames** 

a. Regulatory Activities

Frank Lockhart

b. Fisheries Science Center Activities

Michelle McClure, John Stein

- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

# G.2 Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) for California Mid-Water Commercial

# **Jig Gear for 2017-2018**

Jim Seger

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Adopt Preliminary EFP for Public Review

# G.3 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for

#### 2017-2018 Groundfish Fisheries

John DeVore, Kelly Ames

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Discussion

# E. Salmon Management (continued)

# E.6 Further Council Direction for 2016 Management Alternatives

Mike Burner

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Further Guidance and Direction as Necessary

**Sunday, March 13, 2016** 

8:00 AM Capitol Ballroom C-D

# A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Dorothy Lowman

#### **A.8 Commencing Remarks**

# H. Pacific Halibut Management

#### H.1 Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting Kelly Ames

a. IPHC Report

Bruce Leaman

b. Council IPHC Representative Report

Phil Anderson

- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consideration of the IPHC Meeting Reports

## Sunday, March 13, 2016 (continued)

# H. Pacific Halibut Management (continued)

# H.2 Incidental Catch Recommendation Options for the Salmon Troll and Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

#### Kelly Ames

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Make Recommendations for Inseason Changes to April 2016 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for 2016 and April 2017 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2016 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

# H.3 Halibut Incidental Groundfish Regulations Final Action

**Kelly Ames** 

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Regulations for Sablefish Fishery Incidental Landing Regulations

# G. Groundfish Management (continued)

#### G.4 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments, Including Carryover

**Kelly Ames** 

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Adopt Recommendations for Adjustments Including Carryover to 2016 Groundfish Fisheries, as Necessary

#### G.5 Oregon Mid-Water Sport Fishery Regulations Final Action

**Kelly Ames** 

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Adopt Final Regulations for Mid-Water Sport Fishery in Oregon

#### E. Salmon Management (continued)

# E.7 Adoption of 2016 Management Alternatives for Public Review

Mike Burner

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

# **E.8 Salmon Hearings Officers**

Mike Burner

a. **Council Action:** Appoint Hearings Officers Dorothy Lowman

# E.9 Sacramento River Winter Chinook Control Rule Update

Mike Burner

- a. Report of the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup Mike O'Farrell
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Direction to the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup on Development and Analysis of Control Rule Options

# Monday, March 14, 2016

# 8:00 AM Capitol Ballroom C-D

# G. Groundfish Management (continued)

# G.6 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Update

Kit Dahl

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Provide Guidance on Options for the Proposed Action for the ESA Salmon Bycatch Consultation on the Groundfish Fishery

# G.7 Electronic Monitoring Exempted Fishing Permit Update and Revisions Brett Wiedoff

a. NMFS Report

Melissa Hooper

- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action**: Recommend Extensions for Exempted Fishing Permits Related to Electronic Monitoring in Groundfish Catch Share Fisheries

# G.8 Changes to Trawl Catch Share Program Gear Regulations - Final Action Jim Seger

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Gear Change Regulations Applying to Vessels in the Trawl Catch Share Program, as Appropriate, and Provide Additional Guidance as Necessary

#### I. Administrative Matters

#### I.1 Approval of Council Meeting Record

a. Council Member Review and Comments

**Dorothy Lowman** 

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

# 2 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

# I.3 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Don McIsaac

- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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# **SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

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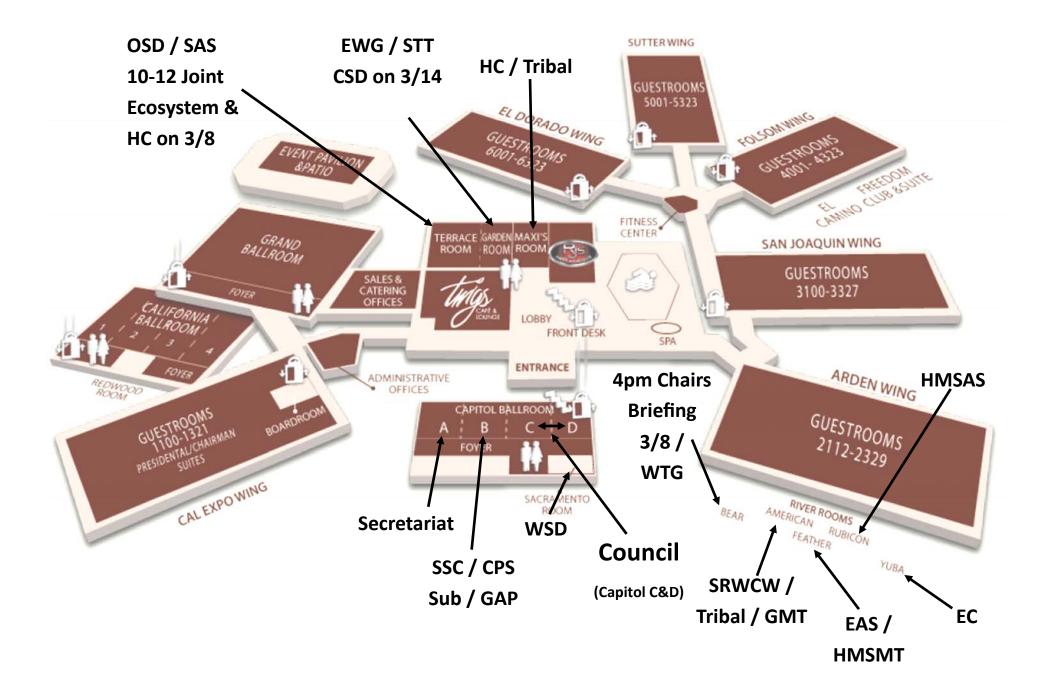
Day 1—Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Time	Location
Council Secretariat		Capitol Salon A
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Feather River Room
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 AM	Garden Room
Habitat Committee	8:30 AM	Maxi's
Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup	1:00 PM	American River Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:00 PM	Terrace Room
Day 2—Wednesday, March 9, 2016	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Capitol Salon A
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Capitol Salon B
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Terrace Room
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Feather River Room
*Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 AM	*Capitol Salon B
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 AM	Garden Room
Enforcement Consultants	3:00 PM	Yuba River Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Maxi's
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Bear River Room
Chairman's Reception	6:00 PM	Capitol Foyer
Day 3—Thursday, March 10, 2016	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Capitol Salon B
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Terrace Room
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Rubicon River Room
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Feather River Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 AM	Garden Room
SSC Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee	8:00 AM	Capitol Salon B
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Yuba River Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Maxi's
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Bear River Room

Day 4—Friday, March 11, 2016	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Capitol Salon A
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Capitol Salon B
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Terrace Room
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Capitol Salon B
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	American River Room
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Rubicon River Room
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Feather River Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 AM	Garden Room
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Yuba River Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Maxi's
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Bear River Room
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Day 5—Saturday, March 12, 2016		Location
Council Secretariat		·
California State Delegation		•
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Terrace Room
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Sacramento
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Capitol Salon B
Groundfish Management Team		
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Rubicon River Room
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Feather River Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 AM	Garden Room
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Yuba River Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Maxi's
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Bear River Room
Day 6—Sunday, March 13, 2016		Location
Council Secretariat		<u>-</u>
California State Delegation		•
Oregon State Delegation		
Washington State Delegation		
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel		
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	American River Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Terrace Room
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 AM	Garden Room
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Yuba River Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Maxi's
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Bear River Room

Day 7—Monday, March 14, 2016	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Capitol Salon A
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	*Garden Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Terrace Room
*Washington State Delegation		

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# DoubleTree, Sacramento Room Diagram—Pacific Fishery Management Council—March 2016 Meeting



# Proposed Pacific Council Meeting Agenda, March 8-14, 2016 in Sacramento, California 3/1/2016 in

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Acronyms	Wed, Mar 9	Thu, Mar 10	Fri, Mar 11	Sat, Mar 12	Sun, Mar 13	Mon, Mar 14
BC: Budget Committee	CLOSED EXECUTIVE	E. SALMON	F. HIGHLY MIGRATORY	F. HIGHLY MIGRATORY	H. PACIFIC HALIBUT	G. GROUNDFISH
COP: Council Operating	SESSION	1. NMFS Report (1 hr)	SPECIES	SPECIES	1. Annual IPHC	6. Salmon ESA
Frocedures EAS: Ecosystem	Discuss Litigation &	<b>2.</b> Review of 2015	1. NMFS Report (1 hr)	4. Recommend	Meeting Rpt (45 min)	Consultation
Advisory Subpanel	Personnel Matters	Fisheries & Summary	2. Report on Ongoing	International	2. Incidental Catch	Update
EC: Enforcement	(1 hr)	of 2016 Stock	EFPs (2 hr <u>)</u>	Management	Limits: Options for	(1 hr 30 min)
Consultants		Abundance Forecasts	3. Deep Set Buoy	Activities (2 hr)	Salmon Troll & Final for	7. Electronic
ED. Executive Director EFP: Exempted Fishina	A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM	(1 hr 30 min)	Gear Amendment		Fixed Gear Sablefish	Monitoring EFP
Permit	<b>1-4</b> . Opening	3. Chinook FRAM	Scoping (3 hr)	G. GROUNDFISH	Fisheries (30 min)	Update and
ESA: Endangered	Remarks, Roll Call, ED	Base Period		1. NMFS Report	3. Halibut Incidental	Revisions
Species Act	Report, Approve	Comanager Update	E. SALMON	(1 hr)	<b>Groundfish Regs Final</b>	(2 hr 30 min)
rer. risilery ecosystem Plan	Agenda (30 min)	(1 hr)	5. Recommendations	2. Preliminary EFP	(30 min)	8. Gear Changes
FPA: Final Preferred		4. Identify Mgmt	for 2016 Mgmt	Consideration for		FPA (2 hr)
Alternative	B. OPEN COMMENT	Objectives &	Alternative Analysis	Calif Midwater	G. GROUNDFISH	
FRAM: Fishery	1. Comments on Non-	<b>Preliminary Definition</b>	(2 hr)	Commercial (1 hr)	4. Inseason	I. ADMINISTRATIVE
Regulation Assessment Model	Agenda Items (30 min)	of 2016 of		<b>3.</b> 2017-2018	Adjustments (1 hr)	1. Approve
(salmon)		Management		Fisheries Check-in	5. Mid-water Sport	Council Meeting
HC: Habitat Committee	С. НАВІТАТ	Alternatives, Including		(3 hr)	Regulations Final (2 hr)	Record (15 min)
HMS: Highly Migratory	1. Current Habitat	Test Fishery				2. Membership
HMSAS/MT: HMS	Issues (45 min)	Alternatives		E. SALMON	E. SALMON	Appointments &
Advisory Subpanel		(4 hr 30 min)		6. Further Direction	<b>7.</b> Adopt 2016	COPs (15 min)
/Mgmt Team	D. ECOSYSTEM			for 2016 Mgmt	Management	3. Future Meeting
IEA: Integrated	1. California Current			Alternatives (1 hr)	Alternatives for Public	Agenda &
Assessment	Ecosystem and IEA				Review (1 hr 30 min)	Workload Planning
IPHC: International	Report (2 hr)				8. Appoint Salmon	(1 hr 30 min)
Pacific Halibut	2. Update on				Hearing Officers	
Commission	Coordinated				(15 min)	
Preferred Alternative	<b>Ecosystem Indicator</b>				9. Sacramento River	
SAS/STT: Salmon	Review Initiative				Winter Chinook Control	
Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team	(3 hr 30 min)				Rule Update (1 hr)	
Tue Mar 8	8.25 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	7.5 hr	8 hr
	7 am State Delegations	7 am State Delegations	7 am State Delegations	7 am State Delegations	7 am State Delegations	7 am State
11 am Secretariat	7 am Secretariat	7 am Secretariat	7 am Secretariat	7 am Secretariat	7 am Secretariat	Delegations
1 pm SSC	8 am SSC	8 am SSC CPS SubCom	8 am GAP & GMT	8 am GAP & GMT	8 am GAP & GMT	7 am Secretariat
8 am EAS	8 am EAS	8 am HMSAS & MT	8 am HMSAS & MT	8 am HMSAS & MT		
8 am EWG	8 am SAS & STT	8 am SAS & STT	8 am SAS & STT	8 am SAS & STT	8 am SAS & STT	
8:30 am HC		Ad Hoc EC	Ad Hoc EC	Ad Hoc EC	Ad Hoc EC	
1 pm SRWCW		Ad Hoc Tribal Policy	Ad Hoc Tribal Policy	Ad Hoc Tribal Policy	Ad Hoc Tribal Policy	
	Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	
	6 pm Chair's Reception					