



## Pacific Fishery Management Council ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **COUNCIL BEGINS REVIEW OF GROUND FISH TRAWL CATCH SHARE PROGRAM WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is undertaking a review of its trawl catch share program and intersector allocations.

Both the catch share program and intersector allocations went into place at the start of 2011, and both are due for their five-year review (see links below for more information).

Hearings on the catch share program and intersector allocations will be held between August 31 and September 29. All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. on the dates and at the locations specified below.

The time for each person commenting may be limited depending on the number of people commenting. For these hearings, general questions will be posed, such as: How have you been impacted by the trawl catch share program and the intersector allocations? What effects should the reviews of the catch share program and intersector allocation focus on?

Comment from the hearings will be summarized and reported to the Council at its November 2016 meeting. The Council will use this input as it finalizes plans for the review.

Date (Start Time 7:00 PM)	Hearing Location	Address and Contact Information
Weds – Aug 31	San Luis Obispo	Marriott Courtyard San Luis Obispo Room 1605 Calle Joaquin Road San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 Phone: 805-786-4200
Thurs – Sept 1	Half Moon Bay	Half Moon Bay Lodge Club Room 2400 Cabrillo Hwy. South Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 Phone: 650-726-9000
Tues – Sept 6	Fort Bragg	City of Fort Bragg Town Hall 363 N. Main Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Phone: 707-961-2823
Weds – Sept 7	Eureka	Red Lion Eureka Evergreen Room 1929 Fourth Street Eureka, CA 95501 Phone: 707-445-0844
Thurs – Sept 8	Coos Bay	Red Lion Coos Bay South Umpqua Room 1313 North Bayshore Drive Coos Bay, OR 97420 Phone: 541-267-4141
Mon – Sept 12	Westport	Chateau Westport Beach Room 710 West Hancock Westport, WA 98595 Phone: 360-268-9101
Tues – Sept 13	Seattle	Sheraton Seattle Hotel Diamond Room 1400 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101 Phone: 206-621-9000
Weds – Sept 28	Astoria	Comfort Inn and Suites Meeting Room 3420 Leif Erickson Drive Astoria, OR 97103

Thurs – Sept 29

Newport

Phone: 503-325-2000

Agate Beach Inn  
Jasper Room  
3019 N. Coast Hwy  
Newport, OR 97365  
Phone: 541-265-9411

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### **Additional information**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at 503-820-2425 at least five days prior to the meeting date. If you have additional questions regarding the hearings, or the five-year review process, please contact Mr. Jim Seger at 503-820-2416; toll-free 1-866-806-7204.

### **Council Role**

The Pacific Council includes members from California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, as well as one Tribal seat. The Pacific Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 for the purpose of managing fisheries miles offshore of the United States of America coastline. The Pacific Council recommends management measures for fisheries off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington.

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### **On the Web**

- Pacific Fishery Management Council: <http://www.pcouncil.org>
- Amendment 20 to the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan ([tinyurl.com/amendment20](http://tinyurl.com/amendment20))
- Amendment 21 to the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan ([tinyurl.com/amendment21](http://tinyurl.com/amendment21))
- Groundfish Trawl Five-Year Review Page ([tinyurl.com/catchsharereview](http://tinyurl.com/catchsharereview))
- Groundfish Trawl Program Trailing (Follow-Up) Actions Page <http://tinyurl.com/rawltrailing>