

237th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council November 13-21, 2016



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Sun.-Tues. Nov. 13-15	Wednesday Nov. 16	Thursday Nov. 17	Friday Nov. 18	Saturday Nov. 19	Sunday Nov. 20	Monday Nov. 21			
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 8.	Closed Session	Groundfish	Habitat	Coastal Pelagic Species	Groundfish	Highly Migratory Species			
	Call to Order		Groundfish			Highly Migratory Species	Highly Migratory Species		
	Open Comment			Pacific Halibut				Coastal Pelagic Species	Administrative
	Administrative								
	Salmon	Coastal Pelagic Species	Administrative						
	Pacific Halibut			Administrative					

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 8

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page eight for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of November 13-21, 2016.

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on 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.

Council Action descriptions to adopt imply consideration to adopt; adoption is not mandatory.



Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

General Council Session
Royal A-D

8:00 a.m. 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 a.m.

A. Call to Order

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| A.1 | Opening Remarks | Herb Pollard, Chair |
| A.2 | Roll Call | Chuck Tracy |
| A.3 | Executive Director's Report | Chuck Tracy |
| A.4 | Agenda | Herb Pollard |
| a. | Council Action: Approve Agenda | |

B. Open Comment Period

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| B.1 | Comments on Non-Agenda Items | Mike Burner |
| a. | Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments | |
| b. | Public Comment | |
| c. | Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate | |

C. Administrative Matters

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| C.1 | West Coast Regional Operating Agreement Final Review | Chuck Tracy |
| a. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| b. | Public Comment | |
| c. | Council Action: Review and Provide Final Comments on the West Coast Regional Operating Agreement | |

D. Salmon Management

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| D.1 | National Marine Fisheries Service Report | Mike Burner |
| a. | Regulatory Activities | Frank Lockhart |
| b. | Fisheries Science Center Activities | NWFSC/SWFSC |
| c. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| d. | Public Comment | |
| e. | Council Discussion | |

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - continued

D. Salmon Management (continued)

- D.2 Salmon Methodology Review Mike Burner
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes
- D.3 Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model Update Mike Burner
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion
- D.4 Preseason Salmon Management Schedule for 2017 Mike Burner
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt 2017 Final Preseason Management Schedule

E. Pacific Halibut Management

- E.1 Final 2017 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 Final Changes for the 2017 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations

Annual Banquet – 6 p.m. Grand Ballroom (EFG)

Thursday, November 17, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Royal A-D

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard

A.5 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

F. Groundfish Management

- F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Brett Wiedoff
- a. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities John Stein/Michelle McClure
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion
- F.2 Methodology Review Final Topic Selection John DeVore
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Topics for the 2017 Methodology Review
- F.3 Inseason Management Final Action Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits

Thursday, November 17, 2016 - continued

G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

- G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kerry Griffin
- a. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Cisco Werner
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion
- G.2 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Preliminary Topics for Methodology Review in 2017
- G.3 Small-Scale Fishery Management Alternatives Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Policy Alternatives for Small-Scale Fishery Management; Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives as Appropriate

Friday, November 18, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Royal A-D

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

H. Habitat

- H.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

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

- F.4 Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) Amendment 28 Alternatives (Part 1) Kerry Griffin
- a. Project Team Report John Stadler
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Revisions to the Range of Alternatives, Identify Preliminary Preferred Alternatives, and Provide Additional Guidance as Necessary

(This item continues on Sunday, November 20)

Friday, November 18, 2016 - continued

- F.5 Trawl Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Final Action Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFP Recommendations to NMFS for Modification of Trawl Gear Regulations

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.2 National Standard Guidelines Update John DeVore
- a. NMFS Report Erin Schnettler
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion

Saturday, November 19, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Royal A-D

- A. Call to Order (reconvene)** Herb Pollard
- A.7 Commencing Remarks Chuck Tracy

G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management (continued)

- G.4 Northern Anchovy Stock Assessment and Management Measures Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Stock Status and Consider Revisions to Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Management Category

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

- I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kit Dahl
- a. Regulatory Activities Heidi Taylor
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Cisco Werner/Gerard DiNardo
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion
- I.2 International Issues Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** 1) Provide Recommendations to the U.S. Delegations to the Thirteenth Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC); 2) Comment on Domestic Pacific Bluefin Commercial Fishery Regulations, as Appropriate; 3) Respond to the Center for Biological Diversity's Petition for Rulemaking

Saturday, November 19, 2016 - continued

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

- F.6 5-Year Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Review Plans and Fishery Management Update Jim Seger
- a. Overview of the 5-Year Review Blueprint Abigail Harley
 - b. Summary of Public Hearings Hearings Officers
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Plans for the 5-Year Review of the Trawl Catch Share Program and Allocations, Including Ad Hoc Community Advisory Board Tasks, Adopt Language Update for Appendix E to the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, and Provide Other Guidance as Needed

Evening Forum

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Engagement on Commercial Fishing Vessel Classification Standards – 7 PM, Royal E Room

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Royal A-D

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard

- A.8 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

- F.4 Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) Amendment (**Part 2, Continued from Friday, November 18**) Kerry Griffin
- a. Project Team Report John Stadler, Kerry Griffin
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Revisions to the Range of Alternatives, Identify Preliminary Preferred Alternatives, and Provide Additional Guidance as Necessary
- F.7 Mid-Biennium Harvest Specification Adjustment Policies John DeVore
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives and, if Appropriate, a Preliminary Preferred Policy Alternative for Mid-Biennium Harvest Specification Adjustments; Provide Further Direction as Necessary

I. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

- I.3 U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations to NMFS and Department of State on Negotiating the Next Fishing Regime Under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty

Sunday, November 20, 2016 - continued

- I.4 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Preliminarily Approve New Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFPs for Public Review; Review and Provide Guidance on an EFP Application Template and Data Gathering Priorities

Monday, November 21, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Royal A-D

- A. Call to Order (reconvene)** Herb Pollard
 - A.9 Commencing Remarks Chuck Tracy
- I. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)**
 - I.5 Swordfish Fishery Management Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** 1) Identify Fishery Permitting Priorities and Policies for the California Drift Gillnet Fishery and a Future Deep-Set Buoy Gear fishery, and 2) Provide Comments on the Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps Proposed Rule
- C. Administrative Matters (continued)**
 - C.3 Fiscal Matters Patricia Crouse
 - a. Report of the Budget Committee Dorothy Lowman
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Recommendations
 - C.4 Approval of Council Meeting Record Herb Pollard
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record
 - C.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Mike Burner
 - 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
 - C.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Chuck Tracy
 - 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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237th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
 November 13-21, 2016
 SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1—Sunday, November 13, 2016

	Time	Location
SSC Economic and Groundfish Subcommittees	1:00 p.m.	Imperial

Day 2—Monday, November 14, 2016

	Time	Location
SSC Economic and Groundfish Subcommittees	8:00 a.m.	Imperial

Day 3—Tuesday, November 15, 2016

	Time	Location
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Madrid
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Barcelona
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal F
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Habitat Committee	8:30 a.m.	Valencia
Council Secretariat	11:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	1:00 p.m.	Royal E
Budget Committee	1:00 p.m.	Granada

Day 4—Wednesday, November 16, 2016

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal E
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Madrid
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Barcelona
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal E
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal F
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Enforcement Consultants	3:00 p.m.	Seville
Annual Banquet	6:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom (EFG)

Day 5—Thursday, November 17, 2016

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal E
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal E
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal F
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Seville

Day 6—Friday, November 18, 2016

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal E
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal E
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal F
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Seville

Day 7—Saturday, November 19, 2016

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal E
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal E
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal F
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Seville
U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Engagement on Commercial Fishing Vessel Classification Standards	7:00 p.m.	Royal E

Day 8—Sunday, November 20, 2016

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal E
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal E
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal F
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Seville

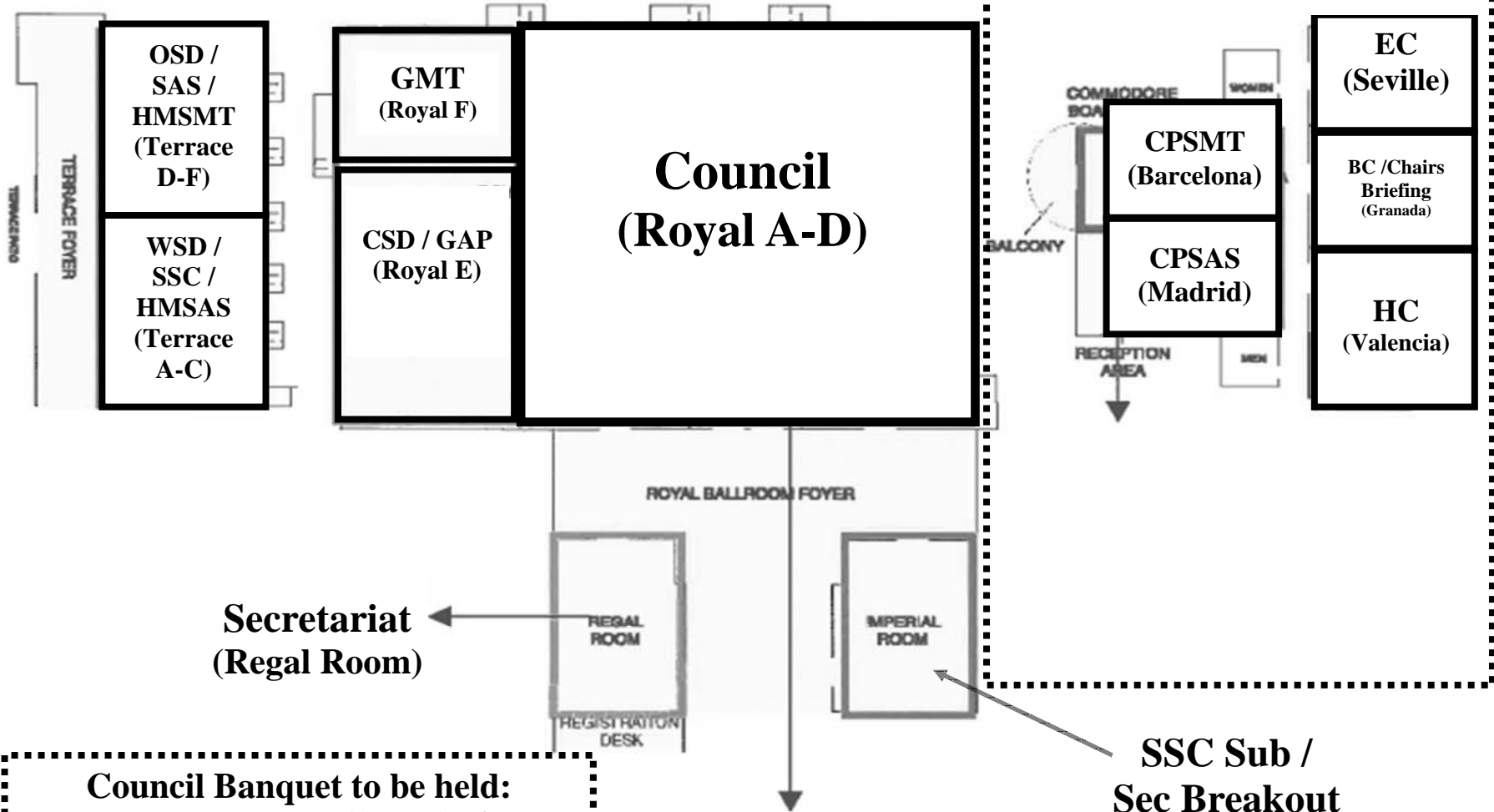
Day 9—Monday, November 21, 2016

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Regal (South Tower)
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal E
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace DEF (South Tower)
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace ABC (South Tower)

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2nd Floor South Tower



Secretariat (Regal Room)

SSC Sub / Sec Breakout (Imperial Room)

South Tower Entrance

Council Banquet to be held:
Wednesday, November 16th, at 6pm in the Grand (EFG) ballroom.

This is a cash-only event, and the cost of \$20 per person will be collected at the door for a dinner ticket.
Please RSVP in advance.

PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 13-21, 2016 IN GARDEN GROVE, CA

Acronyms	Wed, Nov. 16	Thurs, Nov. 17	Fri, Nov. 18	Sat, Nov. 19	Sun, Nov. 20	Mon, Nov. 21
<i>BC: Budget Committee</i> <i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i> <i>CPSAS/MT: Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel/ Mgmt Team</i> <i>DGN: Drift Gillnet</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>EFH: Essential Fish Habitat</i> <i>EFP: Exempted Fishing Permit</i> <i>FRAM: Fishery Reg. Assess. Model</i> <i>GAO: U.S. Government Accountability Office</i> <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel/ Mgmt Team</i> <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i> <i>HMSAS/MT: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel/ Mgmt Team</i> <i>PPA: Prelim. Prefer. Alts.</i> <i>ROA: Range of Alts.</i> <i>SAS: Salmon Adv. Sub.</i> <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>	<p align="center">8 AM</p> <p>CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">9 AM</p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>C. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. Regional Operating Agreement Final Review (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>D. SALMON 1. NMFS Rpt (30 min) 2. Meth. Rev., Final Approval (1 hr) 3. Chinook FRAM Update (1 hr) 4. 2017 Preseason Mgt Sched. (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>E. PACIFIC HALIBUT 1. Final Catch Sharing Plan Allocation Changes (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p align="center">F. GROUND FISH</p> <p>1. NMFS Rept. (1 hr) 2. Methodology Review, Final Topic Selection and Schedule (1 hr) 3. Inseason Action (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</p> <p>1. NMFS Rept. (30 min) 2. Methodology Rev. Preliminary Topic Selection (1 hr) 3. Small Scale Fishery Management ROA/PPA (2 hr)</p>	<p align="center">H. HABITAT</p> <p>1. Current Habitat Issues (45 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">F. GROUND FISH</p> <p>4 EFH-RCA Amendment PPA Part 1 (4 hr) <i>Cont. on Sunday</i></p> <p>5. Gear Modification EFP (2 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>2. National Standard Guidelines Update (1 hr)</p>	<p align="center">G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</p> <p>4. Anchovy Stock Assessment and Management Measures (3 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>1. NMFS Rept.(1 hr) 2. International Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">F. GROUND FISH</p> <p>6. 5-yr Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Review (3 hr)</p>	<p align="center">F. GROUND FISH</p> <p>4. EFH-RCA Amendment PPA Part 2 (2 hr) <i>Cont. from Friday</i></p> <p>7. Mid-biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments PPA (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>3. U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty (2 hr) 4. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits (1 hr)</p>	<p align="center">I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>5. Swordfish Fishery Management (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>3. Fiscal Matters (15 min) 4. Approve Council Meeting Record (15 min) 5. Membership Appointments & COPs (30 min) 6. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)</p>
Sun, Nov. 13						
1 pm SSC Economic & GF Subcommittees						
Mon, Nov. 14						
8 am SSC Economic & GF Subcommittees						
Tues, Nov. 15	7.0 hr	7.5 hr	8.25 hr	8.0 hr	7.0 hr	5.0 hr
11 am Secretariat 8 am SAS 8 am SSC 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT 8 am GMT 8:30 am HC 1 pm BC 1 pm GAP	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am SAS 8 am SSC 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HC 3 pm EC 6 pm Annual Banquet	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 8 am GAP & GMT Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 8 am GAP & GMT Ad Hoc EC 7 pm GAO Forum on Comm. Fishing Vessel Classification Standards	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 8 am GAP & GMT Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat

Time estimates are approximate and are not reliable for planning attendance or participation.