

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROCESS
FOR DEVELOPING 2018 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 14-20, 2017 The Council and advisory entities meet at the Hilton Orange County, Costa Mesa, California, to consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory alternatives.
- Jan. 16-19, 2018 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) meets in Portland, Oregon to draft the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document *Review of 2017 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. 20-23 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2018 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 2017 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (Available early March.)
- Feb. 26 through Mar. 5 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Mar. 8-14 Council and advisory entities meet at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma in Rohnert Park, California to adopt 2018 regulatory alternatives for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts final alternatives for public review.
- Mar. 15-21 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2018 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. (Available late March.)
- Mar. 15-31 Management agencies, tribes, and the public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory alternatives. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are held between the March and April Council meetings.
- Mar. 22 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2018 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. 26-27 Tentative sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 26); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 26); and Ft. Bragg, California (March 27). Comments on the alternatives will also be taken during the April Council meeting in Portland, Oregon.
- Apr. 4-11 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel in Portland, Oregon. *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2018 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*, results from the public hearings, and information developed and public comment received at the Council meeting are considered during the course of the week.
- Apr. 12-19 The STT and Council staff complete *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2018 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 20 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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