



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Meeting in November
2017 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2017 in Costa Mesa, California to address issues related to groundfish, coastal pelagic species (CPS), highly migratory species (HMS), salmon, and Pacific halibut. The meeting of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California 92626; telephone, 714-540-7000.

Key agenda items for the meeting include Council considerations to:

- Adopt Preliminary Coastal Pelagic Species Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) for Public Review
- Adopt Final Salmon Methodology Changes for 2018 and Beyond
- Provide Final Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on Control Rules for Sacramento River Winter Chinook (SRWC) Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation
- Adopt Final Changes for the 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations and Provide Guidance on Further Consideration of Options to Address Derby Fisheries
- Adopt Final Trawl Catch Share Review Report and a Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-on Actions
- Adopt Final Groundfish Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analysis for Use in the 2019-2020 Management Cycle and Beyond
- Adopt Final Policy Alternative for Groundfish Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments
- Adopt Final 2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Management Measures
- Adopt Preliminary Groundfish EFPs for Public Review
- Adopt a Plan for Improvements in Groundfish Management Science and Identify Priority Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topics for 2018
- Provide Recommendations on International Management Activities for Highly Migratory Species

A schedule of advisory body meetings is provided on the last pages of the attached proposed agenda. Copies of briefing materials prepared for the meeting can be found on our website www.pcouncil.org by Friday, October 27, 2017.

Meeting Arrangements and Public Comment Guidelines

All meetings are open to the public, except for a closed executive session scheduled for 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15 to discuss litigation and personnel matters. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed detailed agenda. Information is also available on the Council website <http://www.pcouncil.org> or by calling the Council office at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 (toll-free).

The public is encouraged to comment, either verbally at the meeting or in writing. Timing of agenda items may change as the meeting progresses, and items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to later in the meeting, usually the next day.

Oral Public Comments

Oral public comments will be accepted during the meeting prior to action on each agenda item.

Written Public Comments

Written public comments are accepted by the Council via one of the methods described below. The public is encouraged to submit written comments as far in advance of the meeting as possible, either by mail, fax, or email addressed to pfmc.comments@noaa.gov. Electronic copies of written testimony are encouraged, as they facilitate posting to our website.

Comments received **by 5 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2017** will be included in the briefing materials mailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Comments received *after* October 19 but **by 5 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES AFTER THE NOVEMBER 6 DEADLINE

- *Comments received after the 5 p.m., November 6, 2017 date specified above **will not** be photocopied and distributed by the Council Staff. If they are emailed after that date, you will receive an auto-notification that the comments cannot be processed at this time, and you will need to re-submit your comments if you want them considered at a future council meeting.*
- *Late comments received after the 5 p.m., November 6, 2017 date specified above are required to be in support of oral testimony, and individuals need to hand deliver their comments (preferably in an electronic format) to the Council Secretariat (Bristol 3 Room) at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, no later than 5 p.m. the day before the corresponding agenda item is scheduled on the Council's agenda. These submissions should include the submitter's name, the Council agenda item number, and the Council meeting month and year.*
- *The public should be aware that the Council may not have time to thoroughly review extensive written comments submitted at the meeting. The Council's advisory bodies may not have a chance to review such comment. The Council will not pay for comments transmitted to the meeting hotel. Comments submitted that are not in support of the oral testimony may be re-submitted for consideration at a future Council meeting.*

This meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at 503-820-2411 or 866-806-7204, ext. 411, at least **ten business days prior** to the meeting date. The meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council will also be streamed live on the internet.

The broadcasts begin at 9 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and continue daily at 8 a.m. through Monday, November 20, 2017. Broadcasts end daily at 6:00 p.m. PT *or when business for the day is complete*. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online, please use the following link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the **November Webinar ID, 897-986-459**, and your email address. You can attend the webinar online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio portion only of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the **toll number 1-562-247-8422** (not a toll-free number), **audio access code 862-846-290**, and entering the audio pin shown after joining the webinar.

Hotel reservations (inside the contracted block) need to be arranged with Ms. Patricia Crouse (Patricia.Crouse@noaa.gov) no later than October 18, 2017.

- To receive this notice in the future via email, sign up for the “PFMC E-Mail Notification List” at <http://www.pcouncil.org/currents/sign-up-for-newsletter-and-mailing-lists/>.

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