Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 1, 2018

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Meeting in November 2018 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 1-8, 2018 in San Diego, California, to address issues related to groundfish, salmon, coastal pelagic species (CPS), highly migratory species (HMS), and ecosystem-based management. The meeting of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Road, San Diego, California 92130; telephone, 858-523-1700.

Key agenda items for the meeting include Council considerations to:

- Adopt Preliminary Rebuilding Plans for Two Chinook and Three Coho Overfished Stocks.
- Adopt Final 2019 Salmon Preseason Management Schedule.
- Preliminary Review of New Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Exempted Fishing Permits for Public Review.
- Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for CPS Amendment 17 - Live Bait Allowance.
- Adopt Final Changes for the 2019 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishery Regulations.
- Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for the Groundfish Five-Year Catch Share Program Follow-On Actions.
- Scoping of Endangered Species Act Salmon Mitigation Measures for Groundfish Fisheries.
- Preliminary Highly Migratory Species Biennial Management Measures and Status Determination Criteria.

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 Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

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 Saturday, November 3, 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).

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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**

In addition to our current practices described below, we will be beta-testing an electronic portal for submitting comments at this meeting, with the intent of replacing the current email submission process starting with the March 2019 meeting.

**ELECTRONIC PORTAL BETA-TEST**

Starting October 1, 2018, a new E-Portal is in beta testing for the November 2018 Council Meeting. To access the E-Portal, visit the Council website (www.pcouncil.org) and click on the "Current (or next) Council Meeting" link in the top right hand corner of the Home Page. Next, scroll down and you'll see the link for the New E-Portal. From there, you will be taken to the E-Portal home page where you will need to select the meeting you wish to make a comment on. Next, select the agenda item you are interested in commenting on and either enter your comments in the text box, or upload a file containing your comments (in .pdf, .doc, .docx, .ppt, .xls, or .txt). You will be limited to one comment per agenda item in advance of the initial public comment deadline (Friday, October 5, 2018). You will then be allowed one more comment opportunity between 5:01 p.m., October 5 and the supplemental public comment deadline (5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2018), which will allow you to review the advanced briefing materials, which are scheduled to be posted to the Council website or mailed out no later than Friday, October 19, 2018.

After the supplemental public comment deadline (5 pm on October 23), our current practices will be in effect (see below).

Public comments will still be accepted via pfmc.comments@noaa.gov, however, we **strongly encourage** submitting them through the new E-Portal, as by the March 2019 Council Meeting, the E-Portal will be the only electronic method to submit public comments (paper submissions via mail or fax will be manually entered into the E-Portal by Council staff for the record).

**Current Practices**

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. Friday, October 5, 2018** will be included in the briefing materials mailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Comments received **after** October 5 but **by 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2018** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting.
PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES AFTER THE OCTOBER 23 DEADLINE

- Comments received after the 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2018 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., October 23, 2018 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 (Grand A Room) at the San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 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. They will be posted on the Council’s website.

- 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 10 a.m. Pacific Time Saturday, November 3, 2018 and continue daily at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, November 8, 2018. Broadcasts end daily at 5 p.m. 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, 530-089-227, 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) 247-8321 (not a toll-free number), audio access code 240-052-611, 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 Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

- 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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### 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 November 1-8, 2018.

### 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.
Saturday, November 3, 2018

General Council Session

Grand D/E Ballroom

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.

10:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order
   A.1 Opening Remarks  Phil Anderson, Chair
   A.2 Roll Call  Chuck Tracy
   A.3 Executive Director’s Report  Chuck Tracy
   A.4 Agenda  Phil Anderson
      a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period
   B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items  Mike Burner
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate

C. Habitat
   C.1 Current Habitat Issues  Jennifer Gilden
      a. Report of the Habitat Committee  Eric Wilkins
      b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      c. Public Comment
      d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations

D. Salmon Management
   D.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report  Robin Ehlke
      a. Regulatory Activities
      b. Fisheries Science Center Activities
      c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      d. Public Comment
      e. Council Discussion
D. Salmon Management (continued)

D.2 Preliminary Rebuilding Plans
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Review and Provide Direction on Preliminary Rebuilding Plans for Sacramento River Fall Chinook, Klamath River Fall Chinook, Queets River Coho, Snohomish River Coho, and Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho and Consider Adopting for Public Review

D.3 2019 Preseason Management Schedule
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final 2019 Preseason Management Schedule

Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:00 a.m.  Grand D/E Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)  Phil Anderson
   A.5 Commencing Remarks  Chuck Tracy

E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report  Kerry Griffin
   a. Regulatory Activities  Frank Lockhart
   b. Fisheries Science Center Activities  Gerard DiNardo
   c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   d. Public Comment
   e. Council Discussion

E.2 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection  Kerry Griffin
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Provide Guidance on Preliminary Topics for Review in 2019

E.3 Amendment 17: Live Bait Fishery Allowance – Final Action  Kerry Griffin
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative and Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Language

E.4 Preliminary Review of New 2019 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)  Kerry Griffin
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action**: Adopt Preliminary EFPs for Public Review
Sunday, November 4, 2018 - continued

F. Pacific Halibut Management
F.1 Annual Regulations and 2A Catch Sharing Plan Changes – Final Action
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
      and Annual Fishery Regulations

G. Groundfish Management
G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report
   a. Regulatory Activities
   b. Fisheries Science Center Activities
   c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   d. Public Comment
   e. Council Discussion

G.2 Cost Recovery Report and Regulations
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Review and Provide Direction on Cost Recovery Report and Regulations

Monday, November 5, 2018

8:00 a.m.  Grand D/E Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)
   A.6 Commencing Remarks
      Phil Anderson
      Chuck Tracy

H. Ecosystem Management
H.1 Climate and Communities Initiative Update
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
      Proposed Scenario Development for Council Selection

E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management (continued)
E.5 Review of Fishery Management Plan Management Categories
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Review Existing Management Categories and Discuss the Need
      and Workload Associated with Revising Management Categories

E.6 Stock Assessment Prioritization Process
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Review and Provide Guidance on a Stock Assessment Prioritization
      Process
I. Administrative Matters
I.1 Legislative Matters Jennifer Gilden
   a. Report of the Legislative Committee Dave Hanson
   b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   c. Public Comment
   d. Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations

G. Groundfish Management (continued)
G.3 Five-Year Catch Share Follow-On Action FMP and Regulatory Amendments – Final Action Jim Seger
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
8:00 a.m. Grand D/E Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene) Phil Anderson
   A.7 Commencing Remarks Chuck Tracy

G. Groundfish Management (continued)
G.4 Omnibus Project Prioritization Jim Seger
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Review Revised List of Omnibus Projects and Identify Priority Projects for Future Work; Consider Revisions to the Process and Schedule in Council Operating Procedure 9

G.5 Endangered Species Act Mitigation Measures for Seabirds– Scoping Kit Dahl
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Scope Mitigation Measures for Seabird Interactions in Groundfish Fisheries Pursuant to the 2017 United States Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion

J. Highly Migratory Species Management
J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kit Dahl
   a. Regulatory Activities Heidi Taylor
   b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Gerard DiNardo
   c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   d. Public Comment
   e. Council Discussion
Tuesday, November 6, 2018 - continued

J. Highly Migratory Species Management *(continued)*

J.2 Recommend International Management Activities

- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and Other Forums as Appropriate

J.3 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Preliminary Action

- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- **Council Action:** Review Status Determination Criteria and Adopt Recommendations to NMFS, Department of State, and Congress for International Measures to End Overfishing and/or Rebuild Stocks and Preliminary Proposed Regulations for Domestic Fishery Management

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Wednesday, November 7, 2018

8:00 a.m.  
*Grand D/E Ballroom*

A. Call to Order *(reconvene)*

- Commencing Remarks
  A.8 Commencing Remarks

G. Groundfish Management *(continued)*

G.6 Inseason Adjustments for 2018 and 2019 - Final Action

- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- **Council Action:** Review Exempted Fishing Permit Results, Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2019, and Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2018 and 2019 as Necessary, to Achieve, but Not Exceed, Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives

G.7 Electronic Monitoring (EM) - Review of Existing and Out-of-Cycle Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- **Council Action:** Final Recommendations on Extending Existing EM EFPs and Preliminary Review of Proposed Out-of-Cycle EFPs

G.8 Endangered Species Act Mitigation Measures for Salmon – Scoping

- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- **Council Action:** Scope Mitigation Measures for Salmon Interactions in Groundfish Fisheries Pursuant to the 2017 NMFS Biological Opinion That Were Not Addressed Through the 2019-2020 Biennial Management Process
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 - continued

J. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)
   J.4 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization – Range of Alternatives and Limited Entry Criteria
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      b. Public Comment

Thursday, November 8, 2018

8:00 a.m.    Grand D/E Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)  Phil Anderson
   A.9 Commencing Remarks  Chuck Tracy

I. Administrative Matters (continued)
   I.2 Fiscal Matters  Patricia Crouse
      a. Report of the Budget Committee  Pete Hassemer
      b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      c. Public Comment
      d. Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendation

   I.3 Approval of Council Meeting Record  Phil Anderson
      a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

   I.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures  Mike Burner
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures

   I.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning  Chuck Tracy
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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### 247th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
November 1-8, 2018
SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

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Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittees

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Habitat Committee
Salmon Advisory Subpanel
Salmon Technical Team
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Legislative Committee
Council Secretariat
Budget Committee
Chair’s Banquet

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Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel
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**PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 1-8, 2018 IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

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<td><strong>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</strong> Discuss Litigation &amp; Personnel Matters (2 hr)</td>
<td><strong>A. CALL TO ORDER 10 AM</strong> 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</td>
<td><strong>C. HABITAT</strong> 1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</td>
<td><strong>E. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</strong> 1. NMFS Report (1 hr) 2. Methodology Rev. Preliminary Topic Selection (30 min) 3. Amendment 17: Live Bait Fishery Allowance – FPA (2 hr) 4. 2019 Exempted Fishing Permits - Notice of Intent (30 min)</td>
<td><strong>F. PACIFIC HALIBUT</strong> 1. 2A Catch Sharing Plan Final Changes (2 hr 30 min) 2. Preliminary Rebuilding Plans (2 hr 30 min) 3. 2019 Preseason Mgmt Sched. (30 min)</td>
<td><strong>G. GROUNDFISH</strong> 1. NMFS Report (1 hr) 2. Cost Recovery Report (2 hr)</td>
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