

PACIFIC MACKEREL ASSESSMENT, HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS, AND  
MANAGEMENT MEASURES – FINAL ACTION

At this meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will adopt management and harvest specifications for Pacific mackerel, including overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), and annual catch limit (ACL), for two consecutive fishing years (2019-20 and 2020-21). The Council may also choose to adopt an annual catch target (ACT), as with the past two fishing years. The fishing year for Pacific mackerel begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year.

A stock assessment team from the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center produced a benchmark stock assessment (Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1), which was reviewed by a Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel in April 2019. The STAR Panel Report is included as Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt the Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment.**
- 2. Select P\*, ABC, annual catch limit, and, if appropriate, annual catch target specifications and management measures.**
- 3. Adopt incidental catch allowances for Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) and non-CPS fisheries.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1: Stock Assessment Report: *Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment for U.S. Management in the 2019-20 and 2020-2021 Fishing Years. (Full report electronic only).*
2. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2: STAR Panel Report.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- F.3 Pacific Mackerel Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures - Final Action Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Fisheries