Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 8, 2019

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Meeting in September 2019 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 11-18, 2019 in Boise, Idaho, to address issues related to groundfish, ecosystem, salmon, Pacific halibut, highly migratory species, habitat, and administrative matters. The meeting of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Blvd., Boise, Idaho 83714; telephone, 208-343-1871.

Key agenda items for the meeting include Council considerations to:

- Adopt Final Rebuilding Plans for Strait of Juan de Fuca, Queets River, and Snohomish River Coho
- Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for Highly Migratory Species Deep-Set Buoy Gear Fishery Authorization
- Adopt Public Review Options for Pacific Halibut 2020 Catch Sharing Plan Changes and Options for 2020 Directed Commercial Fishery Regulation Changes
- Approve Final Groundfish Stock Assessments for 2021-2022 and Beyond
- Adopt Initial Groundfish Harvest Specifications and a Preliminary List of Potential New Management Measures for the 2020-2021 Regulation Process
- Adopt Final Groundfish Inseason Adjustments and Consider Extending Midwater Trawl and Electronic Monitoring Exempted Fishing Permits into 2020
- Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative for Salmon Mitigation Measure in Groundfish Fisheries
- Adopt Proposed Revisions to 2020 Harvest Specifications for Cowcod and Shortbelly Rockfish for Public Review

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.p council.org by Friday, August 23, 2019.

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 Friday, September 13, 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.p council.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 must be submitted to our Public Comment Electronic Portal. 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 E-Portal. From there, you will be taken to the E-Portal page. 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. You will be limited to one comment per agenda item in advance of the initial public comment deadline (5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 2019). You will then be allowed one more comment opportunity between 5:01 p.m., August 22 and the supplemental public comment deadline (5 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2019). The advance briefing materials will be available for review on the Council website no later than Friday, August 23, 2019.

**Written Comments After the Supplemental Public Comment Deadline (5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019):**

- Written comments after the supplemental comment period will only be accepted at the Council meeting and must be in support of oral testimony. In order to be available to the Council during an agenda item, comments must be brought to the Secretariat in an electronic format no later than 5 p.m. the day before the corresponding agenda item is scheduled on the Council’s agenda.

- Comments received by 5 p.m. will be uploaded by staff to the Council’s E-Portal shortly thereafter. Any comments received after that time will be uploaded the following day after 5 p.m.

- The public should be aware that the Council and its advisory bodies may not have time to thoroughly review comments submitted at the meeting. The Council will not pay for comments transmitted to the meeting hotel. Comments submitted that are not in support of oral testimony will need to be resubmitted during an open comment period for 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 Council general session will also be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time Friday, September 13, 2019 and continue daily at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, September 18, 2019. 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 September Webinar ID, 634-645-459, 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 532-691-006, 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 Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

- 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/.
The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda. However, please note that the time or day of 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” implies consideration of adoption; adoption is not mandatory.
Friday, September 13, 2019

General Council Session  
*Juniper/Laurel*

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9:00 a.m.

**A. Call to Order**
- **A.1 Opening Remarks**  
  Phil Anderson, Chair  
- **A.2 Council Member Appointments**  
  Barry Thom  
- **A.3 Roll Call**  
  Chuck Tracy  
- **A.4 Executive Director’s Report**  
  Chuck Tracy  
- **A.5 Agenda**  
  Phil Anderson  
  a. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda

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

**C. Administrative Matters**
- **C.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Plan**  
  Mike Burner  
  a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
  b. Public Comment  
  c. **Council Action:** Review and Provide Comments on the West Coast Geographic Draft Strategic Plan for 2020-2024

**D. Habitat**
- **D.1 Current Habitat Issues**  
  Jennifer Gilden  
  a. Report of the Habitat Committee  
  Lance Hebdon  
  b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
  c. Public Comment  
  d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations

**E. Ecosystem-Based Management**
- **E.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Five-Year Review**  
  Kit Dahl  
  a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
  b. Public Comment  
  c. **Council Action:** Review Alternative FEP Vision Statements, Including Purpose, Goals, and Objectives and Adopt a Revised FEP Vision Statement
E. Ecosystem-Based Management (continued)

E.2 Climate and Communities Initiative
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment

F. Salmon Management

F.1 Methodology Review - Final Topic Selection
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment

Saturday, September 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. Juniper/Laurel

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

A.6 Commencing Remarks

F. Salmon Management (continued)

F.2 Rebuilding Plans - Final Action
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. Council Action: Review Rebuilding Plans and an Update on Sacramento River Fall Chinook Harvest Model Development; Adopt Final Plans for Strait of Juan de Fuca, Queets River, and Snohomish River Coho

F.3 Southern Resident Killer Whale Endangered Species Act Consultation
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment

F.4 Review of Annual Management Cycle
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. Council Action: Review Proposed Changes to the Preseason Management Cycle and Provide Preliminary Recommendations for 2020 and Beyond

G. Pacific Halibut Management

G.1 2020 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
Saturday, September 14, 2019 - continued

G. Pacific Halibut Management *(continued)*

G.2 Commercial Directed Fishery Regulations for 2020  
Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Proposed 2020 Regulation Changes for Public Review

**Evening Session 7 pm:** Groundfish Stock Assessment Q&A – Ponderosa Room

Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:00 a.m.  
*Juniper/Laurel*

**A. Call to Order** *(reconvene)*  
Phil Anderson

A.7 Commencing Remarks  
Chuck Tracy

**H. Groundfish Management**

H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report  
Todd Phillips

a. Regulatory Activities  
Aja Szumylo  
b. Fisheries Science Center Activities  
Owen Hamel  
c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
d. Public Comment  
e. Council Discussion

H.2 Workload and New Management Measure Update  
Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Review the List of Proposed Projects, Fishery Management Plan Amendments, and New Management Measures; Consider Overall Workload and Provide Guidance on Priorities and Schedules

Brett Wiedoff

a. National Marine Fisheries Service Presentation  
Melissa Hooper  
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
c. Public Comment  
d. **Council Action:** Review the Draft Program Guidelines and Data Storage Procedural Directive and Develop Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service

H.4 Endangered Species Act Mitigation Measures for Salmon  
Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Mitigation Measures for Salmon Interactions in Groundfish Fisheries Pursuant to the 2017 NMFS Biological Opinion

H.5 Adopt Final Stock Assessments  
John DeVore

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Approve Final Stock Assessments for 2021-2022 and Beyond
A. Call to Order (reconvene)  
A.8 Commencing Remarks

C. Administrative Matters (continued)
C.2 Legislative Matters
   a. Report of the Legislative Committee
   b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   c. Public Comment
   d. Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations

I. Highly Migratory Species Management
I.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
I.2 Recommend International Management Activities
   a. Report on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission’s Northern Committee Activities
   b. Report on the 94th Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
   c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   d. Public Comment
   e. Council Action: Provide Recommendations to the Permanent Advisory Committee on U.S. Positions at the 16th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, as Appropriate
I.3 Exempted Fishing Permits - Final Recommendations
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Final Recommendation on Perez-Carson EFP Application
I.4 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization – Final Action
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
H. **Groundfish Management (continued)**
   
   H.6 2020 Harvest Specifications for Cowcod and Shortbelly Rockfish  
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
   b. Public Comment  
   c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for 2020 Harvest Specifications for Cowcod and Shortbelly Rockfish  

   H.7 Phased-In Approach to Changing Harvest Limits – Scoping  
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
   b. Public Comment  
   c. **Council Action:** Continue Scoping Actions and Refining a Phased-In Approach to Changing Harvest Control Rules, Including Developing a Purpose and Need Statement for the Proposed Action  

   H.8 Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measure Actions for 2021-2022 Management  
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
   b. Public Comment  
   c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Overfishing Limits, a Range of P*/Acceptable Biological Catches, and Annual Catch Limits for Stocks That May Depart from Default Harvest Control Rules; Adopt a Preliminary List of Potential Management Measures Necessary to Implement Harvest Specifications to be Included in the 2021-2022 Regulation Process  

   H.9 Final Action on Inseason Adjustments – Including Final Recommendations on Exempted Fishing Permits for 2020  
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
   b. Public Comment  
   c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments as Necessary to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives and Consider Recommending the Extention of Midwater Trawl and Electronic Monitoring EFPs into 2020
Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:00 a.m.  

A. Call to Order (reconvene)  
   A.10 Commencing Remarks  

H. Groundfish Management (continued)  
   H.10 Methodology Review - Final Topic Selection  
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
      b. Public Comment  

C. Administrative Matters (continued)  
   C.3 Approval of Council Meeting Record  
      a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record  

   C.4 Membership Appointments; Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures;  
      and Council Operating Procedures  
      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 (COP), Including COP 22  
         on Essential Fish Habitat

   C.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning  
      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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# SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

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## PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, SEPTEMBER 11-18, 2019 IN BOISE, IDAHO

Time estimates are approximate and not reliable for planning attendance or participation. Agenda Items may be cancelled or rescheduled under agenda approval at the meeting’s onset and/or as the meeting progresses.

### Acronyms

- **BC**: Budget Committee
- **COP**: Council Operating Procedures
- **EAS/WG**: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Work Group
- **EC**: Enforcement Consultants
- **ED**: Executive Director
- **EFH**: Essential Fish Habitat
- **EM**: Electronic Monitoring
- **ESPN**: Ecosystem Policy/Technical Advisory
- **EWG**: Ecosystem Work Group
- **FPA**: Final Preferred
- **FEP**: Fishery Ecosystem Plan
- **GAP/GMT**: Groundfish Assessment Panel / Groundfish Management Team
- **GHAM**: Groundfish Habitat Assessment Model
- **GEMPAC/TAC**: Groundfish Ecosystem Policy/Technical Advisory Committee
- **GEMPAC**: Groundfish Ecosystem Policy Committee
- **HMS**: Highly Migratory Species
- **HMSAS/MT**: HMS Advisory Subpanel / Mgmt. Team
- **HC**: Habitat Committee
- **HMFS**: National Marine Fisheries Service
- **HMC**: Habitat Management Council
- **HMSA**: High-Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel
- **HMSAS**: High-Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel
- **HMSM**: High-Migratory Species Management Team
- **HMSST**: High-Migratory Species Subgroup
- **HMSMT**: High-Migratory Species Management Team
- **HS**: Habitat Specification
- **HSM**: Habitat Support Committee
- **HSS**: Habitat Support Service
- **KCO**: Keystone Coral Outreach
- **LC**: Legislative Committee
- **LCM**: Legislative Committee Meeting
- **MSP**: Marine Stewardship Program
- **MT**: Midwater Trawl
- **NMFS**: National Marine Fisheries Service
- **NMFS**: National Marine Fishery Service
- **NS**: National Salmon Program
- **OEF**: Oceanic Endangered Fish
- **OFC**: Oregon Fish Commission
- **OP**: Oceanic Program
- **PA**: Pacific Advisory
- **PAC**: Pacific Advisory Committee
- **PACRM**: Pacific Advisory Council Management Team
- **PC**: Pacific Council
- **PCRM**: Pacific Council Management Team
- **PESC**: Pacific Ecosystem Science Commission
- **PG**: Pacific Groundfish
- **PR**: Pacific Resource
- **PPA**: Preliminary Preferred
- **PRO**: Pacific Resource Organization
- **PSC**: Pacific Science Center
- **SAS**: Salmon Advisory Subpanel
- **SAT**: Scientific and Technical Advisory Team
- **SSC**: Scientific and Statistical Consultants
- **SST**: Salmon Subgroup
- **STT**: Statistical Team
- **TAC**: Technical Advisory Committee
- **TACRM**: Technical Advisory Council Management Team
- **TACO**: Technical Advisory Council Officer
- **TACOW**: Technical Advisory Council Officer Workgroup
- **TACRM**: Technical Advisory Council Management Team
- **TAD**: Technical Advisory Directive
- **TADRM**: Technical Advisory Directive Management Team
- **TARG**: Technical Advisory Research Group
- **TG**: Technical Group
- **TSC**: Technical Subgroup Committee
- **TST**: Technical Subgroup Team
- **USD**: United States Department of
- **USNMFS**: United States National Marine Fisheries Service
- **WPC**: Western Pacific Council
- **WPS**: Western Pacific Fisheries
- **WPSA**: Western Pacific Science
- **WPSM**: Western Pacific Science Management
- **WPT**: Western Pacific Trawl
- **WPST**: Western Pacific Subgroup
- **WTR**: Western Trawl
- **WTS**: Western Trawl Subgroup
- **XAD**: Extraordinary Administrative Directive

### Agenda Items

**Friday, Sept. 13**

**A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM**

1-5. Opening Remarks, Council Member Appointments, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)

**B. OPEN COMMENT**

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. NMFS Strategic Plan (30 min)

**D. HABITAT**

1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)

**E. ECOSYSTEM**

1. FEP 5-Year Review: Vision (Purpose, Goals, & Objectives (2 hr)

2. Climate & Comm. Initiative Update (2 hr)

**F. SALMON**

1. Methodology Review: Final Topic Selection (30 min)

**Saturday, Sept. 14**

**A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM**

2. Rebuilding Plans: Final Action for Coho and Report on SRFC Harvest Model Development (1 hr 30 min)

3. Southern Resident Killer Whale ESA Consultation: Risk Analysis Review (2 hr 30 min)

4. Review of Annual Management Cycle (1 hr 30 min)

**B. OPEN COMMENT**

5. Adopt Stock Assessments (2 hr)

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE**

2. Legislative Matters (30 min)

**D. HABITAT**

2. NMFS Report (1 hr)

3. Workload and New Management Measure Update (1 hr)

4. Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines & Data Storage Protocols: Preliminary Review (2 hr)

**E. ECO SYSTEM**

4. ESA Salmon Mitigation Measures - PPA (2 hr)

5. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: FPA (4 hr)

**F. SALMON**

1. 2A Catch Sharing Adjustments – Incl. Final Topic Selection (30 min)

**Sunday, Sept. 15**

**A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM**

2. NMFS Report (30 min)

3. Recommend International Mgt. Activities (2 hr)

4. Exempted Fishing Permits: Final Recommendations (1 hr)

**B. OPEN COMMENT**

5. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: PPA (2 hr)

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. NMFS Report (30 min)

2. Exempted Fishing Permits: Final Recommendations (1 hr)

3. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: FPA (4 hr)

**D. HABITAT**

2. NMFS Report (30 min)

3. Exempted Fishing Permits: Final Recommendations (1 hr)

**E. ECO SYSTEM**

4. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: PPA (2 hr)

5. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: FPA (4 hr)

**F. SALMON**

1. 2A Catch Sharing Adjustments – Incl. Final Topic Selection (30 min)

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**

**A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM**

2. NMFS Report (30 min)

3. Recommend International Mgt. Activities (2 hr)

4. Exempted Fishing Permits: Final Recommendations (1 hr)

**B. OPEN COMMENT**

5. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: PPA (2 hr)

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. NMFS Report (30 min)

2. Exempted Fishing Permits: Final Recommendations (1 hr)

3. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: FPA (4 hr)

**D. HABITAT**

2. NMFS Report (30 min)

3. Exempted Fishing Permits: Final Recommendations (1 hr)

**E. ECO SYSTEM**

4. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: PPA (2 hr)

5. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization: FPA (4 hr)

**F. SALMON**

1. 2A Catch Sharing Adjustments – Incl. Final Topic Selection (30 min)