



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Webinar Only Meeting in April 2020 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 4-10, 2020 by **webinar only**, to address issues related to groundfish, salmon, Pacific halibut, coastal pelagic species, and administrative matters.

Key agenda items for the meeting include Council considerations to:

- Adopt Final Management Measures for 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries
- Consider Process for Southern Oregon Northern California Coastal Coho Endangered Species Act Consultation Recommendations
- Adopt Final Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for 2020 and Early 2021 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries
- Adopt a Pacific Sardine Assessment, Final Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for the 2020-2021 Sardine Fishery
- Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Management Measures for 2021-2022 Groundfish Fisheries

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, March 20, 2020.

Meeting Arrangements

The meeting of the Council and its advisory entities was originally planned to be held in person in Vancouver, Washington, but due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, the format of the meetings have been changed to be conducted only by webinars. In addition, several items originally anticipated to be on the Council's April agenda have been postponed to accommodate the logistical challenges of the webinar meeting format.

All meetings are open to the public. 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 meeting of the Council general session will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcast will begin at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Sunday, April 5, 2020 and continue daily at 8 a.m. through Friday, April 10, 2020, or until the agenda is completed. 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 will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action on each agenda item. To access the meeting online, please use the following link: <https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1482157036>, or if you already have RingCentral Meeting installed you may join the meeting using the ID: 148-215-7036. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by following the connect to audio instructions on your screen, shown after joining the webinar.

Meetings of advisory bodies will also be conducted by webinar based on the schedules in the attached agenda. There will be one opportunity for public comment daily in each of the webinars. Instructions for how to connect to those webinars will be posted on the Council's [April 2020 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting.

Please note that the evolving public health situation regarding **COVID-19** may further affect the conduct of the April Council and advisory body meetings. Pacific Council staff will monitor COVID-19 developments and will determine if there is a need for additional measures. If such measures are deemed necessary, Council staff will post notice of them prominently on our website (www.pccouncil.org). Potential meeting participants are encouraged to check the Pacific Council's website frequently for such information and updates.

Public Comment Guidelines

The public is encouraged to comment on Council agenda items in writing prior to the webinar through our Public Comment Electronic Portal (see below). Additionally, there will be an opportunity for oral public comment prior to Council Action on each agenda item for those attending the webinar. 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 Council 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.pccouncil.org). You will see "Upcoming Council Meeting" on the Home page, with a button titled "E-Portal for Public Comments". Click the E-Portal button and you will be taken to the E-Portal page for that meeting. 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 between March 19 and the supplemental public comment deadline (5 p.m., Thursday, April 2). The advance briefing materials will be available for review on the Council website no later than Friday, March 20, 2020, and supplemental materials will be posted no later than April 3, 2020.

Written Comments After the Supplemental Public Comment Deadline (5 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2020):

- Due to the webinar only format of this Council meeting, written comments after the supplemental comment period will not be accepted; however, there will be an opportunity for oral public comment prior to Council Action on each agenda item for those attending the webinar.

To receive this notice in the future via email, sign up for the "[PFMC E-Mail Notification List](#)".

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254th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 4-10, 2020

Meeting By Webinar Only

<https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1482157036>

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 7

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 7 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of April 4-10, 2020.

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 April 4	Sunday April 5	Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9	Friday April 10
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 7.		Coastal Pelagic Species	Groundfish	P. Halibut	Salmon	As Necessary
	Call to Order			Groundfish		
	Open Comment	Salmon				
	Salmon	Salmon		Groundfish		
					Administrative	



254th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 4-10, 2020

Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Sunday, April 5, 2020

General Council Session
Meeting by Webinar

9 a.m.

A. Call to Order

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| 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

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| 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 | |

E. Salmon Management

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| E.1 | Tentative Adoption of 2020 Management Measures for Analysis | Robin Ehlke |
| a. | Update of Estimated Impacts of March 2020 Alternatives | Michael O'Farrell |
| b. | Summary of Public Hearings | Hearings Officers |
| c. | Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission | Phil Anderson |
| d. | Recommendations of North of Cape Falcon Forum | Oregon, Washington, Tribes |
| e. | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| f. | Public Comment | |
| g. | Council Action: Adopt Tentative 2020 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis | |

Monday, April 6, 2020

8 a.m.

Meeting By Webinar

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Phil Anderson

A.5 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

D. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

D.3 Pacific Sardine 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 a Pacific Sardine Assessment, Final Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for the 2020-2021 Pacific Sardine Fishery

E. Salmon Management (*continued*)

E.3 Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species Act Consultation Process

Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Consider Establishing a Process to Develop Recommendations on Consultation Standards for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho

E.4 Clarify Council Direction on 2020 Management Measures

Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. Council Guidance and Direction

8 a.m.

Meeting By Webinar

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Phil Anderson

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

G. Groundfish Management

G.3 Implementation of the 2020 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S./Canada Agreement

John DeVore

- a. Joint Management Committee Report Frank Lockhart, Phil Anderson
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2020 Pacific Whiting Fishery

G.4 Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2021-2022 Fisheries – Final Action

John DeVore, Todd Phillips

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications for 2021-2022 Fisheries

E. Salmon Management (*continued*)

E.7 Further Direction on 2020 Management Measures

Robin Ehlke

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Guidance and Direction

8 a.m.

Meeting By Webinar

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Phil Anderson

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

H. Pacific Halibut Management

H.1 Incidental Catch Limits for 2020 Salmon Troll Fishery – Final Action

Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for 2020 and Early 2021 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries

G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

G.5 Electronic Monitoring Program Review

Brett Wiedoff

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Regulatory Changes, Exempted Fishing Permit Extensions, or Other Issues, As Appropriate

G.6 Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2021-2022 Fisheries (*continues Thursday*)

Todd Phillips, John DeVore

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Any Remaining Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management Measures in 2021-2022 Fisheries

Thursday, April 9, 2020

8 a.m.

Meeting By Webinar

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Phil Anderson

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

E. Salmon Management (*continued*)

E.9 2020 Management Measures - Final Action

Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Management Measures for 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries

G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

G.6 Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2021-2022 Fisheries (*continued from Wednesday*)

Todd Phillips, John DeVore

G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

G.8 Inseason Adjustments – Final Action

Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2020, as Necessary, to Achieve Conservation-Objectives

I. Administrative Matters

I.4 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

Friday, April 10, 2020 If Needed

8 a.m.

Meeting By Webinar

A. Call to Order (*If Necessary*)

Phil Anderson

A.9 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

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254TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**APRIL 4-10, 2020****SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS****Day 1—Saturday, April 4, 2020**

	Time	How to Attend
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website

Day 2—Sunday, April 5, 2020

	Time	How to Attend
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website

Day 3—Monday, April 6, 2020

	Time	How to Attend
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website

Day 4—Tuesday, April 7, 2020

	Time	How to Attend
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	See PFMC Website

Day 5—Wednesday, April 8, 2020

	Time	How to Attend
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website

Day 6—Thursday, April 9, 2020

	Time	How to Attend
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website

Day 7—Friday, April 10, 2020

	Time	How to Attend
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website

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3/17/2020 2:55 PM

PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, APRIL 4-10, 2020 VIA WEBINAR 3/17/2020 12:50 PM

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	Sun, Apr. 5	Mon, Apr. 6	Tues, Apr. 7	Wed, Apr. 8	Thurs, Apr. 9	Fri, Apr. 10
<p><i>CPSAS/MT: Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>ESA: Endangered Species Act</i> <i>FPA: Final Preferred Alternative</i> <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt. Team</i> <i>GEMPAC/TAC: Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy/Technical Advisory Committee</i> <i>MEW: Model Evaluation Workgroup</i> <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i> <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i> <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team</i> <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i></p>	<p>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 1. Tent. Adopt. of 2020 Mgt. Meas. for Analysis (3 hr 30 min)</p>	<p>A. CALL TO ORDER 8 AM</p> <hr/> <p>D. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES 3. Final Sardine Assessment & Management Measures (3 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 3. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho ESA Consultation Process (30 min) 4. Clarify Council Direction on 2020 Management Measures (1 hr)</p>	<p>A. CALL TO ORDER 8 AM</p> <hr/> <p>G. GROUND FISH 3. Whiting Treaty Implementation (30 min) 4. Fisheries in 2021-2022: Biennial Harvest Specifications FPA (3 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 7. Further Direction on 2020 Mgmt. Measures (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p>A. CALL TO ORDER 8 AM</p> <hr/> <p>H. PACIFIC HALIBUT 1. Final Incidental Catch limits for 2020 Salmon Troll Fishery (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>G. GROUND FISH 5. Electronic Monitoring Program Review (2 hr) 6. Fisheries in 2021-2022: Management Measures PPA (3 hr) (Cont. on Thurs.)</p>	<p>A. CALL TO ORDER 8 AM</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 9. Management Measures for 2020 – Final Action (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>G. GROUND FISH 6. Fisheries in 2021-2022: Management Measures PPA (2 hr) (Cont. from Wed.) 8. Inseason Adjustments (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>I. ADMINISTRATIVE 4. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)</p>	<p align="center">IF NEEDED</p>
Sat, Apr. 4	4.5 hr	4.5 hr	5 hr	5.5 hr	7 hr	
8 am SSC 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GEMPAC/TAC 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT	7 am State Delegations 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT	7 am State Delegations 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT	7 am State Delegations 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT	7 am State Delegations 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT	8 am STT