

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROCESS  
FOR DEVELOPING 2021 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 13-20, 2020 The Council and advisory entities meet via webinar to consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory alternatives, and consider salmon schedule for the upcoming year.
- Jan. 19-22, 2021 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) meets to draft the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document *Review of 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (Available mid-February.)
- Feb. 16-19 STT meets to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2021 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest, and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2020 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options (available early March).
- Feb. 20 through Mar. 4 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Mar. 2-5 & 8-10 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt 2021 regulatory alternatives for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 16 and adopts final alternatives for public review.
- Mar. 11-20 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2020 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* (available late March).
- Mar. 11-31 Management agencies, tribes, and the public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory alternatives. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are held between the March and April Council meetings.
- Mar. 22 Council staff posts *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2021 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, alternative highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management alternatives.
- Mar. 23-24 Tentative sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (Tuesday, March 23); Eureka, California (Tuesday, March 23); and Coos Bay, Oregon (Wednesday, March 24). Comments on the alternatives will also be taken during the April Council meeting.

- Apr. 6-9 & 12-15 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures in Vancouver, Washington. *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2021 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*, results from the public hearings, and information developed and public comment received at the Council meeting are considered during the course of the week.
- Apr. 15-21 The STT and Council staff complete *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2021 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 22 Council staff posts adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and *Preseason Report III* is available to the public.
- May 16 NMFS implements Federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

Health and safety concerns due to the COVID-19 pandemic may require changes to the 2021 schedule.

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