Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  CONTACT:  Mr. Chuck Tracy
August 6, 2021  503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204

Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Webinar-Only Meeting in September 2021 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 8-11 and 13-15 by webinar only, to address issues related to groundfish, ecosystem, highly migratory species, salmon, Pacific halibut, and administrative matters.

Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Adopt a preliminary preferred alternative harvest control rule for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho.
- Adopt proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch sharing plan and regulations for recreational and commercial fisheries in 2022.
- Consider the outcomes of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Communities Initiative and provide guidance on the development of related future activities.
- Adopt final recommendations on the issuance of exempted fishing permits in highly migratory species fisheries.
- Adopt Groundfish Stock Assessments for use in 2023 and Beyond.
- Adopt initial groundfish harvest specifications and management measures for 2023-2024.
- Adopt a range of alternatives to address gear switching in the limited entry trawl catch shares fishery.
- Consider final action to delay implementation of the groundfish electronic monitoring program.
- Adopt a preliminary preferred alternative to improve utilization in the at-sea sectors of the Pacific whiting fishery.
- Review Fishery Management Plans for consistency with standardized bycatch reporting requirements.

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 no later than Friday, August 20, 2021.
**Meeting Arrangements**

The meeting of the Council and its advisory entities was originally planned to be held in person, but due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, the format of the meetings has been changed to be conducted only by webinars.

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](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 10 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Thursday, September 9, 2021. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, September 15th, except there will be no meetings scheduled on Sunday, September 12th. 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 visit the Council website. 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.

Meetings of advisory bodies will also be conducted by webinar based on the schedules in the attached agenda. There will be 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 September 2021 Meeting webpage prior to the first day of the meeting.

**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. Instructions for oral public comments will be available on the September 2021 Meeting webpage.

**Written Public Comments**

Written public comments must be submitted to our Public Comment Electronic Portal. For the September 2021 Council meeting, this will open Friday, August 6, 2021. To access the E-Portal, visit the Council website ([www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You will see “Upcoming Council Meeting” on the Home page, with a button titled “E-Portal for Public Comment”. 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 before Friday, August 20,
when the advance briefing materials will be available for review on the Council website, and one comment after. Supplemental materials will be posted as they are received and reviewed.

**Written Comments After the Public Comment Deadline (5 p.m. on Monday, September 6, 2021):**

- Due to the webinar-only format of this Council meeting, written comments after the Council meeting starts will only be accepted if they are in support of oral public comment and are submitted prior to Council Action on the agenda item.

To receive this notice in the future via email, sign up for the “PFMC E-Mail Notification List”.
261st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
September 8-11 and 13-15, 2021  
Meeting by Webinar Only  
Instructions for joining the webinar will be posted to the Council web page

**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.

**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.

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Thursday, September 9, 2021

General Council Session

Meeting by Webinar

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 a.m.

A. Call to Order
   A.1 Opening Remarks Marc Gorelnik, 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 Marc Gorelnik
      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. Groundfish Management
   C.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Todd Phillips
      a. Regulatory Activities Ryan Wulff
      b. Fisheries Science Center Activities
      c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      d. Public Comment
      e. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate
   C.2 Stock Assessment Methodology Review John DeVore
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Adopt Final Topics for Review
   C.3 Pacific Whiting Utilization in the At-Sea Sectors Brett Wiedoff
      a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
      b. Public Comment
      c. Council Action: Adopt a Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, as Appropriate
Friday, September 10, 2021

8 a.m. *Meeting by Webinar*

A. **Call to Order** *(reconvene)*  
   A.6 Commencing Remarks

   **Marc Gorelnik**

C. **Groundfish Management** *(continued)*

   C.4 Electronic Monitoring – Final Action
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action:** Consider Potential Final Action on Delaying Implementation and Extending Exempted Fishing Permits; Provide Additional Guidance on Program Implementation, as Appropriate

   C.5 Sablefish Gear Switching
   (Part 1 - C.5.a and C.5.b on Friday, then continue Tuesday with C.5.c)
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives and Provide Other Guidance, as Appropriate

Saturday, September 11, 2021

8 a.m. *Meeting by Webinar*

A. **Call to Order** *(reconvene)*  
   A.7 Commencing Remarks

   **Marc Gorelnik**

D. **Highly Migratory Species Management**

   D.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 Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

   D.2 International Management Activities
   b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   c. Public Comment
   d. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate

   D.3 Exempted Fishing Permits - Final
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications

   **Kit Dahl**

   **Lyle Enriquez**

   **Dorothy Lowman**
Saturday, September 11, 2021 - continued

E. Administrative Matters
E.1 Marine Planning
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Review Recent Activity, Provide Comments to the Bureau of
      Ocean Energy and Management on Wind Energy Planning Activities, and Provide
      Guidance on a Process and Schedule for Future Council Engagement

F. Salmon Management
F.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 and Guidance, as Appropriate

F.2 Methodology Review - Final Topic Selection
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment

F.3 Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species
   Act Consultation
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Review the Risk Assessment and Range of Alternatives and Adopt
      a Preliminary Preferred Alternative Harvest Control Rule, as Appropriate

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday, September 13, 2021

8 a.m. Meeting by Webinar

A. Call to Order (reconvene)
A.8 Commencing Remarks
   A.8.1 Commencing Remarks
      Marc Gorelnik
      Chuck Tracy

G. Pacific Halibut Management
G.1 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
      Changes for Public Review

G.2 Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2022
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. Council Action: Adopt Proposed 2022 Regulation Changes for Public Review
Monday, September 13, 2021 - continued

C. **Groundfish Management (continued)**
   C.6 Adopt Stock Assessments
       a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
       b. Public Comment
       c. **Council Action:** Adopt Stock Assessments for 2023 and Beyond

H. **Ecosystem Management**
   H.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review
       a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
       b. Public Comment
       c. **Council Action:** Review a Revised Draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Provide Guidance
   H.2 Climate and Communities Initiative
       a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
       b. Public Comment
       c. **Council Action:** Consider Outcomes of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Community Initiative, Provide Guidance on the Development of Related Future Activities, and Identify Related Candidate Initiatives

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

8 a.m.  **Meeting by Webinar**

A. **Call to Order (reconvene)**
   A.9 Commencing Remarks

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

C. **Groundfish Management (continued)**
   C.7 Inseason Adjustments – Final Action
       a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
       b. Public Comment
       c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2021, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - continued

C. Groundfish Management *(continued)*

C.8 Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measure

Actions for 2023-2024 Management  
Todd Phillips, John DeVore

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 2023-2024 Regulation Process

C.5 Sablefish Gear Switching - *(Part 2 - Continued from Friday)*  
Jim Seger

c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives and Provide Other Guidance, as Appropriate

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

8 a.m.  
*Meeting by Webinar*

A. Call to Order *(If Necessary)*  
Marc Gorelnik

A.10 Commencing Remarks  
Chuck Tracy

E. Administrative Matters *(continued)*

E.2 Fiscal Matters  
Patricia Crouse

a. Report of the Budget Committee  
Pete Hassemer
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

E.3 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

E.4 Approval of Council Meeting Record  
Marc Gorelnik

a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record
E. **Administrative Matters (continued)**

E.5 Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Brett Wiedoff
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action:** Continue Consistency Review, Identify Changes Needed for Further Action, and Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Fishery Management Plan Amendments, as Necessary

E.6 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Mike Burner
   a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   b. Public Comment
   c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Changes to Advisory Body Compositions, Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies, and Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures

E.7 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 and Workload Planning

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# 261st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

**September 8-11 and 13-15, 2021**

**Schedule of Ancillary Meetings**

The Council Secretariat will be open 8 am to 5 pm September 8-11 and 13-15, 2021

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**Proposed Pacific Council Meeting Agenda, September 8-11 & 13-15, 2021 – Via Webinar**

Proposed Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative. Time estimates are approximate and agenda items may be cancelled or rescheduled.

### Acronyms

- **BC:** budget Comm.
- **BSIA:** Best Scientific Information Available
- **EAS/WG:** Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Work Group
- **EC:** Enforcement Consultants
- **ED:** Executive Director
- **GAP/GMT:** Groundfish Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team
- **HC:** Habitat Committee
- **LC:** Legislative Committee
- **NMFS:** National Marine Fisheries Service
- **PPA:** Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- **ROA:** Range of Alternatives
- **SAS/STT:** Salmon Advisory Subpanel/Technical Team
- **SONNC:** Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast
- **SSC:** Scientific and Statistical Committee

### Agenda

#### Thurs, Sept. 9

**CLOSED SESSION 8 AM**

- Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (2 hr)

**A. CALL TO ORDER 10 AM**

- Opening Remarks, Council Member Appts, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)

**B. OPEN COMMENT**

- Comments on Non-Agenda Items (1 hr)

#### Fri, Sept. 10

**C. GROUNDFISH**

1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)
2. Stock Assessment Methodology Rev. Topics (1 hr)
3. At-Sea Whiting Utilization ROA/PPA (3 hr)

#### Sat, Sept. 11

**D. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES**

1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)
2. Recommend International Mgt. Activities (1 hr 30 min)
3. Review Exempted Fishing Permits and Consider Final Recommendations (1 hr)

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Marine Planning (1 hr 30 min)

#### Mon, Sept. 13

**G. PACIFIC HALIBUT**

1. Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan Preliminary Changes (1 hr)
2. 2022 Directed Comm. Fishery: Preliminary Recommendations (1 hr)

**C. GROUNDFISH**

1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)
2. Inseason Adjustments - Final Action (2 hr)
3. Preliminary Spex and Management Measures (3 hr)

**E. ECOSYSTEM**

1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan 5-Year Review Update (1 hr)
2. Climate and Communities Initiative – Final (2 hr)

**H. HABITAT**

1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Fiscal Matters (30 min)
2. Legislative Matters (30 min)
3. Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min)
4. Standardized Bycatch Rpt.- ROA (1 hr)
5. Membership Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (2 hr)
6. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)

#### Tues, Sept. 14

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. FGAC
2. Legislative Matters (30 min)
3. Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min)
4. Standardized Bycatch Rpt.- ROA (1 hr)
5. Membership Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (2 hr)
6. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)

#### Weds, Sept. 15

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. FGAC
2. Legislative Matters (30 min)
3. Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min)
4. Standardized Bycatch Rpt.- ROA (1 hr)
5. Membership Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (2 hr)
6. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)

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**Weds, Sept. 8**

- 8 hr

  - 11 am Secretariat
  - 8 am GAP & GMT
  - 8 am CPSAS
  - 8 am HC
  - 8 am SSC
  - 8 am EC
  - 10 am BC
  - 1 pm LC

**7 am**

- State Delegations
- Secretariat
- GAP & GMT
- GAP & GMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- SAS & STT
- SAS & STT
- Ad Hoc EC
- Ad Hoc EC

**8 am**

- GAP & GMT
- GAP & GMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- SAS & STT
- SAS & STT
- Ad Hoc EC
- Ad Hoc EC

**9 am**

- GAP & GMT
- GAP & GMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- SAS & STT
- SAS & STT
- Ad Hoc EC
- Ad Hoc EC

**10 am**

- GAP & GMT
- GAP & GMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- HMSAS & HMSMT
- SAS & STT
- SAS & STT
- Ad Hoc EC
- Ad Hoc EC

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