

261st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council September 8-11 and 13-15, 2021

Meeting by Webinar Only

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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.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15
	Closed Session	Groundfish	Highly Migratory Species	No Advisory Body or Council Meetings	Pacific Halibut	Habitat	Croundfish
							Groundfish
Advisory	Call to Order				Groundfish	Groundfish	Administrative
Advisory Bodies meet. A listing of meeting times begins on page 8.	Open Comment		Administrative				
	Groundfish		Salmon		Ecosystem		



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Proposed Detailed

AGENDA

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

A.2 Council Member Appointments

A.3 Roll Call

A.4 Executive Director's Report

A.5 Agenda

Marc Gorelnik, Chair

Barry Thom

Chuck Tracy

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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

Ryan Wulff

- 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

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)

Marc Gorelnik

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

C. Groundfish Management (continued)

C.4 Electronic Monitoring – Final Action

Brett Wiedoff

- 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

Jim Seger

(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)

Marc Gorelnik

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

D. Highly Migratory Species Management

D.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Kit Dahl

Lyle Enriquez

- 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

D.2 International Management Activities

Kit Dahl

- a. Report on the Joint Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission-Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission – Northern Committee Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna
 Dorothy Lowman
- 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

Kit Dahl

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

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

Robin Ehlke

Kerry Griffin

a. Regulatory Activities

Susan Bishop

- 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

Robin Ehlke

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Identify Priority Projects for Review in 2021
- F.3 Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species

Act Consultation Robin Ehlke

- 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)

Marc Gorelnik

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

G. Pacific Halibut Management

G.1 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations

Robin Ehlke

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Adopt Proposed 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes for Public Review
- G.2 Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2022

Robin Ehlke

- 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

John DeVore

- 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

Kit Dahl

- 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

Kit Dahl

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- 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)

Marc Gorelnik

A.9 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

I. Habitat Issues

I.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

C. Groundfish Management (continued)

C.9 Emergency Action to Consider a Season Extension for the 2021 Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Sablefish Fishery – Final Action

Todd Phillips

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- Council Action: Consider Emergency Action to Extend the Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Sablefish Fishery for 2021, Including Incidental Pacific Halibut Landing Restrictions

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

C. Groundfish Management (continued)

C.7 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 2021, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives

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
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - continued

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
- 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 Agenda 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

Day 1—Wednesday, September 8, 2021			
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Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website	
Enforcement Consultants	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	
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website	
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Budget Committee	10:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Legislative Committee	1:00 p.m.	See PFMC Website	
Day 2—Thursday, September 9, 2021			
	Time	How to Attend	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact CDFV	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact ODFV	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact WDFV	
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	See PFMC Websit	
Day 3—Friday, September 10, 2021			
	Time	How to Atten	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact CDFV	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact ODF\	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact WDF\	
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websit	
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websi	
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websi	
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Websi	
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Salmon Advisory Subpanel	0.00 a.m.	SCC I I IVIC VV CDSI	

As Necessary

See PFMC Website

Enforcement Consultants

Day 4—Saturday, September 11, 2021				
	Time	How to Attend		
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact CDFW		
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact ODFW		
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact WDFW		
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website		
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website		
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website		
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	See PFMC Website		

No Meetings Scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2021

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact CDFW
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact ODFW
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact WDFW
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	See PFMC Website

Day 6—Tuesday, September 14, 2021				
	Time	How to Attend		
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact CDFW		
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact ODFW		
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact WDFW		
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website		
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website		
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	See PFMC Website		
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	See PFMC Website		

Day 7—Wednesday, September 15, 2021			
	Time	How to Attend	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact CDFW	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact ODFW	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Contact WDFW	

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