



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

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

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 15-19 and 21-22, 2021 by webinar only, to address issues related to coastal pelagic species, groundfish, highly migratory species, salmon, Pacific halibut, and administrative matters.

Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Adopt a final preferred alternative harvest control rule for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho.
- Adopt final salmon methodology changes for 2022 and beyond.
- Adopt final changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and regulations for recreational and commercial fisheries in 2022.
- Adopt a range of alternatives for implementing bycatch hard caps in the California large mesh drift gillnet fishery.
- Adopt proposed Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan Amendatory Language regarding stock management categories for public review.
- Adopt groundfish stock assessments for use in 2023 and beyond.
- Adopt final groundfish harvest specifications and preliminary management measures for 2023-2024.
- Adopt inseason adjustments to groundfish fisheries and Pacific whiting set-asides for 2022.
- Adopt a range of alternatives to address prioritized non-trawl sector area management measures.
- Review Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for consistency with standardized bycatch reporting requirements and approve FMP amendments as necessary.

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 Monday, November 1, 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> 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 Standard Time (PST) Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Monday, November 22nd, except there will be no meetings scheduled on Saturday, November 20th. 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 [November 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 [November 2021 Meeting webpage](#).

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). 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 Monday, November 1, 2021, when the advance briefing materials will be available for review on the Council website, and one comment after that until the E-Portal closes at 5:00 p.m., Thursday November 11. Supplemental materials will be posted as they are received and reviewed.

Written Comments After the Public Comment Deadline (5 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, 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 via the E-Portal prior to Council Action on the agenda item.

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