



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting in March 2022 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries and Review the Status of the California Current Ecosystem.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet March 8-14 in a hybrid format with the Council and its salmon Advisory Bodies meeting in San Jose, California with live streaming and remote participation options. All other ancillary meetings will be held by webinar only. The Council is scheduled to address issues related to salmon, groundfish, highly migratory species, Pacific halibut, ecosystem, and administrative matters.

Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review.
- Adopt Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries.
- Report on the Status of the California Current Ecosystem.
- Consider Final Revisions to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP).
- Review FEP Initiatives and Consider Beginning Work on a New Initiative.
- Report of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.
- Review Recent Marine Planning Activity and Draft Policy Documents.
- Consider Reports on International Highly Migratory Species Activities and Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions.
- Adopt an Initial List of Groundfish Stock Assessments to be Conducted in 2023 and beyond.
- Adopt Final Measures to Address Pacific Whiting Utilization.
- Adopt Final Recommendations on Logbook Requirements in the Groundfish Fixed Gear Sectors.
- Provide Guidance on the Next Steps in the Limited Entry Fixed Gear Catch Share Program Review.
- Consider Groundfish Workload and New Management Measure Priorities.
- Adopt Groundfish Inseason Adjustments for 2022.
- Receive a Progress Update and Provide Guidance on 2023-2024 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures.

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.pccouncil.org no later than Friday, February 18, 2022.

Meeting Arrangements

The Council will be following the guidelines from [Santa Clara County](#) and the State of California with regards to COVID-19 Protocols. Council Leadership will continue to track the status of the pandemic and may institute additional protocols. Information will be sent to those who plan to attend on or before March 1, 2022.

All meetings are open to the public. *However, due to the COVID pandemic, in-person attendance by the public is discouraged.* Instead, the public is invited to participate remotely. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed detailed agenda. Information is also available on the Council website www.pccouncil.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 Standard Time (PST) Wednesday, March 9, 2022. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Monday, March 14th. 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 [March 2022 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 [March 2022 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.pccouncil.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, February 18, 2022, 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., Tuesday, March 8. Supplemental materials will be posted as they are received and reviewed, but no later than the start of the Council meeting.

Written Comments After the Public Comment Deadline (5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022):

- 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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