



Pacific Fishery Management Council  
**MEETING NOTICE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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**Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting in April 2022 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries, Including Final Measures for 2022 Ocean Salmon Fisheries.**

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The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 7-13, 2022 in a hybrid format with the Council and its salmon Advisory Bodies meeting in Seattle, Washington 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, coastal pelagic species, Pacific halibut, and administrative matters.

Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Adopt Final Management Measures for 2022 Ocean Salmon Fisheries
- Adopt Final Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for 2022 and Early 2023 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries
- Adopt Final Exempted Fishing Permit Recommendations for 2022-2023 Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries
- Adopt a Pacific Sardine Assessment, Final Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for the 2022-2023 Pacific Sardine Fishery
- Receive an Update on the Development of the Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Program
- Report on the Cost Recovery Program for the Trawl Catch Shares Program
- Adopt Final Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan Language Regarding Species Management Categories
- Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Management Measures for 2023-2024 Groundfish Fisheries
- Review and Potentially Revise the Range of Alternatives for Non-trawl Sector Area Management Measures
- Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2022 Groundfish Fisheries, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives

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](http://www.pcouncil.org) no later than Friday, March 25, 2022.

## **Meeting Arrangements**

At a minimum, the Council will be following the guidelines from [King County](#) and the State of Washington with regards to COVID-19 Protocols. Council Leadership will continue to track the status of the pandemic and several precautionary measures will likely be in place that include testing and other protocols.

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](http://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 Daylight Time (PDT) Friday, April 8, 2022. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 online according to 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 [April 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 [April 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](http://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, March 25, 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, April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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, April 5, 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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