



Pacific Fishery Management Council  
**MEETING NOTICE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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**Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting in June 2022 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries, Including Final Measures for 2023-2024 Groundfish Fisheries.**

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The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 8-14, 2022 in Vancouver, Washington with live streaming and remote participation options. Most of the meetings will be held in-person. The Council and groundfish Advisory Body meetings will have a hybrid of remote and in-person participation. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet by webinar only. The Council is scheduled to address issues related to groundfish, coastal pelagic species, highly migratory species, and administrative matters.

Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Final Action to Adopt Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Exempted Fishing Permits for 2023-2024 Groundfish Fisheries
- Adopt Final List and Schedule of Groundfish Stocks for Assessment in 2023, Refine the Preliminary List of Stocks for 2025 Assessments, and Adopt the Stock Assessment and Methodology Review Terms of Reference (TOR)
- Potential Refinement of the Adopted Sablefish Gear Switching Alternatives
- Adopt a Final Limited Entry Fixed Gear Catch Share Program Review Document and Provide Guidance on Whether to Concurrently Develop New Management Measures
- Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2022 Groundfish Fisheries, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives
- Adopt the Coastal Pelagic Species Essential Fish Habitat Phase 2 Action Plan
- Adopt an Assessment and Harvest Specifications for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy
- Adopt Preliminary Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Exempted Fishing Permits
- Adopt a Range of Alternatives for Hard Bycatch Caps in the Drift Gillnet Fishery
- Provide Recommendation on U.S. Positions at Upcoming International HMS Meetings

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, May, 20, 2022.

***Meeting Arrangements***

At a minimum, the Council will be following the guidelines from Clark 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 may be in place that include testing and other protocols.

All meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity to participate and provide oral testimony remotely for the Council session. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed detailed agenda. Information is also available on the Council website [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 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Thursday, June 9, 2022. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Tuesday, June 14. 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.

Some advisory body meetings will be conducted in-person, some online, and some in a hybrid format according to the schedules in the attached agenda. There will be opportunity for public comment daily in each of the meetings. Instructions for how to connect to meetings being held via webinar will be posted on the Council's [June 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 [June 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.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, May 20, 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., Monday, June 6<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 Monday, June 6, 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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