



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting in September 2022 to Review Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives and to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries, Including Preliminary Measures for Pacific Halibut and Highly Migratory Species Fisheries.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 6-14, 2022 in Boise, Idaho with live streaming and remote participation options. Most of the meetings will be held in-person. The Council meeting will be conducted as a hybrid of remote and in-person participation. The Council's Highly Migratory Species and Groundfish meetings will occur in-person. All other Advisory Body meetings will meet by webinar only. The Council is scheduled to address issues related to groundfish, salmon, Pacific halibut, ecosystem, highly migratory species, and administrative matters.

Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Adopt proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and regulations for recreational and commercial fisheries in 2023
- Adopt preliminary biennial management measures for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries
- Provide recommendations on U.S. positions at upcoming international HMS meetings
- Adopt final recommendations on the issuance of HMS exempted fishing permits
- Review the Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan
- Adopt the final initiative appendix of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan and consider work on a new initiative
- Receive an update on implementation of the groundfish electronic monitoring program
- Adopt a preliminary preferred alternative regarding potential modification of non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas
- Adopt final list and schedule of groundfish stocks for assessment in 2023 and refine the preliminary list of stocks for 2025 assessments
- Begin planning the next review of the Trawl Catch Share Program and receive an update on a project to evaluate program costs
- Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2023 groundfish fisheries, as necessary, to achieve but not exceed annual catch limits and other management objectives
- Review and provide feedback on a white paper regarding future Council meeting and process efficiencies
- Provide comments on the National Marine Fisheries Service Draft Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy

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, August 19, 2022.

Meeting Arrangements

The Council will be recommending that participants follow the guidelines of local, State, and Federal health authorities with regards to COVID-19 protocols. Council Leadership will continue to track the status of the pandemic and plans to provide COVID tests and masks.

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.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, September 9, 2022. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, September 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 and some online 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 [September 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 [September 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, August 19, 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, September 6th. 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, September 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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