

PROPOSED AGENDA

# Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup

In Person and Online – Detailed Instructions Below  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Western Regional Center  
NMFS Large Conference Room, Building 1  
7600 Sand Point Way NE  
Seattle, WA 98115-6349

April 12 – April 13, 2023

The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Council’s) Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup (GESW) will meet Wednesday, April 12 and Thursday, April 13, 2023. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review recent information on take of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), other than salmonids, in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery and consider recommendations for conservation and management measures to minimize bycatch of the pertinent ESA-listed species. The workgroup may provide recommendations to the Council for its June 2023 Council meeting.

This meeting is being conducted in person and online with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. Agenda times are approximate and are subject to change. The meeting end time is an estimate and will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

Members of the public can participate in person or online through WebEx or by phone. Meeting attendance information is provided below. Public comments will be accepted at the discretion of the GESW Chair. For technical assistance with the webinar please contact Jordan Roberts, IT Specialist at [jordan.roberts@noaa.gov](mailto:jordan.roberts@noaa.gov) or 206-526-6157. In the event an outage occurs, or technical issues arise that impact the experience of remote attendees, we will attempt to resolve them but, ultimately, we cannot guarantee that they will be resolved satisfactorily.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023, 9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

## A. Administrative Matters

1. Roll call, Introductions, Roster Update, Announcements Brian Hooper
2. Opening Remarks and Agenda Overview
3. Approve Agenda ESA Workgroup
4. Review Terms of Reference, Committee Responsibilities, Council Process Brian Hooper

**B. Bycatch Team Presentations (Updates of Previous Reports)**

1. Fishery Effort, Observer Coverage
2. Eulachon
3. Green Sturgeon
4. Humpback Whales

Kayleigh Somers  
Rick Gustafson  
Kate E. Richerson  
Brad Hanson

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023, 9:00 AM–NOON

**C. Bycatch Team Presentations (cont'd)**

1. Leatherback Sea Turtles
2. Short-tailed Albatross

Scott Benson  
Tom Good

**D. Public Comment**

Brian Hooper

**E. Development of Recommendations and Report to Council in June 2023**

ESA Workgroup

**F. Additional Public Comment Opportunity Based on Draft Recommendations**

Brian Hooper

**ADJOURN**

**To participate in person:**

Please email [brian.hooper@noaa.gov](mailto:brian.hooper@noaa.gov) to be added to the guest/security list by April 10, 2023.  
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