



273<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

September 7-14, 2023

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The Council is meeting in person in Spokane, Washington with live streaming and remote participation options including public comment. Ancillary meetings will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [September Council meeting web page](#).

**Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on next page**

Please note that the timing—including the day—of the agenda items may change based on the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

**Council Action** descriptions to adopt imply consideration to adopt; adoption is not mandatory.

**Schedule of Ancillary Meetings follows the Detailed Agenda**

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings following the Council’s Detailed Agenda for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [September Council meeting web page](#).

Thurs-Friday Sept. 7-8	Saturday Sept. 9	Sunday Sept. 10	Monday Sept. 11	Tuesday Sept. 12	Wednesday Sept. 13	Thursday Sept. 14
Advisory Bodies Meet	Closed Session	Habitat			Administrative	Administrative
	Call to Order	Ecosystem	Administrative	Administrative	Highly Migratory Species	
	Open Comment					
	Salmon	Groundfish	Groundfish	Groundfish		
	Pacific Halibut		Administrative			



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Proposed Detailed  
**AGENDA**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

General Council Session  
Salon IV and V Ballroom

**8:00 a.m. Closed Executive Session**

This session is closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Council Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

**9 a.m.**

**A. Call to Order**

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| A.1 | Opening Remarks                          | Brad Pettinger, Chair |
| A.2 | Roll Call                                | Merrick Burden        |
| A.3 | Agenda                                   | Brad Pettinger        |
|     | a. <b>Council Action:</b> Approve Agenda |                       |
| A.4 | Executive Director's Report              | Merrick Burden        |

**B. Open Comment Period**

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|-----|--|----------------|
| B.1 | Comments on Non-Agenda Items                                       | Merrick Burden |
|     | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |                |
|     | b. Public Comment  |                |
|     | c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate                  |                |

**C. Salmon Management**

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| C.1 | National Marine Fisheries Service Report  | Robin Ehlke |
|     | a. Regulatory Activities  |             |
|     | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  |             |
|     | c. Public Comment   |             |
|     | d. <b>Council Action:</b> Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate                                    |             |
| C.2 | Methodology Review - Final Topic Selection  | Robin Ehlke |
|     | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  |             |
|     | b. Public Comment   |             |
|     | c. <b>Council Action:</b> Identify Topics Ready for Review in 2023  |             |
| C.3 | Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 24: Southern Resident Killer Whale Chinook Threshold Clarifications | Robin Ehlke |
|     | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  |             |
|     | b. Public Comment   |             |
|     | c. <b>Council Action:</b> Adopt Revised FMP Language for Public Review                                      |             |

## Saturday, September 9, 2023 - continued

### D. Pacific Halibut Management

- D.1 Preliminary Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations for Implementation in 2024 or Later Robin Ehлке
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Catch Sharing Plan and Regulation Changes for Public Review for Implementation in 2024 or Later, as Needed

## Sunday, September 10, 2023

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.5 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

### E. Habitat Issues

- E.1 Current Habitat Issues Kerry Griffin
- a. Report of the Habitat Committee Correigh Greene
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations

### F. Ecosystem Management

- F.1 Initiative 4: Ecosystem and Climate Information - Progress Report Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

### G. Groundfish Management

- G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Todd Phillips
- a. Regulatory Activities Keeley Kent
  - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Craig Russell
  - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate
- G.2 Adopt Stock Assessments Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Stock Assessments for 2025 and Beyond
- G.3 Stock Assessment Methodology Review – Final Topics Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Topics for Review

## Sunday, September 10, 2023 - continued

### G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- G.4 Fixed Gear Marking and Entanglement Risk Reduction; Limited Entry  
Follow-On Actions Jessi Doerpinghaus
- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - Public Comment
  - Council Action:** Adopt a Purpose and Need Along With a Range of Alternatives, if Possible

## Monday, September 11, 2023

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.6 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

### H. Administrative Matters

- H.1 Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Designation Kerry Griffin
- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - Public Comment
  - Council Action:** Discuss Designation Documents and Comment, as Appropriate
- H.2 Greater Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries  
Coral Restoration and Research Plan - Scoping Kerry Griffin, Jessi Doerpinghaus
- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - Public Comment
  - Council Action:** Adopt the Scope of Fisheries and Areas to be Closed to Promote Coral Restoration and Research within the Greater Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries

### G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- G.5 Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions – Scoping Jessi Doerpinghaus
- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - Public Comment
  - Council Action:** Adopt the Scope of Revisions Under Consideration and Discuss Next Steps

### H. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

- H.3 Marine Planning Update Kerry Griffin
- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - Public Comment
  - Council Action:** Consider Marine Planning Committee Report and Provide Guidance
- ~~H.4 Magnuson-Stevens Act Confidentiality Provisions – Proposed Rule Jim Seger~~
- ~~Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies~~
  - ~~Public Comment~~
  - ~~**Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate~~

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

**A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)**

Brad Pettinger

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**H. Administrative Matters (*continued*)**

H.5 National Marine Fisheries Service Geographic Strategic Plan and  
Regional Equity and Environmental Justice Implementation Plan

Jim Seger

- a. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

**G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)**

G.6 Initial Harvest Specifications and Management  
Measures Actions for 2025-2026

Todd Phillips, Marlene Bellman

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Overfishing Limits, a Range of P\*/Acceptable Biological Catches, and Annual Catch Limits for Stocks that may Depart from Default Harvest Control Rules; Adopt a Preliminary List of Potential Management Measures Necessary to Implement Harvest Specifications to be Included in the 2025-2026 Regulation Process

G.7 Final Trawl Cost Project Phase 1 Report and Next Steps for the Trawl Catch  
Share and Allocation Reviews

Jim Seger

- a. Final Trawl Cost Project Phase 1 Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Review the Final Report for Phase 1 of the Trawl Cost Project and Provide Guidance for Phase 2; Recommend Next Steps for the Trawl Catch Share and Allocation Reviews

G.8 Harvest Specifications Technical Corrections and Inseason  
Adjustments – Final Action

Todd Phillips

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Technical Corrections to Harvest Specifications for Selected Species and Inseason Adjustments for 2023 and 2024 Fisheries, as Needed

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

**A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)**

Brad Pettinger

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**H. Administrative Matters (*continued*)**

H.6 National Standards 4, 8, 9 Considerations and National Standard 1  
Technical Guidance

Jim Seger

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Comment on the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Revised National Standard 1 Technical Guidance, as Appropriate

**I. Highly Migratory Species Management**

I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Kit Dahl

a. Regulatory Activities

Ryan Wulff

b. Fisheries Science Center Activities

Annie Yau

c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

d. Public Comment

e. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

I.2 International Management Activities

Kit Dahl

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate

I.3 Exempted Fishing Permits – Final

Kit Dahl

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Recommendations on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications

I.4 Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act – Transition Update

Kit Dahl

a. National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Ryan Wulff

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

I.5 Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Amendment - Preliminary

Kerry Griffin

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Proposed EFH Revisions for Public Review

## Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - continued

### I. Highly Migratory Species Management (*continued*)

- I.6 Opah Stock Considerations Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review Catch Data and Provide Guidance on Next Steps

## Thursday, September 14, 2023

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

- A.9 Commencing Remarks Brad Pettinger  
Merrick Burden

### H. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

- H.7 Fiscal Matters Patricia Hearing  
Pete Hassemer
- a. Report of the Budget Committee
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations
- H.8 Approval of Council Meeting Record Brad Pettinger
- a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record
- H.9 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures, As Appropriate
- H.10 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Merrick Burden
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting and Workload Planning

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**273<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 7-14, 2023**

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

**Day 1— Thursday, September 7, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Groundfish Subcommittee Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:00 p.m.	Salon I

**Day 2— Friday, September 8, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
Equity and Environmental Justice Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Online</a>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon I
Budget Committee	1:00 p.m.	Suite C and D
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Parkside I and II

**Day 3— Saturday, September 9, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon III
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite A
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon I
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Parkside I and II

**Day 4— Sunday, September 10, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon III
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite A
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Parkside I and II



**Day 5— Monday, September 11, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon III
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite A
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 6— Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon III
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite A
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 7—Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon III
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite A
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 8—Thursday, September 14, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Shades
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon III
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite A
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II

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**PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, SEPTEMBER 7-14, 2023, SPOKANE, WA**

Acronyms	Sat, Sept 9	Sun, Sept 10	Mon, Sept 11	Tue, Sept 12	Wed, Sept 13	Thur, Sept 14
<p><i>ANPR: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</i>  <i>BC: Budget Committee</i>  <i>CSP: Catch Sharing Plan</i>  <i>DGN: Drift Gillnet</i>  <i>EAS/EWG: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Workgroup</i>  <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i>  <i>ED: Executive Director</i>  <i>EEJ: Equity &amp; Environmental Justice</i>  <i>FMP: Fishery Management Plan</i>  <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt. Team</i>  <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i>  <i>HMS: Highly Migratory Species</i>  <i>HMSAS/MT: HMS Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i>  <i>LC: Legislative Committee</i>  <i>LE: Limited Entry</i>  <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i>  <i>ONMS: Office of the National Marine Sanctuaries</i>  <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i>  <i>P&amp;N: Purpose and Need</i>  <i>ROA: Range of Alternatives</i>  <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel/Technical Team</i>  <i>SRKW: Southern Resident Killer Whale</i>  <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i></p>	<p><b>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</b>                      Discuss Litigation &amp; Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</b>                      1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>B. OPEN COMMENT</b>                      1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>C. SALMON</b>                      1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)                      2. Methodology Review – Final Topic Selection (1 hr)                      3. FMP A24: SRKW Threshold Clarifications (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>D. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b>                      1. Prelim CSP and Reg. for Implementation in 2024 or Later (3 hr)</p>	<p><b>E. HABITAT</b>                      1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>F. ECOSYSTEM</b>                      1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative 4 - Progress Review (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>G. GROUND FISH</b>                      1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)                      2. Adopt Stock Assessments (2 hr)                      3. Stock Assessment Methodology – Final Topics (1 hr)                      4. Fixed Gear Marking &amp; Entanglement Reduction and LE Fixed Gear Follow On – P&amp;N and ROA, if poss. (2 hr)</p>	<p><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      1. Chumash Heritage Sanctuary Designation (2 hr)                      2. ONMS – Coral Restoration &amp; Research Plan – Scoping (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>G. GROUND FISH</b>                      5. Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions - Scoping (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      3. Marine Planning Update (3 hr)                      4. <del>Proposed Rule: MSA Confidentiality Provisions (1 hr)</del></p>	<p><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      5. NMFS Geographic Strategic Plan &amp; Regional EEJ Implementation Plan (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>G. GROUND FISH</b>                      6. 2025-26 Preliminary Spex and Management Measures - Initial (3 hr)                      7. Final Trawl Cost Project Phase 1 Report and Catch Share &amp; Allocation Review – Next Steps (2 hr)                      8. Harvest Specifications Technical Corrections &amp; Inseason Adjustments - Final Action (2 hr)</p>	<p><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      6. ANPR National Standards 4, 8, 9 Updates &amp; NS 1 Tech Guidance (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>                      1. NMFS Report (30 min)                      2. International Management Activities (1 hr)                      3. Exempted Fishing Permits – Final (1 hr)                      4. DGN Transition Update (1 hr)                      5. Essential Fish Habitat – ROA/PPA (2 hr)                      6. Opah Stock Considerations (1 hr)</p>	<p><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      7. Fiscal Matters (1 hr)                      8. Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min)                      9. Membership Appointments &amp; Council Operating Procedures (30 min)                      10. Future Council Meeting Agenda &amp; Workload Planning (2 hr)</p>
<p><b>Thurs, Sept 7</b>                      1 pm SSC GF Subcom</p>						
<p><b>Fri, Sept 8</b></p>	7.5 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	7.5 hr	3.8 hr
<p>7 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT                      8 am SAS                      8 am SSC                      8 am HC                      8 am EEJC                      1 pm BC                      2 pm EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT</p> <p>8 am SSC                      8 am EAS                      8 am HC                      Ad Hoc EC                      6 pm Chair's Reception</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT</p> <p>8 am HMSAS &amp; HMSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT</p> <p>8 am HMSAS &amp; HMSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT</p> <p>8 am HMSAS &amp; HMSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am HMSAS &amp; HMSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat</p>

Time estimates are approximate and agenda items may be cancelled or rescheduled.

Proposed Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning participation. Advisory Bodies listed in **bold** below are **proposed as in-person sessions**.