

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

This agenda item is intended to refine general planning for future Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meetings with a focus on finalizing the proposed agenda for the March and April 2024 Council meetings in Fresno, California and Seattle, Washington, respectively. The following attachments are intended to help facilitate Council planning:

1. Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary - An abbreviated display of potential agenda items for the next five Council meetings (Attachment 1).
2. A preliminary proposed March 2024 Council meeting agenda (Attachment 2).
3. A preliminary proposed April 2024 Council meeting agenda (Attachment 3).

Relative to the Year-at-a-Glance, the Council's provisional budget anticipates that the following Advisory Bodies will meet remotely for some meetings in 2024. Council staff provides the following recommendations and requests feedback from the Advisory Bodies and the Council. All remote meetings would be scheduled to occur prior to the Council meeting to better align with staff resources.

- Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel and Management Team (3 total): 2 remote meetings, in person at the June Council meeting
- Habitat Committee (5 total): 3 remote meetings, in person at the March and June Council meetings
- Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and Management Team (4 total): March meeting remote (1), remaining 3 meetings in person
- Scientific and Statistical Committee (5 total): April Council meeting remote (1), remaining 4 meetings in person

To facilitate schedule planning and to stabilize expectations for the March and April meetings, draft proposed March and April agendas are presented together at this meeting. While minor changes to the April meeting agenda will be possible at the conclusion of the March meeting, there are many advantages to reaching an advanced state of expectation at this time.

The Executive Director will assist the Council in reviewing the proposed agenda materials and discuss any other matters relevant to Council meeting agendas and workload. After considering supplemental material provided at the Council meeting, and any reports and comments from advisory bodies and public, the Council will provide guidance for future agenda development, the proposed November Council meeting agenda, and workload priorities for Council staff and advisory bodies.

Council Action:

- 1. Review pertinent information and provide guidance on potential agenda topics for future Council meetings.**
- 2. Provide final guidance on the proposed March and April agendas as well as plans for future Council meetings.**
- 3. Provide feedback on the 2024 Advisory Body meetings proposed to be remote and in person.**
- 4. Identify priorities for advisory body workload considerations.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 1: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.
2. Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, March 2024.
3. Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 3: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 2024.
4. If received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.8 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 Agenda and Workload Planning

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