

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROCESS
FOR DEVELOPING 2024 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 1-8, 2023 The Council and advisory entities meet in Garden Grove, California to consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory alternatives and consider salmon schedule for the upcoming year.
- Jan. 16-19, 2024 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) meets to draft the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document *Review of 2023 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (Available mid-February.)
- Feb. 20-23 STT meets to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest, and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2024 abundance forecasts, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options (available early March).
- Late Feb. – early Mar. State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Mar. 5-11 Council and advisory entities meet in Fresno, California to adopt 2024 regulatory alternatives for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 16, 2024, and adopts final alternatives for public review.
- Mar. 10-19 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* (available late March).
- Mar. 11-31 Management agencies, tribes, and the public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory alternatives. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are held between the March and April Council meetings.
- Mar. 22 Council staff posts *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, alternative highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management alternatives.
- Mar. 25 Tentative date and sites of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are Monday, March 25 in Westport, Washington; Coos Bay, Oregon, and Santa Rosa, California; Comments on the alternatives will also be taken during the April Council meeting.
- Apr. 5 By April 5, PSC sets catch limits in Northern Fisheries (SEAK, NBC, WCVI)

- Apr. 5-11 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures in Seattle, Washington. *Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*, results from the public hearings, information developed, and public comment received at the Council meeting are considered during the week.
- Apr. 11-22 The STT and Council staff complete *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations*. Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 22 Council staff posts *Preseason Report III*, which includes the adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations. Council staff transmits a letter to NMFS requesting review, approval, and implementation of the proposed regulations for the 2024 west coast ocean salmon fishing season beginning May 16.
- May 16 NMFS implements Federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

This proposed schedule is tentative and subject to change. Consult the Council web page for the latest information regarding the 2024 preseason schedule.

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