

## FINAL 2024 PRESEASON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE AND 2024 MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CALIFORNIA CHINOOK FISHERIES

In order to plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November each year. The proposed process and schedule for 2024 are provided in Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1. This proposed schedule is tentative and subject to change, and the Council web page will be the best resource for the most current information regarding the upcoming preseason salmon schedule.

Also under this Agenda item, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region will provide a report on the re-consultation process on California Coastal Chinook and its effect on fishery management as we prepare for the upcoming 2024 preseason process. This report will also include a new framework for use in managing California Coastal Chinook that the Council will consider for adoption and use in 2024 fisheries and beyond.

For the 2024 salmon public hearings hosted by the Council, staff recommends holding one public hearing for each coastal state to discuss the salmon management alternatives. The proposed public hearings would be in-person on:

- Monday, March 25, 2024 - Westport, Washington, Coos Bay, Oregon, and Santa Rosa, California

Holding the three hearings in person on the same date will provide efficiency in staffing, as the distance between the hearing locations are too far apart to travel from meeting to the next within a day's time.

Another option is to hold at least one of the hearings on-line. For example, an online format for the Oregon public hearing could potentially promote stakeholder participation since in-person attendance is typically low, and improve staff coverage, which may be a challenge for some agencies for the Oregon hearing.

- Monday, March 25, 2024 – Westport, Washington, and Santa Rosa, California (in-person)
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – Oregon Hearing (on-line)

If health and safety concerns arise, the venue(s) may be changed to an online meeting. The Council does not have the technical capacity to conduct hybrid meetings of this nature, so each meeting will be in-person, or online, but not both.

In 2024, the March Council meeting is scheduled to occur in Fresno, California and the April Council meeting is scheduled to occur in Seattle, Washington. Therefore, the public comment period regarding the tentative adoption of management measures for analysis at the April Council meeting also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, staff suggests states organize and staff them as was done in past years.

Attendance and location for past salmon public hearings hosted by the Council:

City <sup>1/</sup>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>2/</sup>	2021 <sup>2/</sup>	2022 <sup>2/</sup>	2023
<b>Westport</b>	26	23	65	55	106	42	42	30	26	36
<b>Coos Bay</b>	14	13	25	48	38	31	31	63	22	17
Eureka	--	--	--	--	--	--	79	65	80	--
Fort Bragg	--	58	29	51	--	--	--	--	--	--
Salinas	--	--	--	--	85	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	54
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*1/ City in bold are proposed for Council staffing in upcoming year*

*2/ Meetings held on-line due to health and safety concerns*

**Council Action:**

1. **Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.**
2. **Approve staff’s overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2024 ocean salmon management measures.**
3. **Adopt management framework for ocean salmon fisheries of the California Coast to address concerns for California Coastal Chinook, as appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Proposed Schedule and Process for Developing 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

D.4 2024 Preseason Management Schedule

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2024 Preseason Management Schedule; Adopt Management Framework for California Coastal Chinook in California Chinook Fisheries, 2024 and beyond.

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