

MARINE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT ON FUTURE WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met in person on November 1, and discussed the Committee's operational procedures and identified potential actions for which the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and MPC may want to comment. We developed a draft Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) calendar, as referenced under Agenda Item C.3, Marine Planning Update and modified below, for easy reference to the Council's Year-at-a-Glance calendar.

The first quarter of 2024 is heavily loaded with the potential Notice of Intent for an Environmental Assessment in Oregon; Incidental Harassment Authorization requests (California); a notice about the state CADEMO project (California); and pre-planning workshops in Washington and pre-Call Area planning in California. Therefore, the MPC is requesting the marine planning agenda item be unshaded in March. Given the importance and intense workload for these items, it seems prudent for the MPC to meet in January to prepare the Council for consideration of these items in March.

The MPC found the in-person meeting at this Council meeting was very helpful to work through ideas about the MPC's operation and strategy for meeting the Council's guidance while also being responsive to the frequent requests for comments and issues surrounding offshore wind and aquaculture across the West Coast. We acknowledge that virtual meetings ahead of Council meetings provide the flexibility necessary, and request another in-person meeting at the November 2024 Council meeting to reassess our strategies and plan for 2025 and beyond.

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Year at A Glance with MPC Considerations

MPC items are a best guess and subject to change

	March 5-11, 2024 Fresno, CA	April 5-11, 2024 Seattle, WA	June 6-13, 2024 San Diego, CA	September 18-24, 2024 Spokane, WA	November 13-19, 2024 Costa Mesa, CA
CPS		NMFS Report EFP Final Approval for 2024-2025 Sardine Assessment & Mgmt. Measures 2024-2025 - Final	NMFS Report CSNA Biomass Check In Stok Assessment Terms of Reference & Best Practices Science Needs and Stock Structure		NMFS Report EFP Preliminary Review for 2026-27 Methodology Review Stock Assessment Prioritization
Groundfish	NMFS Report Inseason Management Workload & New Mgt. Meas. Priorities Whiting Treaty Implementation Update on 2025-2026 Harvest Spex and Management Measures Intial Stock Assessment Plan & Terms of Reference Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025-2027 ROA FG Marking & Entanglement Risk Reduction - PPA Sablefish Gear Switching FPA	NMFS Report Inseason Management Workload & New Mgt. Meas. Priorities Trawl Cost Recovery Rpt Fisheries in 2025-2026 Biennial Spex OFL/ABC, ACL-FPA Management Measures PPA	NMFS Report Inseason Management Workload & New Mgt. Meas. Priorities Fisheries in 2025-2026 EFPs & Mgmt Measures FPA Final Stock Assessment Plan & Terms of Reference Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025-2027 - PPA FG Marking & Entanglement Risk Reduction - FPA LE FG Follow On - PPA Trawl Catch Share Program & Intersector Allocation Rev - Scoping Trawl Cost Project - Review & Next Steps	NMFS Report Inseason Management Workload & New Mgt. Meas. Update Meth. Review - Prelim Impact Model Topics & Final Assessment Methods Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025 & 2027 - FPA LE FG Follow On - FPA Phase 2 Stock Definitions Complexes - Scoping	NMFS Report Inseason Management Workload & New Mgt. Meas. Update Meth. Review - Final Impact Model Topics Phase 2 Stock Definitions Complexes - ROA, PPA (if poss)
HMS	NMFS Report International Management HMS Roadmap Workshop - Report		NMFS Report International Management EFPs - Preliminary Recommendations DGN Bycatch Performance Report	NMFS Report International Management EFPs - Final Recommendations 2025-26 Biennial Harvest Specs Management Measures - Prelim	NMFS Report International Management 2025-26 Biennial Harvest Specs Management Measures - Final FMP Amendment to Remove Drift Gillnet Gear
Salmon	NMFS Rpt Approve Salmon Review (SAFE), Forecasts, SDC, & ACLs Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers 2024 Season Setting (5) KRFC Workgroup Progress Rpt. Klamath Dam Removal Update	NMFS Rpt 2024 Season Setting (4) Queest Rebuilding Plan - Progress Rpt	 SRFC Workgroup Progress Rpt Queest Rebuilding Plan - Progress Rpt	NMFS Rpt Methodology Review: Final Topic Selection Queest Rebuilding Plan - ROA/PPA	NMFS Rpt 2025 Preseason Mgmt. Schd Methodology Review - Final SRFC Workgroup Progress Rpt KRFC Workgroup Progress Rpt Queest Rebuilding Plan - FPA
Ecosystem	2023-2024 California Current Ecosystem Status Report & Science Review FEP Initiative 4 - Progress Review	CCI - Review and Prioritize Tasks		FEP Initiative 4 - Progress Review	
Pacific Halibut	IPHC Meeting Report Prelim Salmon Troll/Final Sablefish Incidental Regs	Final Salmon Troll Incidental Regs	 2025 & Later: Catch Sharing & Comm Fishery Reg. Changes FPA	2025 Catch Sharing Plan & Regs- Prelim.	2025 Catch Sharing Plan & Regs- Final
Other	Routie Admin (10) Habitat Issues ONMS - Coral Restoration & Research Plan - ROA/PPA Council/SSC Priorities Discussion	Routie Admin (9) Habitat Issues NMFS Regional EEJ Plan Progress Report & EEJ Update Report of the ONMS USCG Annual Report Regional Recusal Determination Procedure Handbook	Routie Admin (11) Habitat Issues ONMS - Coral Restoration & Research Plan - FPA CCC Meeting Update Research and Data Needs - Prelim	Routie Admin (11) Habitat Issues Research and Data Needs - Final	Routie Admin (11) Habitat Issues CCC Meeting Update
MPC	AB 525 Draft Strategic Plan SAPs ¹ NOI - DPEIS CA leases IHAs CCC 7(c) working group Oregon NOI EA CADEMO Notice WA - Pre-planning OSW CA Pre-Call Planning	DPEIS AOA Oregon Draft EA Oregon PSN CA Call Areas Humboldt EIR Feasibility Study - SB 605 (CA)		Oregon FSN ²	Oregon Auction

¹- Amount of MPC involvement unknown

²- Not an opportunity for engagement

PSN=Proposed Sale notice

FSN=Final Sale Notice

IHA=Incidental Harassment Authorization

NOI=Notice of Intent

SAP=Site Assessment Plan