

## PROPOSED AGENDA

# Committee of the Whole

Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Hyatt Place Cascade Station  
Meeting Room 3-4  
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Telephone: 503-288-2808  
January 18-19, 2024

The Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting will be held in-person at the Hyatt Place Cascade Station from January 18-19, 2024. This meeting is open to the public. Pertinent information will be posted on the Council's COTW meeting [webpage](#) prior to the meeting. A dedicated public comment agenda item has been scheduled for each day. Dates and times on this agenda are subject to change once the meeting begins. Breaks will be taken as necessary, at the discretion of the COTW.

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### Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

#### A. Introduction and Background

##### A.1 Overview and Meeting Objectives (8:00 – 8:15)

- a. Opening remarks
- b. Meeting objectives
- c. Review agenda

*(Discussion lead: Brad Pettinger / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

##### A.2 Ice-breaker Questions – one of the following (8:15-8:45)

- a. What is your best memory of the Council?
- b. What are you most proud of when it comes to the Council?
- c. What are you most looking forward to in terms of future Council work and activities?

*(Discussion lead: NA / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

**A. Introduction and Background (continued)**

A.3 Summary of Council Fiscal Status and Outlook (8:45-9:30)

- a. History of finances and change over time
- b. Financial status and outlook

*(Discussion lead: NA / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

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**B. Priorities and Core Responsibilities**

B.1 Council Responsibilities and Activities (9:45-11:30)

- a. Proposing, advising, and commenting – a spectrum of priorities
- b. Change in scope of activities over time

*(Discussion lead: Marc Gorelnik / Staff lead: Kit Dahl)*

*LUNCH BREAK (12:00-12:45)*

B.2 Council Expenses in Relation to Activities (11:30-1:30)

- a. Expenses by priorities and scenarios

*(Discussion lead: Pete Hassemer / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

*PUBLIC COMMENT (1:30-1:45)*

B.3 COTW Recommendations (1:45-3:15)

- a. Task: Define Council “core” responsibilities
- b. Task: Prioritize other responsibilities as appropriate

*(Discussion lead: Brad Pettinger / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

*BREAK*

**C. State Expenses and IRA Funding**

C.1 Status of Liaison Contracts (3:30-5:00)

- a. State summaries of how funding is used
- b. COTW discussion
- c. Task: Identify additional information requests as appropriate
- d. Next steps

*(Discussion lead: Chris Oliver / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

**C. State Expenses and IRA Funding (continued)**

C.2 IRA Projects (8:00-10:00)

- a. Review proposals
- b. COTW discussion
- c. Task: Recommend refinements on other modifications to projects proposed for January 2024 deadline

*(Discussion lead: Pete Hassemer / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

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**D. Council Operations**

D.1 What Does it Take to Have an Effective and Sound Council Process? (10:15-11:30)

- a. COTW discussion
- b. Task: Identify key principles which make for effective Council process

*(Discussion lead: Phil Anderson / Staff lead: Kelly Ames)*

*LUNCH (12:00-12:45)*

D.2 What Challenges Exist that May Affect the Ability to have a Sound Council Process? (11:30-2:00)

- a. COTW discussion of challenges and why they exist
- b. Task: Identify key challenges to resolve through operational changes

*(Discussion lead: Bob Dooley / Staff lead: Kelly Ames)*

*PUBLIC COMMENT (2:00 – 2:15)*

*BREAK*

D.3 COTW Recommendations (2:30 – 4:00)

- a. Task: Recommend changes to Council operations that should be further explored by staff for Council consideration

*(Discussion lead: Brad Pettinger / Staff lead: Kelly Ames)*

**E. Next Steps**

- a. When to expect a report for Council consideration
- b. How recommendations affect next grant cycle and next year's budget
- c. Planning for potential operational/Council Operating Procedures (COP) changes

*(Discussion lead: Brad Pettinger / Staff lead: Merrick Burden)*

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