



276th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

A.3 Agenda

April 5-11, 2024

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The Council is meeting in person in Seattle, Washington with live streaming and remote participation options including public comment. Ancillary meetings will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [April Council meeting web page](#).

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on next page

Please note that the timing—including the day—of the agenda items may change based on the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

Council Action descriptions to adopt imply consideration to adopt; adoption is not mandatory.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings follows the Detailed Agenda

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings following the Council’s Detailed Agenda for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [April Council meeting web page](#).

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11
Advisory Bodies Meet	Closed Session	Groundfish	Cross FMP	Salmon	Groundfish	Administrative
	Call to Order			Coastal Pelagic Species		
	Open Comment		Groundfish			
	Habitat					
	Pacific Halibut	Salmon	Groundfish	Groundfish	Salmon	
	Salmon				Administrative	



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Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Saturday, April 6, 2024

General Council Session
Cascade Ballroom

8:00 a.m. Closed Executive Session

This session is closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Council Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

9 a.m.

A. Call to Order

- A.1 Opening Remarks Brad Pettinger, Chair
- A.2 Roll Call Merrick Burden
- A.3 Agenda Brad Pettinger
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda
- A.4 Executive Director's Report Merrick Burden

B. Open Comment Period

- B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items Merrick Burden
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

C. Habitat Issues

- C.1 Current Habitat Issues Kerry Griffin
 - a. Report of the Habitat Committee Correigh Greene
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations

D. Pacific Halibut Management

- D.1 Incidental Catch Limits for the 2024 Salmon Troll Fishery – Final Action Robin Ehlke
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for 2024 and Early 2025 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - continued

E. Salmon Management

- E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Robin Ehlke
 - a. Regulatory Activities Susan Bishop
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Steve Lindley
 - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

- E.2 Tentative Adoption of 2024 Management Measures for Analysis Robin Ehlke
 - a. Update of Estimated Impacts of March 2024 Alternatives Michael O'Farrell
 - b. Summary of Public Hearings Hearings Officers
 - c. Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission Phil Anderson
 - d. North of Cape Falcon Forum Recommendations Oregon, Washington, Tribes
 - e. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - f. Public Comment
 - g. **Council Action:** Adopt Tentative 2024 Ocean Salmon Management Measures and any Necessary Harvest Specifications for Collation and Analysis

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8 a.m.

Cascade Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.5 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

F. Groundfish Management

- F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Including a Take Reduction Team Overview Todd Phillips
 - a. Regulatory Activities Keeley Kent
 - b. Office of Protected Resources Kristy Long
 - c. Fisheries Science Center Activities Craig Russell
 - d. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

- F.2 Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2025-26 Fisheries - Final Preferred Alternatives Marlene Bellman, Todd Phillips
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications for 2025-2026 Fisheries, if possible; Refine the Range of Quillback Rockfish in California Alternatives and Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative

Sunday, April 7, 2024-continued

E. Salmon Management (*continued*)

- E.3 Clarify Council Direction on 2024 Management Measures Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Guidance and Direction
- E.4 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Topics for 2024 Methodology Reviews

G. Administrative Matters

- G.1 Fiscal Matters Patricia Hearing
- a. Report of the Budget Committee Pete Hassemer
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations

Monday, April 8, 2024

8 a.m.

Cascade Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

- A.6 Commencing Remarks Brad Pettinger
Merrick Burden

H. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

- H.1 Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Report Kerry Griffin
- a. Report of the ONMS Bill Douros
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate
- H.2 U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Annual Report Jim Seger
- a. Report of the USCG Rear Admiral Charles Fosse
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

F. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- F.3 Inseason Management – Final Action Todd Phillips
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024 – continued

F. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- F.4 Sablefish Gear Switching – Final Action and Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment Jim Seger, Jessi Doerpinghaus
(*Part 1; continues on Wednesday, April 10*)
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** (*Scheduled for Part 2 on Wednesday, April 10*)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

8 a.m.

Cascade Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

E. Salmon Management (*continued*)

- E.5 Further Direction on 2024 Management Measures Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Guidance and Direction

I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

- I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kerry Griffin
- a. Regulatory Activities Josh Lindsay
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Annie Yau
 - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- I.2 2024-25 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) - Final Action Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFP Recommendations for 2024-25 Fisheries
- I.3 Pacific Sardine Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2024-25 – Final Action Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for the 2024-25 Pacific Sardine Fishery

F. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- F.5 Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2025-26 Fisheries Todd Phillips, Marlene Bellman
(*Part 1, continues Wednesday, April 10*)
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** (*Scheduled for Part 2 on Wednesday, April 10*)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8 a.m.

Cascade Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

F. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

F.5 Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for
2025-26 Fisheries

Todd Phillips, Marlene Bellman

(*Part 2, continued from Tuesday, April 9*)

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Any Remaining Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management Measures in 2025-26 Fisheries

F.4 Sablefish Gear Switching – Final Action and
Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment
(*Part 2, continued from Monday, April 8*)

Jim Seger, Jessi Doerpinghaus

c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative and FMP Amendment Language, Provide Other Guidance as Appropriate

E. Salmon Management (*continued*)

E.6 2024 Management Measures – Final Action

Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Management Measures for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fisheries

G. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

G.2 Council Operations and Priorities

Kelly Ames

(*Part 1, continues on Thursday, April 11*)

a. Report of the Committee of the Whole (COTW)

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** (*Scheduled for Part 2 on Thursday, April 11*)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

8 a.m.

Cascade Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.9 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

G. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

G.2 Council Operations and Priorities

Kelly Ames

(*Part 2, continued from Wednesday, April 10*)

d. **Council Action:** Discuss COTW Report and Provide Guidance on Next Steps

G.3 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

Kelly Ames

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures, As Appropriate

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – continued

- G.4 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 and Workload Planning

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**276TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
APRIL 5-11, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1— Friday, April 5, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pine Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Online
Budget Committee	1 PM	Puget Sound Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	1 PM	Elliott Bay Room
Groundfish Management Team	1 PM	St. Helens Room
Enforcement Consultants	2 PM	Adams Room

Day 2— Saturday, April 6, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
California State Delegation	7 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Pine Room
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Puget Sound Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	St. Helens Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pine Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 1	As Necessary	Pike Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 2	As Necessary	Olympic Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Stuart Room
Enforcement Consultants	As needed	Adams Room

Day 3— Sunday, April 7, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
California State Delegation	7 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Pine Room
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Puget Sound Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	St. Helens Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pine Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 1	As Necessary	Pike Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 2	As Necessary	Olympic Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Stuart Room
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Adams Room

Day 4— Monday, April 8, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
California State Delegation	7 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Pine Room
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Puget Sound Room
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Olympic Room
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	Adams Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	St. Helens Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pine Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 1	As Necessary	Pike Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 2	As Necessary	Breakout Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Stuart Room
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

Day 5— Tuesday, April 9, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
California State Delegation	7 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Pine Room
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Puget Sound Room
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	St. Helens Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pine Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 1	As Necessary	Pike Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 2	As Necessary	Olympic Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Stuart Room
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

Day 6— Wednesday, April 10, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
California State Delegation	7 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Pine Room
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Puget Sound Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pine Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 1	As Necessary	Pike Room
Tribal Policy Group Breakout 2	As Necessary	Olympic Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Stuart Room
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

Day 8—Thursday, April 11, 2024

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7 AM	Baker Room
California State Delegation	7 AM	Elliott Bay Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Pine Room
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Puget Sound Room
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Denny/Mercer Room

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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, APRIL 5-11, 2024 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Acronyms	Sat, Apr. 6	Sun, Apr. 7	Mon, Apr. 8	Tue, Apr. 9	Wed, Apr. 10	Thur, Apr. 11
<p><i>AB: Advisory Body</i> <i>BC: Budget Committee</i> <i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i> <i>CPSAS/MT: Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>EEJC: Equity and Environmental Justice Committee</i> <i>FMP: Fishery Management Plan</i> <i>FPA: Final Preferred Alternative</i> <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt. Team</i> <i>IRA: Inflation Reduction Act</i> <i>MEW: Model Evaluation Workgroup</i> <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i> <i>ONMS: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries</i> <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i> <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team</i> <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i> <i>USCG: United States Coast Guard</i></p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>C. HABITAT 1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>D. PACIFIC HALIBUT 1. Final Incidental Catch Limits for 2024 Salmon Troll Fishery (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 1. NMFS Report (1 hr) 2. Tent. Adopt. of 2024 Mgt. Meas. for Analysis (3 hr)</p>	<p>F. GROUND FISH 1. NMFS Report including Take Reduction Team Overview (1 hr) 2. Fisheries in 2025-2026: Biennial Harvest Specifications FPA (2 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 3. Clarify Council Direction on 2024 Management Measures (1 hr) 4. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>G. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. Fiscal Matters (1 hr)</p>	<p>H. CROSS FMP 1. ONMS Report (1 hr 30 min) 2. USCG Annual Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>F. GROUND FISH 3. Inseason Management (1 hr) 4. Sablefish Gear Switching – FPA, FMP Amendment (4 hr, 30 min) <i>Continues on Wednesday</i></p>	<p>E. SALMON 5. Further Direction on 2024 Management Measures (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>I. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES 1. NMFS Report (30 min) 2. 2024-2025 Exempted Fishing Permits, Final Approval (1 hr) 3. Sardine Specifications and Management Measures for 2024-2025 - Final (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>F. GROUND FISH 5. Fisheries in 2025-2026: Management Measures PPA (3 hr) <i>(Cont. on Wed.)</i></p>	<p>F. GROUND FISH 5. Fisheries in 2025-2026: Management Measures PPA (2 hr) <i>(Cont. from Tue)</i> 4. Sablefish Gear Switching – FPA, FMP Amendment (3 hr) <i>(Cont. from Monday)</i></p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 6. Final Action on 2024 Management Measures (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>G. ADMINISTRATIVE 2. Council Operations and Priorities - (1 hr) <i>Continues on Thursday</i></p>	<p>G. ADMINISTRATIVE 2. Council Operations and Priorities (1 hr 30 min) <i>Continued from Wednesday</i> 3. Membership Appointments & COPs (30 min) 4. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning, including IRA Projects (2 hr)</p>
AB Meetings in Advance						
HC						
Fri, Apr. 5	7.5 hr	7 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	4 hr
<p>7 am Secretariat 8 am SSC (online) 8 am STT & SAS 1 pm GAP & GMT 1 pm BC 2 pm EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT As needed EC 6 pm Chair's Reception</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT As needed EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am STT & SAS 8 am GAP & GMT As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am STT & SAS As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am STT</p>

Times are estimates and agenda items may be cancelled or rescheduled. Proposed Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning participation. Advisory Bodies listed in **bold** below are **proposed as in-person sessions**. All others are proposed as remote meetings. Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the Council meeting, check the Council web page for details.

