



278<sup>th</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

September 17-23, 2024

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**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 [September Council meeting web page](#).

Tues-Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sept. 17-18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23
Advisory Bodies Meet	Closed Session	Halibut	Groundfish	Groundfish	Highly Migratory Species
	Call to Order				
	Open Comment	Coastal Pelagic Species			
	Cross FMP	Ecosystem			
	Habitat				
	Salmon	Cross FMP	Cross FMP	Administrative	



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Proposed Detailed  
**AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

General Council Session  
Salon IV and V 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**

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| A.1 | Opening Remarks                          | Brad Pettinger, Chair |
| A.2 | New Council Member Appointments          | Jennifer Quan         |
| A.3 | Roll Call                                | Merrick Burden        |
| A.4 | Agenda                                   | Brad Pettinger        |
|     | a. <b>Council Action:</b> Approve Agenda |                       |
| A.5 | Executive Director's Report              | Merrick Burden        |

**B. Open Comment Period**

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|-----|--|----------------|
| 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. Cross Fishery Management Plan**

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|-----|---|---------------|
| C.1 | Marine Planning   | Kerry Griffin |
|     | a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee  |               |
|     | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies                                      |               |
|     | c. Public Comment   |               |
|     | d. <b>Council Action:</b> Consider Marine Planning Committee Report and Provide Guidance as Appropriate |               |

**D. Habitat Issues**

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|-----|---|-----------------|
| D.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. <b>Council Action:</b> Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations |                 |

**Thursday, September 19, 2024 – continued**

**E. Salmon Management**

- E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Robin Ehlke/Angela Forristall
  - a. Regulatory Activities Susan Bishop
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- E.2 Methodology Review - Final Topic Selection Robin Ehlke/Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Identify Topics for Review in 2024
- E.3 Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding – Range of Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative Robin Ehlke/Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Rebuilding Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative

**Friday, September 20, 2024**

**8 a.m.**

**Salon IV and V Ballroom**

**A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)**

Brad Pettinger

- A.6 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**F. Pacific Halibut Management**

- F.1 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Preliminary Robin Ehlke/Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt 2025 Preliminary Catch Sharing Plan and Regulation Changes for Public Review
- F.2 Commercial Fishery Regulation Changes: Vessel Monitoring Systems, Seabird Avoidance, and Catch Reporting - Range of Alternatives, Preliminary Preferred Alternative Robin Ehlke/Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Commercial Fishery Regulation Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative

## Friday, September 20, 2024 – continued

### G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

- G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Jessi Doerpinghaus/Katrina Bernaus
- a. Regulatory Activities Josh Lindsay
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

### H. Ecosystem Matters

- H.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative 4: Groundfish and Salmon Risk Tables – Progress Review Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Recommend Next Steps for Utilizing the Groundfish Risk Tables, Adopt a Work Plan for the Salmon Risk Tables

### C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (*continued*)

- C.2 Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) – Gap Analysis Framework and Regional Implementation Plan Angela Forristall  
Maggie Sommer
- a. National Marine Fisheries Service
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Adopt the Gap Analysis Framework and Provide Guidance on Next Steps; Discuss the Regional EEJ Plan

## Saturday, September 21, 2024

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

- A.7 Commencing Remarks Brad Pettinger  
Merrick Burden

### I. Groundfish Management

- I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report – Including Sablefish Management Strategy Evaluation Update Todd Phillips  
Keeley Kent  
Craig Russell
- a. Regulatory Activities
  - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities
  - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- I.2 Methodology Review: Preliminary Fishery Impact Model Topics Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Identify Preliminary Priority Topics for Fishery Impact Model Reviews

## Saturday, September 21, 2024 - Continued

### I. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- I.3 Final Trawl Cost Project Report Jessi Doerpinghaus  
a. Final Trawl Cost Project Report Darrell Brannan/Melissa Errand  
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
c. Public Comment  
d. **Council Action:** Adopt the Final Report
- I.4 2025 and 2027 Stock Assessment Plan and Schedule Marlene Bellman  
a. National Marine Fisheries Service Report (NMFS) Jim Hastie  
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
c. Public Comment  
d. **Council Action:** Consider NMFS Report and Adopt Revisions to the 2025 and 2027 Stock Assessment Plans, as Appropriate

### C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (*continued*)

- C.3 Inflation Reduction Act Projects – Check In Gilly Lyons  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Discuss Workplans and Provide Guidance on Next Steps; Consider Role and Composition of the Ecosystem Workgroup and Advisory Subpanel

## Sunday, September 22, 2024

8 a.m. Salon IV and V Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

- A.8 Commencing Remarks Brad Pettinger  
Merrick Burden

### I. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- I.5 Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025 & 2027 – Preliminary Preferred Alternative Marlene Bellman  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Refine the Range of Alternatives, as Appropriate, Adopt Preliminary Preferred Stock Definitions for Species Scheduled for Assessment in 2025 and 2027
- I.6 Inseason Adjustments for 2024 and Technical Corrections for 2025-2026 —Final Action Todd Phillips  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2024 Inseason Adjustments and Technical Corrections to the 2025-2026 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, as Appropriate

## Sunday, September 22, 2024 - Continued

### I. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- I.7 Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Reviews — Jessi Doeringhaus  
Scoping
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on the Review Outlines and Identify Primary Focus Areas; Provide Guidance on Hearing Schedule and Appoint Hearing Officers; Adopt Proposed Changes to COP 27 for Public Review
- I.8 Phase 2 Stock Definitions - Scoping Todd Phillips/Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Scope and Workplan; Provide Guidance on Next Steps

## Monday, September 23, 2024

8 a.m.

Salon IV and V Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.9 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

### J. Highly Migratory Species Management

- J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kit Dahl
- a. Regulatory Activities Rachael Wadsworth
  - 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
- J.2 International Management Activities Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate
- J.3 2025-26 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures—Preliminary Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review Preliminary Reference Point Values and Make Recommendations on Their Use in Determining Stock Status; Consider the Need to Develop Annual Catch Limits or Other Harvest Objectives and/or Management Measures

**K. Administrative Matters**

- K.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
  
- K.2 Approve Council Meeting Record Brad Pettinger
  - a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record
  
- K.3 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures –  
Including Final 2025-27 Advisory Body Composition 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 for 2024; Adopt Final Advisory Body Composition for 2025-27; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures, As Appropriate
  
- K.4 Future Council Meeting Agenda & 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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**278<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2024**

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

**Day 1 - Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon II

**Day 2— Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Online
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite C&D
Budget Committee	1:00 p.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Suite A
Chair’s Briefing	4:00 p.m.	Salon III

**Day 3— Thursday, September 19, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite C&D
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Enforcement Consultants	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite C&D

**Day 4— Friday, September 20, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite C&D
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Suite A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite C&D

**Day 5— Saturday, September 21, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite C&D
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II



**Day 5— Saturday, September 21, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite C&D

**Day 6— Sunday, September 22, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite C&D
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

**Day 7— Monday, September 23, 2024**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite C&D
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

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**PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2024 SPOKANE, WA**

Acronyms	Thur, Sept 19	Fri, Sept 20	Sat, Sept 21	Sun, Sept 22	Mon, Sept 23
<p><i>BC: Budget Committee</i>  <i>CSP: Catch Sharing Plan</i>  <i>EAS/EWG: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Workgroup</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>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i>  <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i>  <i>HMS: Highly Migratory Species</i>  <i>HMSAS/MT: HMS Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i>  <i>IRA: Inflation Reduction Act</i>  <i>MPC: Marine Planning Committee</i>  <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Services</i>  <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i>  <i>ROA: Range of Alternatives</i>  <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel/Technical Team</i>  <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i>  <i>VMS: Vessel Monitoring System</i></p>	<p><b>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</b>                      Discuss Litigation &amp; Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</b>  <b>1-5.</b> Opening Remarks, New Council Member Appointments, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>B. OPEN COMMENT</b>  <b>1.</b> Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>C. Cross FMP</b>  <b>1.</b> Marine Planning (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>D. HABITAT</b>  <b>1.</b> Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>E. SALMON</b>  <b>1.</b> NMFS Rpt. (30 min)  <b>2.</b> Methodology Review – Final Topic Selection (30 min)  <b>3.</b> Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding – ROA/PPA (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p><b>F. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b>  <b>1.</b> 2025 Prelim CSP and Reg. (1 hr 30 min)  <b>2.</b> Commercial Fishery Measures: VMS, Seabird Avoidance, and Catch Reporting – ROA, PPA (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</b>  <b>1.</b> NMFS Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>H. ECOSYSTEM</b>  <b>1.</b> Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative 4 – Groundfish and Salmon Risk Tables; Progress Review (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>C. Cross FMP</b>  <b>2.</b> Equity and Environmental Justice Gap Analysis Framework and Regional Implementation Plan (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p><b>I. GROUND FISH</b>  <b>1.</b> NMFS Rpt. – inc. Sablefish MSE Update Rates (1 hr)  <b>2.</b> Methodology Review: Prelim Impact Model Topics (1 hr)  <b>3.</b> Final Trawl Cost Project Report (2 hr)  <b>4.</b> 2025 &amp; 2027 Stock Assessment Plan and Schedule (1 hour)</p> <hr/> <p><b>C. Cross FMP</b>  <b>3.</b> IRA Projects - Check In (2 hr)</p>	<p><b>I. GROUND FISH</b>  <b>5.</b> Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025 &amp; 2027 – PPA (2 hr)  <b>6.</b> Inseason Adjustments - Final Action (2 hr)  <b>7.</b> Trawl Catch Share &amp; Intersector Allocation Review – Scoping (2 hr)  <b>8.</b> Phase 2: Stock Definitions – Scoping (2 hr 30 min)</p>	<p><b>J. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>  <b>1.</b> NMFS Report (30 min)  <b>2.</b> International Management Activities (1 hr)  <b>3.</b> 2025-26 Harvest Specs and Management Measures – Preliminary (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>K. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>  <b>1.</b> Fiscal Matters (1 hr)  <b>2.</b> Approve Council Meeting Record (15 min)  <b>3.</b> Membership Appt. inc. 25-27 Positions &amp; Council Operating Procedures (2 hr)  <b>4.</b> Future Council Meeting Agenda &amp; Workload Planning (2 hr)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Remote AB Meetings in Advance</b></p>					
<p>EAS, EWG, HC, MPC, STT, EEJC</p>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate and agenda Items may be cancelled or rescheduled.</p> <p>Proposed Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning participation. Advisory Bodies listed in <b>bold</b> below are <b>proposed as in-person sessions</b>.</p> </div>		
<p align="center"><b>Tues. Sept 17</b></p> <p><b>8 am SSC</b></p>					
<p align="center"><b>Wed, Sept 18</b></p>	<p align="center">7.5 hr</p>	<p align="center">8 hr</p>	<p align="center">7 hr</p>	<p align="center">8.5 hr</p>	<p align="center">8.3 hr</p>
<p>7 am Secretariat  <b>8 am GAP &amp; GMT</b>                      8 am SAS (online)  <b>8 am SSC</b>  <b>1 pm BC</b>  <b>2 pm EC</b></p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat  <b>8 am GAP &amp; GMT</b></p> <p><b>8 am SSC</b></p> <p><b>Ad Hoc EC</b>                      6 pm Chair's Reception</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat  <b>8 am GAP &amp; GMT</b></p> <p><b>8 am HMSAS &amp; HMSMT</b></p> <p><b>Ad Hoc EC</b></p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat  <b>8 am GAP &amp; GMT</b></p> <p><b>8 am HMSAS &amp; HMSMT</b></p> <p>Ad Hoc EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      7 am Secretariat</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC (online)</p>