

## STAFF PROPOSAL FOR TRAWL CATCH SHARE REVIEW AND INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION HEARINGS

In November 2022, the Council recommended holding a series of hearings covering both the trawl catch shares and intersector allocation review in the following areas:

- Seattle
- Astoria
- Newport
- Eureka
- San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay

Additionally, the Council proposed that there be two online hearings, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The Council was slated to announce the dates and times of these hearings at the March 2023 Council meeting. However, due to delays in the gear switching action (completed April 2024) and staff capacity, the review process and announcement was delayed.

After consideration of the Council budget and staff time needed for these hearings, Council staff is recommending a smaller set of hearings (one in person in each state) to be hosted in spring of 2025:

- Seattle
- Astoria OR Newport
- Eureka OR San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay

The two virtual options could still occur (one midday, one evening).

Based on locations selected by the Council, staff will schedule sessions in April or May and will publicly notice the dates and times by the end of 2024 or beginning of 2025. The Council should also identify hearing officers at this meeting for each of the hearings. With the hearings completed by early May, staff could then incorporate feedback into the draft reports for the Council to review in June or September 2025.

PFMC  
08/21/24