

279th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council



November 13-18, 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 [November Council meeting web page](#).

| Wed Nov. 13 | Thursday Nov. 14 | Friday Nov. 15 | Saturday Nov. 16 | Sunday Nov. 17 | Monday Nov. 18 |
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| Advisory Bodies Meet | Closed Session | Salmon | Highly Migratory Species | Groundfish | Coastal Pelagic Species |
| | Call to Order | | | | |
| | Open Comment | | | | |
| | Administrative | Pacific Halibut | Cross FMP | Administrative | Administrative |
| | Cross FMP | | | | |
| | Habitat | | | | |



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Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Thursday, November 14, 2024

General Council Session
Catalina 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.

10 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. Administrative Matters

- C.1 Council Coordination Committee Report Merrick Burden
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan

- D. 1 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Priorities Kelly Ames
 - a. NMFS Report NMFS Leadership Team
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

Thursday, November 14, 2024 - continued

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- D.2 Marine Planning Kerry Griffin
a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee Mike Conroy
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action:** Consider Marine Planning Issues and Committee Report, Provide Guidance as Appropriate

E. Habitat Issues

- E.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

Friday, November 15, 2024

8 a.m. Catalina Ballroom

- A. **Call to Order** (*reconvene*) Brad Pettinger
A.5 Commencing Remarks Merrick Burden

F. Salmon Management

- F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report 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
- F.2 Final Methodology Review Results and Proposed Council
Operating Procedure (COP) 15 Updates Angela Forristall
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Results for 2025 and Beyond, as Needed; Adopt Proposed Updates to COP 15 for Public Review
- F.3 Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding Plan – Final Angela Forristall
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding Plan
- F.4 Final 2025 Preseason Management Schedule Angela Forristall
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2025 Preseason Management Schedule

Friday, November 15, 2024 - continued

F. Salmon Management (continued)

- F.5 Klamath River Fall Chinook Workgroup Progress Report and Recommendations Angela Forristall
 - a. Workgroup Report Michael O’Farrell
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Workgroup Report and Adopt Recommendations, As Appropriate

- F.6 Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup Progress Report and Recommendations Angela Forristall
 - a. Workgroup Report Will Satterthwaite
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Workgroup Report and Adopt Recommendations, As Appropriate

G. Pacific Halibut Management

- G.1 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Final Angela Forristall
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

- G.2 Commercial Fishery Regulation Changes: Vessel Monitoring Systems, Seabird Avoidance, and Catch Reporting – Final Angela Forristall
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives

Saturday, November 16, 2024

8 a.m. Catalina Ballroom

- A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)** Brad Pettinger
 - A.6 Commencing Remarks Merrick Burden

H. Highly Migratory Species Management

- H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kit Dahl
 - a. Regulatory Activities Ryan Wulff
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

Saturday, November 16, 2024 - continued

H. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

- H.2 International Management Activities Including Bluefin Tuna Trip Limits 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 Recommendations on Domestic Management Measures Needed to Address International Agreements

- H.3 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Final Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Available Stock Status Determination Criteria; Consider the Need to Develop Annual Catch Limits or Other Harvest Objectives and/or Management Measures

- H.4 Highly Migratory Species Roadmap Workshop Report and Next Steps Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Report and Provide Guidance on Next Steps

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- D.3 Research and Data Needs Marlene Bellman
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Top Science and Management Challenges

- D.4 Council Operations and Priorities Kelly Ames
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Staff Report and Provide Guidance on Next Steps, as Necessary

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8 a.m.

Catalina Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

I. Groundfish Management

- I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Todd Phillips
 - a. Regulatory Activities Keeley Kent
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Craig Russell
 - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

- I.2 Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Reviews:
Hearing Officers and Locations Jessi Waller
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Hearing Schedule and Appoint Hearing Officers

- I.3 Methodology Review: Final Fishery Impact Model Review Topics and Stock Assessment Methodologies Marlene Bellman
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Identify Final Topics for Fishery Impact Model Review and Adopt Final Stock Assessment Methodologies

- I.4 Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025 and 2027 – Final Marlene Bellman
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives

- I.5 Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions Jessi Waller
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Purpose and Need, Range of Alternatives, and Preliminary Preferred Alternative, if Possible

- I.6 Inseason Adjustments 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 Inseason Adjustments for 2024 and 2025, including Pacific Whiting Off the Top Bycatch Deductions; Technical Corrections to the 2025-2026 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, as Appropriate

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.2 Fiscal Matters Patricia Hearing
 - a. Report of the Budget Committee
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations

Sunday, November 17, 2024 - continued

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.3 Legislative Matters Merrick Burden
 - a. Report of the Legislative Committee
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations

Monday, November 18, 2024

8 a.m.

Catalina Ballroom

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

- J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report 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
- J.2 Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan Fishery Management Jessi Waller/Katrina Bernaus
 - Plan Amendment (FMP) – Final
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for a Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan, including an FMP Amendment
- J.3 Stock Assessment Prioritization Jessi Waller/Katrina Bernaus
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Stock Assessment Priorities for 2026-27 and Provide Other Guidance, as Appropriate

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.4 Approve Council Meeting Record Merrick Burden
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures –
Including Final 2025-27 Advisory Body Appointments 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 including Final 2025-27 Advisory Body Appointments; Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures

- C.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Merrick Burden
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting and Workload Planning

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**279TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13-18, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1— Wednesday, November 13, 2024

| | Time | How to Attend |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Secretariat | 7:00 a.m. | Bristol I |
| Scientific and Statistical Committee | 8:00 a.m. | Newport Beach 1&2 |
| Salmon Technical Team | 8:00 a.m. | Laguna Beach 3 |
| Groundfish Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| Groundfish Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Legislative Committee | 10:00 a.m. | Laguna Beach 1 |
| Budget Committee | 2:00 p.m. | Laguna Beach 1 |
| Enforcement Consultants | 2:00 p.m. | Laguna Beach 2 |

Day 2 — Thursday, November 14, 2024

| | Time | How to Attend |
|--|--------------|----------------------|
| Secretariat | 7:00 a.m. | Bristol I |
| Washington State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Oregon State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| California State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Laguna Beach 3 |
| Scientific and Statistical Committee | 8:00 a.m. | Newport Beach 1&2 |
| Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 1 |
| Highly Migratory Species Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Groundfish Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| Groundfish Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Enforcement Consultants | As Necessary | Laguna Beach 2 |
| Chair’s Banquet | 6:00 p.m. | Fountain Terrace |

Day 3 — Friday, November 15, 2024

| | Time | How to Attend |
|--|--------------|----------------------|
| Secretariat | 7:00 a.m. | Bristol I |
| Washington State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Oregon State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| California State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 1 |
| Highly Migratory Species Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Groundfish Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| Groundfish Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Enforcement Consultants | As Necessary | Laguna Beach 2 |

Day 4 — Saturday, November 16, 2024

| | Time | How to Attend |
|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Secretariat | 7:00 a.m. | Bristol I |
| Washington State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Oregon State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| California State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 1 |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Enforcement Consultants | As Necessary | Online |

Day 5 — Sunday, November 17, 2024

| | Time | How to Attend |
|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Secretariat | 7:00 a.m. | Bristol I |
| Washington State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Oregon State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| California State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 1 |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team | 8:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Enforcement Consultants | As Necessary | Online |

Day 6 — Monday, November 18, 2024

| | Time | How to Attend |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Secretariat | 7:00 a.m. | Bristol I |
| Washington State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 2 |
| Oregon State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Emerald Bay 3 |
| California State Delegation | 7:00 a.m. | Balboa Bay |

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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 13-18, 2024, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

| Acronyms | Thur, Nov 14 | Fri, Nov 15 | Sat, Nov 16 | Sun, Nov 17 | Mon, Nov 18 |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <p><i>AB: Advisory Body</i> <i>ACL: Annual Catch Limits</i> <i>BC: Budget Committee</i> <i>CCC: Council Coordination Committee</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>EFP: Exempted Fishing Permits</i> <i>FMP: Fishery Management Plan</i> <i>FPA: final preferred alternative</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>KRFC: Klamath River Fall Chinook</i> <i>LC: Legislative Committee</i> <i>MPC: Marine Planning Committee</i> <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i> <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i> <i>ROA: range of alternatives</i> <i>Rpt: Report</i> <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team</i> <i>SRKW: Southern Resident Killer Whale</i> <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i> <i>VMS: vessel monitoring system</i></p> | <p align="center">CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</p> <p>Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">A. CALL TO ORDER 10 AM</p> <p>1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED’s Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">B. OPEN COMMENT</p> <p>1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>1. CCC Meeting Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">D. CROSS FMP</p> <p>1. NMFS 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Priorities (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>2. Marine Planning (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">E. HABITAT</p> <p>1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p> | <p align="center">F. SALMON</p> <p>1. NMFS Report (30 min)</p> <p>2. Final Methodology Review Results & Proposed Council Operating Procedure 15 Updates (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>3. Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding – FPA (1 hr)</p> <p>4. Final 2025 Preseason Mgmt. Schedule (30 min)</p> <p>5. KRFC Workgroup Progress Rpt & Recommendations (1 hr)</p> <p>6. SRFC Workgroup Progress Rpt & Recommendations (1 hr, 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">G. PACIFIC HALIBUT</p> <p>1. 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations - Final (1 hr)</p> <p>2. Commercial Fishery Regulation Changes: VMS, Seabird Avoidance, and Catch Reporting-FPA (1 hr 30 min)</p> | <p align="center">H. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>1. NMFS Report (30 min)</p> <p>2. International Management Activities Including Bluefin Tuna Trip Limits (1 hr)</p> <p>3. Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Final (1 hr)</p> <p>4. HMS Roadmap Workshop Report and Next Steps (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">D. CROSS FMP</p> <p>3. Research and Data Needs – Identify Top Science and Management Challenges (2 hr)</p> <p>4. Council Operations and Priorities (2 hr)</p> | <p align="center">I. GROUND FISH</p> <p>1. NMFS Report (30 min)</p> <p>2. Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Reviews: Hearing Officers and Locations (30 min)</p> <p>3. Methodology Review: Final Fishery Impact Model Review Topics and Stock Assessment Methodologies (1 hr)</p> <p>4. Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025 & 2027 – FPA (1 hr)</p> <p>5. Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions – ROA, PPA (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>6. Inseason Adjustments for 2024-25 including Whiting ACL Off the Top Deductions & 25-26 Harvest Specifications Technical Corrections (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>2. Fiscal Matters (1 hr)</p> <p>3. Legislative Matters (30 min)</p> | <p align="center">J. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</p> <p>1. NMFS Report (30 min)</p> <p>2. Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan FMP Amendment – Final Action (2 hr)</p> <p>3. Stock Assessment Prioritization for 2026-27 (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>4. Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min)</p> <p>5. Membership Appointments including Final 2025-27 Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (2 hr)</p> <p>6. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)</p> |
| <p>AB Meetings in Advance</p> <p>HC, MPC, EEJC</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Wed, Nov 13</p> | <p>8 hr</p> | <p>8.5 hr</p> | <p>8 hr</p> | <p>8 hr</p> | <p>7.8 hr</p> |
| <p>7 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>8 am SSC</p> <p>8 am STT</p> <p>10 am LC</p> <p>2 pm BC</p> <p>2 pm EC</p> | <p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>7 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>8 am SSC</p> <p>8 am SAS</p> <p>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC</p> <p>6 pm Chair’s Banquet</p> | <p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>7 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC</p> | <p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>7 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am CPSAS & CPSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC (online)</p> | <p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>7 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am CPSAS & CPSMT</p> <p>Ad Hoc EC (online)</p> | <p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>7 am Secretariat</p> |

Advisory Bodies listed in **bold** below are **scheduled as in-person sessions**. All others are proposed as remote meetings. Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the November Council meeting, check the [Council web page](#) for