

TRAWL CATCH SHARE PROGRAM AND INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION REVIEWS:  
HEARING OFFICERS AND LOCATIONS

In September 2024, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) adopted a scope for the trawl catch share program and intersector allocation reviews. For the trawl catch share review, the review document will look at the program performance of the trawl catch share program and provide a diagnosis of why the program does not appear to be meeting its economic goals and objectives. For the intersector allocation review, the Council broadened the scope from formal allocations to include those stocks allocated on a biennial basis through the harvest specifications process.

The Council provided some preliminary guidance on hearing locations that included Seattle and Westport, Washington; Astoria and Newport, Oregon; and Eureka and Morro Bay/San Luis Obispo, California. There was also consideration of online hearings (one daytime, one evening session). Council staff has discussed staff capacity and provides two options for the Council to consider in Attachment 1. After receiving final guidance on the hearing locations, Council staff is proposing to notice the locations, dates, and times on the Council website by the end of 2024 or beginning of 2025.

The Council is also expected to appoint hearing officers for each selected hearing location (including any online hearings).

**Council Action:**

- 1. Provide guidance on hearing schedule and locations.**
- 2. Appoint hearing officers.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1: Staff Report on Hearing Locations.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- 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