



Pacific Fishery Management Council  
**MEETING NOTICE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
*January 27, 2025*

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting  
March 4-11, 2025 to Adopt Management Measures  
for Ocean Fisheries**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet March 4-11, 2025 in Vancouver, Washington and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment in person and remotely starting March 6, 2025 at 9 a.m., reconvening at 8 a.m. March 7 through March 11, 2025. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. March 6, to address litigation and personnel matters. Advisory body meetings will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats as described on the last pages of the attached proposed agenda. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#). Briefing materials will be available on the [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#) no later than February 14, 2025 by the end of the day.

The Council is scheduled to address issues related to Pacific halibut, salmon, ecosystem, groundfish, highly migratory species (HMS), and administrative matters. Several agenda items have impacts that span multiple Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) and are labeled "Cross FMP." Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

- Cross FMP
  - United States Coast Guard annual report
  - Marine planning
- Pacific Halibut Management
  - Annual report of the International Pacific Halibut Commission
  - Adopt incidental Pacific halibut catch options for salmon troll and final limits for the fixed gear sablefish fisheries. Final action for the salmon troll limits is scheduled for the April 10-15, 2025 Council meeting in San Jose, California and online
- Salmon
  - Adopt the 2025 ocean salmon management alternatives for public review. Final action is scheduled for the April 10-15, 2025 Council meeting in San Jose, California and online
- Ecosystem
  - Report on the 2024-2025 California Current Annual Ecosystem and identify scientific review topics for 2025

- Habitat Issues
  - Discuss current habitat issues
- Groundfish Management
  - A presentation on the biological opinion of the effects of the continued operation of the Pacific coast groundfish fishery on humpback whales and leatherback sea turtles
  - Pacific Whiting Treaty implementation and 2025 fishery expectations
  - Adoption of the final stock assessment methodologies for 2025
  - Final action on Cordell Bank Conservation Area revisions
  - Refining the range of alternatives and identifying the preliminary preferred alternative for Phase 2 of the groundfish stock definitions
  - Refining the range of alternatives and identifying the preliminary preferred alternative for gear endorsements, cost recovery, and other administrative changes in the limited entry fixed gear fishery
  - Adopt groundfish workload priorities and provide guidance on schedules
  - Adopt inseason adjustments
- HMS
  - Provide recommendations on U.S. positions for upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and other forums, as appropriate
  - Provide comments on the Draft HMS Roadmap and next steps

The declared COVID health emergency is over; however, the Council recommends that participants follow the COVID-19 and respiratory illness guidelines provided by local, State, and [Federal](#) health authorities. Council participants are encouraged to bring masks and tests to the meeting in the event they are needed. A limited supply of tests and masks will be available in the Council Ballroom.

All meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity to participate and provide oral testimony in person and remotely for the Council session. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed detailed agenda. Information is also available on the [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#) or by calling the Council office at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 (toll-free).

The meeting of the Council will be live streamed on the internet. The broadcast will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025. The meeting will continue daily at 8:00 a.m. through Tuesday, March 11. Broadcasts end daily at 5:00 p.m. or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action on each agenda item. To access the meeting online, please visit the [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#). It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting.

Advisory body meetings will be conducted in person and online according to the schedules in the attached proposed agenda. There will be an opportunity for public comment daily in each of the meetings. Instructions for how to connect to meetings being held via webinar will be posted on the Council's [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting.

### ***Public Comment Guidelines***

The public is encouraged to comment on Council agenda items in writing prior to the meeting through our [Public Comment Electronic Portal](#). Additionally, there will be an opportunity for oral public comment in person and remotely prior to Council Action on each agenda item. Timing of agenda items may change as the meeting progresses, and items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to later in the meeting, usually the next day.

#### **Oral Public Comments**

Oral public comments will be accepted in person and remotely during the meeting prior to Council action on each agenda item. Instructions for oral public comments will be available on the [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#).

#### **Written Public Comments**

Written public comments must be submitted to our [Public Comment Electronic Portal](#). To submit written public comment, visit the [March 2025 Meeting webpage](#) and select "E-portal for Public Comments", select the upcoming meeting, and then select the agenda item of interest. You can either enter your comments in the text box or upload a file containing your comments in Adobe pdf. You will be limited to one comment per agenda item until the E-Portal closes on **February 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** Materials will be posted as they are received and reviewed, but no later than the start of the Council meeting.

Written comments after the Council meeting starts will only be accepted if they are in support of oral public comment and are submitted via the [E-Portal](#) prior to Council Action on the agenda item.

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280th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

March 4-11, 2025

Hilton Vancouver Washington

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Vancouver, WA 98660

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The Council is meeting in person in Vancouver, WA 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 [March 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 [March Council meeting web page](#).

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
March 4	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	
SSC Meets	Closed Session	Salmon	Groundfish	Groundfish	HMS	Salmon	
	Call to Order		Salmon	Salmon			
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>March 5</b>	Open Comment	Ecosystem	Groundfish	Groundfish		Admin	
Advisory Bodies Meet	Pacific Halibut				Cross FMP		Salmon
	Cross FMP				Habitat		Admin



280th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
March 4-11, 2025

Proposed Detailed  
**AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

General Council Session  
Heritage 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 | Roll Call                                | Merrick Burden        |
| A.3 | Agenda                                   | Brad Pettinger        |
|     | a. <b>Council Action:</b> Approve Agenda |                       |
| A.4 | 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. Pacific Halibut Management**

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| C.1 | Annual Report of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)                        | Angela Forristall |
|     | a. IPHC Report  | Basia Hutnikzac   |
|     | b. Area 2A Managers Report  |                   |
|     | c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies                          |                   |
|     | d. Public Comment   |                   |
|     | e. <b>Council Action:</b> Discuss IPHC Meeting Reports and Provide Guidance, as Appropriate |                   |

**C. Pacific Halibut Management (continued)**

- C.2 Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for Salmon Troll and Final Action for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Recommend Inseason Changes to April/May 2025 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Options for Public Review on Retention in 2025 and April/May 2026 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2025 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

**D. Cross Fishery Management Plan**

- D.1 United States Coast Guard (USCG) Annual Report Katrina Bernaus
  - 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

**E. Salmon Management**

- E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Angela Forristall
  - 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 Review of 2024 Fisheries and Summary of 2025 Stock Forecasts Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Adopt 2025 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits, and Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, as Necessary

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

**8 a.m. Heritage Ballroom**

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

**E. Salmon Management(continued)**

- E.3 Identify Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2025 Management Alternatives Angela Forristall
- a. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission P. Anderson, J. North, D. Sones
  - b. NMFS Recommendations Susan Bishop
  - c. Tribal Recommendations David Sones
  - d. State Agencies Recommendations K. Adicks, J. North, M. Yaremko
  - e. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - f. Public Comment
  - g. **Council Action:** Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Management Measure Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Consider Inseason Adjustments to Fisheries Prior to May 16, 2025

**F. Ecosystem Management**

- F.1 2024-25 California Current Ecosystem Status Report and 2025 Science Review Topics Gilly Lyons
- a. California Current Ecosystem Status Report Mary Hunsicker, Andrew Leising
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Review the California Current Ecosystem Status Report and Consider Ecosystem Science Review Topics for 2025

**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 Committee Report and Provide Guidance

**G. Habitat Issues**

- G.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

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**8 a.m.**

**Heritage Ballroom**

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

Brad Pettinger

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**H. Groundfish Management**

H.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

H.2 Humpback Whale and Leatherback Sea Turtle Biological Opinion

Jessi Waller

a. NMFS Report

Dan Lawson

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

**E. Salmon Management (continued)**

E.4 Recommendations for 2025 Management Alternative Analysis

Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. Council Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis

**H. Groundfish Management (continued)**

H.3 Implementation of the 2025 Pacific Whiting Fishery under the U.S./Canada Agreement and 2025 Fishery

Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2025 Pacific Whiting Fishery, Discuss 2025 Fishery Expectations

H.4 Final Assessment Methodologies

Marlene Bellman

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Review and Approve Accepted Practices Guidelines, as Appropriate

H.5 Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions—Final

Jessi Waller

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternative



**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**8 a.m.**

**Heritage Ballroom**

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

Brad Pettinger

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**H. Groundfish Management (continued)**

H.6 Phase 2 Stock Definitions

Todd Phillips

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Range of Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s), Provide Guidance on Next Steps, as Appropriate

**E. Salmon Management (continued)**

E.5 Further Direction for 2025 Management Alternatives

Angela Forristall

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. Further Council Guidance and Direction, as Necessary

**H. Groundfish Management (continued)**

H.7 Limited Entry Fixed Gear Actions: Gear Endorsements, Cost Recovery, and Other Administrative Changes

Jessi Waller

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Revise Range of Alternatives, as Appropriate, Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternative, Provide Guidance on Next Steps

H.8 Workload and New Management Measures Priorities

Todd Phillips

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Priorities and Provide Guidance on Schedules

H.9 Inseason Adjustments – Final

Todd Phillips

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2025

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

**8 a.m.**

**Heritage Ballroom**

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

Brad Pettinger

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**I. Highly Migratory Species Management**

I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Kerry Griffin

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

I.2 International Management Activities

Kerry Griffin

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate

I.3 Highly Migratory Species Roadmap

Kerry Griffin, Gilly Lyons

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Consider the Draft Roadmap and Provide Guidance, as Appropriate

**E. Salmon Management (continued)**

E.6 Further Direction for 2025 Management Alternatives

Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. Further Council Guidance and Direction, as Necessary

**J. Administrative Matters**

J.1 Legislative Matters

Merrick Burden

a. Report of the Legislative Committee

Chris Oliver

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations

J.2 Approve Council Meeting Record

Merrick Burden

a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

**Tuesday, March 11, 2024**

**8 a.m.**

**Heritage Ballroom**

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

Brad Pettinger

A.9 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**E. Salmon Management (continued)**

E.7 Adopt 2025 Management Alternatives for Public Review

Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review

E.8 Appoint Salmon Hearing Officers

Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Appoint Hearings Officers

**J. Administrative Matters (continued)**

J.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

J.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 Agenda and Workload Planning

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**280TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
MARCH 4-11, 2025**

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

**Day 1— Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:00 p.m.	Cedar

**Day 2— Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Cedar
Legislative Committee	10:00 a.m.	Hemlock
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Ash

**Day 3 — Thursday, March 6, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Cedar
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Hemlock
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	Boardroom
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Ash
Chair’s Reception	6:00 p.m.	Heritage Ballroom Foyer

**Day 4 — Friday, March 7, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Hemlock
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	Boardroom

**Day 4 — Friday, March 7, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Ash

**Day 5 — Saturday, March 8, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

**Day 6 — Sunday, March 9, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

**Day 7 — Monday, March 10, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C

**Day 8 — Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C

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**PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, MARCH 4-11, 2025 VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

Acronyms	Thur, March 6	Fri, March 7	Sat, March 8	Sun, March 9	Mon, March 10	Tue, March 11
<p><i>EAS/EWG: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Work Group</i>  <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i>  <i>ED: Executive Director</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>IPHC: International Pacific Halibut Committee</i>  <i>LC: Legislative</i>  <i>MPC: Marine Planning Committee</i>  <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</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><b>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</b>                      Discuss Litigation &amp; Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</b>                      1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>B. OPEN COMMENT</b>                      1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>C. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b>                      1. IPHC Report (1 hr)                      2. Incidental Limits: Salmon Troll Options &amp; Fixed Gear Sablefish – Final (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>D. CROSS FMP</b>                      1. USCG Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>E. SALMON</b>                      1. NMFS Rpt. (1 hr)                      2. Review of 2024 Fisheries &amp; 2025 Stock Forecasts (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p><b>E. SALMON</b>                      3. Identify Management Objectives &amp; Preliminary Definition of 2025 Management Alternatives (2 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>F. ECOSYSTEM</b>                      1. 2024-25 California Current Annual Ecosystem Status Report &amp; Science Review Topics (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>D. CROSS FMP</b>                      2. Marine Planning (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>G. HABITAT</b>                      1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p>	<p><b>H. GROUND FISH</b>                      1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)                      2. Biological Opinion – Humpback Whales and Leatherback Sea Turtles (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>E. SALMON</b>                      4. 2025 Mgt. Alternative Analysis Recommendations (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>H. GROUND FISH</b>                      3. Pacific Whiting Treaty Implementation &amp; 2025 Fishery (2 hr)                      4. Final Assessment Methods: Stock Assessment Accepted Practices Guidelines (1 hr)                      5. Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions – Final Preferred Alternative (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p><b>H. GROUND FISH</b>                      6. Phase 2 – Stock Definitions, ROA, PPA (2 hour)</p> <hr/> <p><b>E. SALMON</b>                      5. Further Direction for 2025 Mgmt. Alternatives (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>H. GROUND FISH</b>                      7. Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow On Actions – PPA (2 hr)                      8. Workload and New Management Measures Prioritization (2 hr)                      9. Inseason Adjustments (1 hr)</p>	<p><b>I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>                      1. NMFS Report (30 min)                      2. International Management Activities (1 hr)                      3. HMS Roadmap (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p><b>E. SALMON</b>                      6. Further Direction for 2025 Mgmt. Alternatives (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>J. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      1. Legislative Matters (30 min)                      2. Approve Mtg. Record (15 min)</p>	<p><b>E. SALMON</b>                      7. Adopt 2025 Mgt. Alternatives for Public Review (1 hr 30 min)                      8. Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers (15 min)</p> <hr/> <p><b>J. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>                      3. Membership Appointments &amp; Council Operating Procedures (30 min)                      4. Future Council Meeting Agenda &amp; Workload Planning (2 hr)</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate &amp; agenda items may be cancelled or rescheduled. Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning at this stage. AB listed in <b>bold</b> are <b>proposed as in-person sessions</b>. See the Council website for more details.</p> </div>
<b>In Advance</b>						
<p><i>HMSAS/MT, HC, MPC</i></p> <p><b>Tue, March 4</b>                      1 pm SSC</p>						
<b>Wed, March 5</b>	7 hr	7.5 hr	7.5 hr	7.5 hr	4.8 hr	4.3 hr
<p>8 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT                      8 am SAS &amp; STT                      8 am SSC                      10 am LC                      2 pm EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      8 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT                      8 am SAS &amp; STT                      8 am SSC                      8 am EAS &amp; EWG                      As needed EC                      6 pm Chair's Reception</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      8 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT                      8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>8 am EAS &amp; EWG                      As needed EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      8 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT                      8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      8 am Secretariat                      8 am GAP &amp; GMT                      8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      8 am Secretariat                      8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations                      8 am Secretariat                      8 am STT</p>