THIRD REVISION Agenda Item A.3 March 2025 03/10/2025 6:00 AM

280th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

March 4-11, 2025

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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 March Council meeting web page.

Tuesday March 4	Thursday March 6	Friday March 7	Saturday March 8	Sunday March 9	Monday March 10	Tuesday March 11			
SSC Meets	Closed Session	Habitat	Cross FMP	Groundfish	HMS				
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March 5	Open Comment		SaiiiiOii						
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Advisory Bodies Meet Pacific Halibut	Ecosystem	Groundfish	Groundfish	Administrative	Administrative				
	Pacific Halibut	Groundfish		Salmon					



# 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

A.1 Opening Remarks

A.2 Roll Call

A.3 Agenda

Brad Pettinger, Chair

Merrick Burden

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

## Salmon and Halibut Agenda Items Reordered (processed March 5, 2025)

#### 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

#### Thursday, March 6, 2025 - continued

#### C. Pacific Halibut Management

- C.1 Annual Report of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Angela Forristall
  - a. IPHC Report

Basia Hutniczak

- b. Area 2A Managers Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Action: Discuss IPHC Meeting Reports and Provide Guidance, as **Appropriate**
- 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

#### Friday, March 7, 2025

## **Agenda Items Reordered** (processed March 6, 2025)

8 a.m. Heritage Ballroom

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

Brad Pettinger

A.5 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

#### **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

#### 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

d. State Agencies Recommendations

- David Sones K. Adicks, J. North, M. Yaremko
- e. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
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- 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

#### H. Groundfish Management

H.2 Humpback Whale and Leatherback Sea Turtle Biological Opinion

Jessi Waller Dan Lawson

- a. NMFS Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

## Friday, March 7, 2025 - continued

#### H. Groundfish Management (continued)

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

## Saturday, March 8, 2025

## **Agenda Items Reordered** (processed March 6, 2025)

8 a.m. Heritage Ballroom

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

**Brad Pettinger** 

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

#### D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

D.2 Marine Planning

Kerry Griffin Mike Conroy

- a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Marine Planning Committee Report and Provide Guidance

## 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

#### Saturday, March 8, 2025 - continued

#### H. Groundfish Management (continued)

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
- 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

#### Monday, March 10, 2025

## **Agenda Items Reordered** (processed March 10, 2025)

8 a.m. Heritage Ballroom

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

**Brad Pettinger** 

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

#### 1. Highly Migratory Species Management

I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Kerry Griffin

a. Regulatory Activities

**Rachael Wadsworth** 

- 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.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

#### I. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

I.2 International Management Activities

Kerry Griffin

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- Council Action: Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate
- 1.3 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

## H. Groundfish Management (continued)

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 - Continued

#### 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

#### 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

## Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

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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		
	Time	How to Attend
Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:00 p.m.	Cedar

Day 2— Wednesday, March 5, 2025			
	Time	How to Attend	
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Oak	
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.	Birch	
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Boardroom	

Day 3 — Thursday, March 6, 2025		
	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage F
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Oak
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.	Birch
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	Ash
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Boardroom
Chair's Reception	6:00 p.m.	Heritage Ballroom Foyer

Day 4 — Friday, March 7, 2025			
	Time	How to Attend	
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage F	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Oak	
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.	Birch	
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	Ash	

Day 4 — Friday, March 7, 2025		
	Time	How to Attend
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Boardroom

Day 5 — Saturday, March 8, 2025			
	Time	How to Attend	
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E	
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Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Oak	
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			
	Time	How to Attend	
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage F	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Oak	
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			
	Time	How to Attend	
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage F	
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E	
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C	
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online	

Day 8 — Tuesday, March 11, 2025			
	Time	How to Attend	
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder	
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D	
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E	
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage F	
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
EAS/EWG: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Work Group EC: Enforcement Consultants ED: Executive Director GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt. Team HC: Habitat Committee HMS: Highly Migratory Species HMSAS/MT: HMS Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team IPHC: International Pacific Halibut Committee	CLOSED SESSION 8 AM Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)  A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min)  B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-	G. HABITAT  1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)  E. SALMON  3. Identify Management Objectives & Preliminary Definition of 2025 Management Alternatives (2 hr 30 min)	D. Cross FMP  2. Marine Planning (2 hr)  E. SALMON  4. 2025 Mgt. Alternative Analysis Recommendations (1 hr)  H. GROUNDFISH  3. Pacific Whiting	H. GROUNDFISH  6. Phase 2 – Stock Definitions, ROA, PPA (2 hour)  7. Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow On Actions – PPA (2 hr)  8. Workload and New Management Measures Prioritization (2 hr)	I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 1. NMFS Report (30 min)  E. SALMON 5. Further Direction for 2025 Mgmt. Alternatives (30 min)  I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 2. International	E. SALMON 7. Adopt 2025 Mgt Alternatives for Public Review (1 hr 30 min) 8. Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers (15 min)  J. ADMINISTRATIVE 3. Membership Appointments & Council Operating
LC: Legislative MPC: Marine Planning Committee NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team	E. SALMON 1. NMFS Rpt. (1 hr) 2. Review of 2024 Fisheries & 2025 Stock Forecasts (1 hr 30 min) D. CROSS FMP	F. ECOSYSTEM 1. 2024-25 California Current Annual Ecosystem Status Report & Science Review Topics (2 hr)	Treaty Implementation & 2025 Fishery (2 hr) 4. Final Assessment Methods: Stock Assessment Accepted Practices Guidelines (1 hr) 5. Cordell Bank		Activities (1 hr)  3. HMS Roadmap (2 hr)  H. GROUNDFISH 9. Inseason Adjustments (1 hr)	Procedures (30 mir  4. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)  Time estimates are approximate & agenda
SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee USCG: United States Coast Guard  In Advance  HMSAS/MT, HC, MPC	1. IPHC Report (1 hr)  2. Incidental Limits: Salmon Troll Options & Fixed Gear Sablefish –	H. GROUNDFISH  2. Biological Opinion — Humpback Whales and Leatherback Sea Turtles (1 hr 30 min)	Conservation Area Revisions – Final Preferred Alternative (1 hr 30 min)		J. ADMINISTRATIVE  1. Legislative Matters (30 min)  2. Approve Mtg. Record (15 min)  E. SALMON	items may be cancelled or rescheduled. Counci and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning at this stage. AB listed in bold are proposed as in-person sessions. See the Council website for
Tue, March 4 1 pm SSC	Final (30 min)	1. NMFS Rpt. (30 min)			6. Further Direction for 2025 Mgmt. Alternatives (30 min)	more details.
Wed, March 5  8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT 8 am SC	6 hr 7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT 8 am SSC	7.5 hr 7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT	7.5 hr 7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT	6 hr 7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT	6.3 hr 7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am SAS & STT	4.3 hr 7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am STT
10 am LC 2 pm EC	8 am EAS & EWG As needed EC 6 pm Chair's Reception	8 am EAS & EWG As needed EC	As needed EC (online)	As needed EC (online)	As needed EC (online)	