APPOINT SALMON HEARINGS OFFICERS

In 2025, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has scheduled one public hearing for each coastal state (Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 1). The hearings in Washington and California are currently scheduled to be held in-person. Consistent with past salmon hearings held in-person, virtual participation or streaming will not be available. The 2025 hearing for Oregon will be held on-line in an effort to increase public participation. A summary of the verbal public comments heard at the hearings will be provided to the Council at its April meeting.

The public is also able to provide comments and recommendations on the alternatives prior to and during the April Council meeting. Public comment on the salmon management alternatives can be submitted in writing through the Pacific Council's e-portal (<u>https://pfmc.psmfc.org</u>). Verbal public comment will also be accepted at the April Council meeting.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife also may announce additional state-sponsored hearings.

Council Task:

Confirm hearings officers and other official hearings attendees.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item E.8, Attachment 1: Schedule of Salmon Fishery Management Alternative Hearings.
- 2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

| E.8 | Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers | Angela Forristall |
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| a. | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| b. | Public Comment | |

c. Council Action: Appoint Hearings Officers Brad Pettinger

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