

281<sup>st</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

April 9-15, 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 [April Council meeting web page](#).

Wednesday April 9	Friday April 11	Saturday April 12	Sunday April 13	Monday April 14	Tuesday April 15
SSC (online)	Closed Session	Habitat	Coastal Pelagic Species	Coastal Pelagic Species	Administrative
<b>Thursday April 10</b>	Call to Order	Salmon	Salmon	Salmon	
	Open Comment				
	Cross FMP				
Advisory Bodies Meet	Salmon	Halibut	Coastal Pelagic Species	Cross FMP	Salmon
		Cross FMP			Administrative



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Proposed Detailed  
**AGENDA**

**Friday, April 11, 2025**

General Council Session  
*Oak Fir*

**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. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP)**

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|-----|--|---------------|
| C.1 | Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Report                | Kerry Griffin |
|     | a. Report of the ONMS  | Sarah Fangman |
|     | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |               |
|     | c. Public Comment  |               |
|     | d. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate                 |               |

**D. Salmon Management**

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|----------------|---|------------------------------|
| <del>D.1</del> | <del>National Marine Fisheries Service Report</del>                           | <del>Angela Forristall</del> |
|                | <del>a. Regulatory Activities</del>   | <del>Susan Bishop</del>      |
|                | <del>b. Fisheries Science Center Activities</del>                             | <del>Steve Lindley</del>     |
|                | <del>c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies</del> |                              |
|                | <del>d. Public Comment</del>  |                              |
|                | <del>e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate</del>                  |                              |

**CANCELLED**

**Friday, April 11, 2025 – continued**

**D. Salmon Management (continued)**

- D.2 Tentative Adoption of 2025 Management Measures for Analysis Angela Forristall
  - a. Update of Estimated Impacts of March 2025 Alternatives Michael O’Farrell
  - b. Summary of Public Hearings Hearings Officers
  - c. Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission Phil Anderson
  - d. North of Cape Falcon Forum Recommendations Oregon, Washington, Tribes
  - e. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - f. Public Comment
  - g. **Council Action:** Adopt Tentative 2025 Ocean Salmon Management Measures and any Necessary Harvest Specifications for Collation and Analysis

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

8 a.m.

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

Brad Pettinger

- A.5 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**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

**D. Salmon Management (continued)**

- D.3 Clarify Council Direction on 2025 Management Measures Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Guidance and Direction
- D.4 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection Angela Forristall
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Topics for 2025 Methodology Review
- D.5 Review of Essential Fish Habitat - Scoping Kerry Griffin
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Scope, Objectives, and Schedule for the Review

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 - continued**

**F. Pacific Halibut Management**

- F.1 Incidental Catch Limits for the 2025 Salmon Troll Fishery – Final Action Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for 2025 and Early 2026 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries

**C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (continued)**

- C.2 Research and Data Needs Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Research and Data Needs

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

8 a.m.

Oak Fir

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

- A.6 Commencing Remarks Brad Pettinger  
Merrick Burden

**G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

- G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Katrina Bernaus
- a. Regulatory Activities Josh Lindsay
  - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Annie Yau
  - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- G.2 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) for 2025-26 – Final Action Katrina Bernaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFP Recommendations for 2025-26 Fisheries

**D. Salmon Management (continued)**

- D.6 Further Direction on 2025 Management Measures Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Guidance and Direction

**G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management (continued)**

- G.3 Pacific Sardine Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for 2025-26 – Final Action Katrina Bernaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Assessment, Final Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for the 2025-26 Pacific Sardine Fishery

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 - continued**

- G.4 Pacific Mackerel Specifications and Management Measures for 2025-27  
- Final Action Katrina Bernaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Catch-Only Update, Final Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 Fishing Seasons

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

8 a.m.

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

Brad Pettinger

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management (*continued*)**

- G.5 Science and Management Priorities Katrina Bernaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review the List of Science and Management Topics; Consider Overall Workload and Provide Guidance on Priorities, Sequence, and Process

**D. Salmon Management (*continued*)**

- D.7 Further Direction on 2025 Management Measures Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Guidance and Direction

**C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (*continued*)**

- C.3 Socioeconomic Framework Workplan and Update Gilly Lyons
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Project Updates and Provide Guidance on Next Steps
- C.4 Adaptive Management Workplan and Update Gilly Lyons
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Project Updates and Provide Guidance on Next Steps
- C.5 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

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**8 a.m.**

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

Brad Pettinger

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

**H. Administrative Matters**

H.1 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

H.2 Fiscal Matters

Patricia Hearing

a. Report of the Budget Committee

Pete Hassemer

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

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

**D. Salmon Management (*continued*)**

D.8 Final Action on 2025 Management Measures

Angela Forristall, Robin Ehlke

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Management Measures for 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries

**H. Administrative Matters (*continued*)**

H.3 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 and Workload Planning

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**281<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
APRIL 9-15, 2025**

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

**Day 1— Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 2— Thursday, April 10, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	<a href="#">Online</a>
Habitat Committee	8 AM	San Simeon
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Santa Clara
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Budget Committee	2 PM	San Carlos
Enforcement Consultants	2 PM	Carmel

**Day 3— Friday, April 11, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	Monterey
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Clara
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Pine
Habitat Committee	8 AM	San Simeon
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Santa Clara
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	San Juan
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	San Carlos
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Carmel
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Riesling
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Monterey

**Day 4— Saturday, April 12, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	Monterey
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Clara
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Santa Clara
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	San Juan
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	San Carlos
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Carmel
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Riesling
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Monterey

**Day 5— Sunday, April 13, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	Monterey
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Clara
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Santa Clara
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	San Juan
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	San Carlos
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Riesling
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Monterey

**Day 6— Monday, April 14, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	Monterey
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Clara
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Pine
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Santa Clara
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Riesling
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Monterey

**Day 7— Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	Monterey
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Clara
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Pine
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Riesling
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	Monterey

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**PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, APRIL 9-15, 2025 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

Acronyms	Fri, Apr. 11	Sat, Apr. 12	Sun, Apr. 13	Mon, Apr. 14	Tues, Apr. 15
<p><i>BC: Budget Committee</i>  <i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i>  <i>CPSAS/MT: Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i>  <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i>  <i>EAS/EWG: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Workgroup</i>  <i>EFH: Essential Fish Habitat</i>  <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt. Team</i>  <i>HMSAS/MT: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel/Management Team</i>  <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i>  <i>ONMS: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries</i>  <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team</i>  <i>SSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</b></p> <p>Discuss Litigation &amp; Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</b></p> <p>1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, Executive Director’s Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>B. OPEN COMMENT</b></p> <p>1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>C. CROSS FMP</b></p> <p>1. ONMS Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>D. SALMON</b></p> <p>1. <del>NMFS Report (1 hr)</del>                  2. Tentative Adoption of 2025 Management Measures for Analysis (3 hr)</p>	<p align="center"><b>E. HABITAT</b></p> <p>1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>D. SALMON</b></p> <p>3. Clarify Council Direction on 2025 Management Measures (1 hr)</p> <p>4. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>5. EFH Scoping and Workplan (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>F. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b></p> <p>1. Final Incidental Catch Limits for the 2025 Salmon Troll Fishery (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>C. CROSS FMP</b></p> <p>2. Research and Data Needs – Preliminary Priorities (1 hr 30 min)</p>	<p align="center"><b>G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</b></p> <p>1. NMFS Report (1 hr)</p> <p>2. 2025-26 Exempted Fishing Permits - Final (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>D. SALMON</b></p> <p>6. Further Direction on 2025 Management Measures (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</b></p> <p>3. Sardine Update Assessment: Specifications &amp; Management Measures for 2025-26 - Final (2 hr)</p> <p>4. Pacific Mackerel Catch-Only Update: Specifications &amp; Management Measures for 2025-27 – Final (1 hr)</p>	<p align="center"><b>G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES</b></p> <p>5. Science &amp; Management Priorities (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>D. SALMON</b></p> <p>7. Further Direction on 2025 Management Measures (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>C. CROSS FMP</b></p> <p>3. Socioeconomic Framework Workplan and Update (30 min)</p> <p>4. Adaptive Management Workplan and Update (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>5. Council Operations and Priorities (2 hr)</p>	<p align="center"><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>1. Membership Appointments &amp; COPs (30 min)</p> <p>2. Fiscal Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>D. SALMON</b></p> <p>8. Final Action on 2025 Management Measures (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>H. ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <p>3. Future Council Meeting Agenda &amp; Workload Planning (2 hr)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid yellow; 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>Meetings in Advance</b>					
EAS/EWG, GMT/GAP, HMSAS/MT					
<b>Wed, April 9</b>					
8 am SSC (online)					
<b>Thurs, Apr. 10</b>	6 hr	6.5 hr	6 hr	7 hr	5.5 hr
<p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am SSC (online)</p> <p>8 am HC</p> <p>8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>2 pm BC</p> <p>2 pm EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am HC</p> <p>8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>8 am CPSAS &amp; CPSMT</p> <p>As needed EC</p> <p>6 pm Chair’s Reception</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>8 am CPSAS &amp; CPSMT</p> <p>As needed EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>8 am CPSAS &amp; CPSMT</p> <p>As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am SAS &amp; STT</p> <p>As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am STT</p>