



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 13, 2025

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting
April 9-15, 2025 to Adopt Management Measures
for Ocean Fisheries**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 9-15, 2025 in San Jose, California and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment in person and remotely starting Friday, April 11, at 9 a.m., and reconvening at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, through Tuesday, April 15, 2025. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, April 11, 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 [April 2025 Meeting webpage](#). Briefing materials will be available on the [April 2025 Meeting webpage](#) no later than Friday, March 28, 2025 by the end of the day.

The Council is scheduled to address issues related to salmon, Pacific halibut, coastal pelagic species (CPS), 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:

Salmon

- Adopt final management measures for 2025 ocean salmon fisheries
- Preliminary topic selection for the salmon methodology review
- Adopt the scope, objectives, and schedule for the essential fish habitat review

Pacific Halibut

- Adopt final incidental Pacific halibut catch recommendations for 2025 and early 2026 non-Indian salmon troll fisheries

CPS

- Adopt final exempted fishing permit recommendations for 2025-26 fisheries
- Adopt the Pacific sardine assessment, final harvest specifications, and management measures for 2025-26
- Adopt the Pacific mackerel catch-only update, final harvest specifications, and management measures for 2025-27
- Adopt a workload list of science and management topics, identify priorities, and provide guidance on schedules

Cross FMP

- Receive a project update on the development of a socio-economic framework for decision-making
- Explore pathways for a more flexible and adaptive management system
- Consider additional measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council process

The declared COVID health emergency is over; however, the Council recommends that participants follow the 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 [April 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 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Tuesday, April 15. Broadcasts end daily at 5 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 [April 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 [April 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 [April 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 [April 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. The public comment portal opens on March 14, 2025 and closes on April 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.

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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Meeting Notice - Proposed Agenda
 281st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council



April 9-15, 2025
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Jose
 2050 Gateway Place
 San Jose, CA 95110
 Phone: 408-453-4000

The Council is meeting in person in San Jose, California 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 [April 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 [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
Thursday April 10	Call to Order	Salmon	Salmon	Salmon	
	Open Comment			Cross FMP	
Advisory Bodies Meet	Salmon	Halibut	Coastal Pelagic Species	Cross FMP	Salmon
		Cross FMP			Cross FMP



281st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 9-15, 2025

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. Council Action: 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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| D.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 | |

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.

Oak Fir

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 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.

Oak Fir

- 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:** Adopt Workload List of Science and Management Topics, Identify Priorities, and Provide Guidance on Schedules
- D. Salmon Management (*continued*)**
- D.7 Further Direction on 2025 Management 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:** Provide Guidance on Next Steps

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 (BC)

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

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

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1— Wednesday, April 9, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Online

Day 2— Thursday, April 10, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Online
Habitat Committee	8 AM	San Carlos
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Santa Clara
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	San Jose
Budget Committee	2 PM	Monterey
Enforcement Consultants	2 PM	Carmel

Day 3— Friday, April 11, 2025

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

Day 4— Saturday, April 12, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	San Juan
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 Martin
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	San Simeon
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Carmel
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Monterey
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	San Juan

Day 5— Sunday, April 13, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	San Juan
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 Martin
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	San Simeon
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Monterey
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	San Juan

Day 6— Monday, April 14, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	San Juan
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	Online
Tribal Policy Group	As Necessary	Cedar
Tribal Policy Group Breakout	As Necessary	Monterey
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	San Juan

Day 7— Tuesday, April 15, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Silicon Valley
California State Delegation	7 AM	San Juan
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	Monterey
Washington Technical Group	As Necessary	San Juan

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

Time estimates are approximate & 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 **bold** are **proposed as in-person sessions**. See the Council website for more details.