

## FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

This agenda item is intended to refine general planning for future Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meetings with a focus on finalizing the proposed agendas for the September and November 2025 Council meetings in Spokane, Washington and Costa Mesa, California, respectively. The following attachments are intended to help facilitate Council planning:

1. Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) - An abbreviated display of potential agenda items for the next five Council meetings (Attachment 1). Several agenda items affect multiple Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) and are labeled “Cross FMP.” Shaded items on the YAG indicate uncertainty regarding the availability of materials needed for the advanced briefing book, which is essential for supporting Council action. The uncertainty is related to the Council and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff capacity and complexity of the action. The Executive Director will suggest removing the shading from an item if or when clarity arises regarding staff capacity to commit to the agenda item as scheduled. The second page of Attachment 1 includes acronyms and the proposed 2025 Advisory Body meeting schedule and meeting formats.
2. Quick Reference - A preliminary proposed abbreviated display of the September 2025 and November 2025 Council meeting agendas (Attachments 2 and 3).

The Executive Director will assist the Council in reviewing the proposed agenda materials and discussing any other matters relevant to Council meeting agendas and workload. After considering supplemental material provided at the Council meeting, and any reports and comments from advisory bodies and public, the Council will provide guidance for future agenda development, the proposed September and November Council meeting agendas, and workload priorities for Council staff and advisory bodies.

Since the April supplemental attachment ([Agenda Item H.3, Supplemental Attachment 6, April 2025](#)), several changes have been made relative to the September Quick Reference that were difficult to convey using the standard underline/strike-through format. First, there was a shift in advisory body and Council meeting dates. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will now begin meeting on September 18, and the Council meeting will take place from September 21–24. Most of the salmon-related items originally scheduled for September have been deferred to November due to workload. The only remaining salmon item in September is the finalization of salmon methodology review topics. The proposed updates to Council Operating Procedure 15 for the salmon methodology review has been postponed until such time the SSC and Salmon Technical Team (STT) are ready to bring forward materials. Their first discussion on the proposed workplan will occur during the October SSC/STT methodology review meeting. The Special Project Update (under Ecosystem) agenda item has been canceled and will be addressed through an informational report. Additionally, a groundfish stock assessment presentation is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at 1 PM. This presentation will occur outside of the Council floor.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Review pertinent information and provide guidance on potential agenda topics for future Council meetings.**
- 2. Provide final guidance on the proposed September and November agendas and plans for future Council meetings.**
- 3. Identify priorities for advisory body workload considerations.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.
2. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Quick Reference Agenda, September 2025.
3. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 3: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Quick Reference Agenda, November 2025.
4. If received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

**Agenda Order:**

- C.6 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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