



Pacific Fishery Management Council **MEETING NOTICE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 11, 2026

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting June 10-15, 2026 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 10-15, 2026 in Spokane, Washington and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment in person and remotely starting Friday, June 12 at 9 a.m., and reconvening at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, through Monday, June 15, 2026. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, June 12, to address litigation and personnel matters. Advisory body meetings begin June 10 and will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats as described on the last pages of the attached proposed meeting agenda. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [June 2026 meeting web page](#). Briefing materials will be available on the [June 2026 meeting web page](#) no later than Tuesday, May 26, 2026, by the end of the day.

The Council is scheduled to address issues related to groundfish, highly migratory species (HMS), habitat, 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:

Groundfish

- Final action on groundfish harvest specifications, management measures, and exempted fishing permits for 2027-28. Action also includes a Fishery Management Plan amendment to remove rebuilding plans for rebuilt stocks
- A review of the groundfish stock assessment process including recommendations to rebuild trust and increase communication between stakeholders and scientists
- Final stock assessment plan for 2027 and identification of preliminary priorities for 2029 and beyond. Longer term priorities are expected to cover the next 10 years with a process to revise as appropriate
- Preliminary action to adopt stock assessment terms of reference for 2027-28
- Adopt a preliminary preferred alternative to remove trawl time and area closures, which have been tested under an exempted fishing permit. Adopt updates to the declaration regulations to provide increased flexibility for trawl permit holders. Consideration to remove duplicative Federal recreational regulations regarding the sale of fish waste
- Adopt inseason adjustments

HMS

- Provide recommendations on U.S. positions at upcoming meetings and recommendations on domestic management measures needed to address international agreements

Cross FMP

- For Special Project 2: Socioeconomic Framework, select an action with socioeconomic impacts and apply the new tool to evaluate those effects

Administrative

- Under the Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures agenda item, adopt
 - Revisions to Council Operating Procedure 20, Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Highly Migratory Species (based on Council action in March 2026)
 - A revised Terms of Reference for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup (based on Council action in April 2026)

Illness protocols: Illnesses can be disruptive and cause complications within any public setting. To help ensure the health of our community, Council process participants that fall ill are encouraged to attend the meeting using the online option of our Council session.

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 [June 2026 meeting web page](#) 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, June 12, 2026. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Monday, June 15, 2026. 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 [June 2026 meeting web page](#). 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 [June 2026 meeting web page](#) 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 [June 2026 meeting web page](#).

Written Public Comments

Written public comments must be submitted to our [Public Comment Electronic Portal](#). To submit written public comment, visit the [June 2026 meeting web page](#) 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 May 11, 2026 and closes on June 10, 2026 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.

To receive future announcements via email, sign up for the “[PFMC E-Mail Notification List](#).”

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288th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

June 10-15, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center

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The Council is meeting in person in Spokane, WA 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 [June 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 [June Council meeting web page](#).

Wed	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
10-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun
GMT meets	Closed Session	Groundfish	HMS	Groundfish
	Call to Order			
	Open Comment		Cross FMP	
	Administrative			
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11-Jun				
Advisory Bodies Meet				Groundfish
	Habitat			



288th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
June 10-15, 2026

Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Friday, June 12, 2026

General Council Session
Salon IV-V

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 | Pete Hassemer, Chair |
| A.2 | Roll Call | Merrick Burden |
| A.3 | Agenda | Pete Hassemer |
| | 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. Administrative Matters

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| C.1 | Council Coordinating Committee Meeting Update | Merrick Burden |
| | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | b. Public Comment | |
| | c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate | |

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan

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| D.1 | National Ocean Service Briefing – Deep Sea Mineral Mining | Kerry Griffin
Bryan Cole |
| | a. National Ocean Service | |
| | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | c. Public Comment | |
| | d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate | |

Friday, June 12, 2026 - continued

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- D.2 Marine Planning Kerry Griffin
 - a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee Mike Conroy
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

E. Groundfish Management

- E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Todd Phillips
 - a. Regulatory Activities Keeley Kent
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Jon McVeigh
 - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- E.2 Inseason Management – Final Action Todd Phillips
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2026

F. Habitat Issues

- F.1 Habitat Issues Kerry Griffin
 - a. Report of the Habitat Committee Scott Heppell
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations

Saturday, June 13, 2026

8 a.m.

Salon IV-V

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Pete Hassemer
Merrick Burden

- A.5 Commencing Remarks

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

- E.3 Stock Assessment Process Review and Proposed Process Revisions Diana Perry
(Part 1; continues Sunday, June 14)
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** *(Scheduled for Part 2 on Sunday, June 14)*

Saturday, June 13, 2026 - continued

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

- E.4 Final Stock Assessment Plan for 2027, Preliminary Priorities for 2029 and Beyond Jessi Waller, Diana Perry
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Schedule and Final List of Groundfish Stocks for Assessment in 2027; Adopt a Preliminary List of Stocks for 2029 and Beyond

- E.5 Moving Trawl Gear EFP into Regulations; Updating Declaration Requirements; Removing Duplicative Recreational Regulations Todd Phillips
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Establish the Scope, Range of Alternatives, and Preliminary Preferred Alternative, if possible

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- D.3 Special Project 2: Socioeconomic Framework Gilly Lyons
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Select an Example Action, Provide Guidance on Next Steps

G. Highly Migratory Species Management

- G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kerry Griffin
Ryan Wulff
 - a. Regulatory Activities
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

Sunday, June 14, 2026

8 a.m. Salon IV-V

- A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)** Pete Hassemer
 - A.6 Commencing Remarks Merrick Burden

G. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

- G.2 International Management Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate

Sunday, June 14, 2026 - continued

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- D.4 Council and NMFS Workload—Capacity Alignment Merrick Burden
- a. National Marine Fisheries Service Report Jennifer Quan, Kristin Koch,
Jeremy Rusin
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Guidance on Next Steps

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

- E.3 Stock Assessment Process Review and Proposed Process Revisions Diana Perry
(Part 2; continued from Saturday, June 13)
- c. **Council Action:** Identify 2027 Process Improvement Priorities and Future Process Improvements
- E.6 2027-28 Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Exempted Fishing Permits – Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment Final Action Todd Phillips
(Part 1; continues on Monday, June 15)
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** *(Scheduled for Part 2 on Monday, June 15)*

Monday, June 15, 2026

8 a.m.

Salon IV-V

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

- A.7 Commencing Remarks Pete Hassemer
Merrick Burden

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

- E.6 2027-28 Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Exempted Fishing Permits – Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment Final Action Todd Phillips
(Part 2; continued from Sunday, June 14)
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Exempted Fishing Permits for 2027-28 Fisheries
- E.7 Stock Assessment Terms of Reference for 2027-28 Diana Perry
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Terms of Reference for Assessments, Methodology Reviews, and Rebuilding Analysis; Provide Guidance on Next Steps

Monday, June 15, 2026 - continued

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.2 Fiscal Matters Patricia Hearing
 - a. Report of the Budget Committee Brad Pettinger
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations

- C.3 Approve Council Meeting Records Pete Hassemer
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Records

- C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (COP) Kelly Ames
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Revisions to Council Operating Procedure 20; Adopt Revised Terms of Reference for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup; and Provide Other Guidance, as appropriate

- C.5 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 Planning

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**288TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
JUNE 10-15, 2026**

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS		
Day 1 — Wednesday, June 10, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon I
Day 2 — Thursday, June 11, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon I
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Office
Budget Committee	1:00 p.m.	Parkside
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Evergreen
Day 3 — Friday, June 12, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Enforcement Consultants	8:00 a.m.	Evergreen
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon I
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Salon III
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Office
Day 4 — Saturday, June 13, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Evergreen
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon I
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Suite A
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Office
Day 5 — Sunday, June 14, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Online
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Salon II
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon I

Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Office
Day 6 — Monday, June 15, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon II
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Suite B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Salon I
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Office

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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, JUNE 10-15, 2026 SPOKANE, WA

Acronyms	Fri, June 12	Sat, June 13	Sun, June 14	Mon, June 15
<p>Acronyms are defined on the PFMC website</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate and agenda items may be cancelled or rescheduled. Proposed Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning participation. Advisory Bodies listed in bold below are proposed as in-person sessions. All others are proposed as online meetings. Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the Council meeting, check the Council web page for details.</p> </div>	<p align="center">CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</p> <p>Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</p> <p>1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">B. OPEN COMMENT</p> <p>1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>1. CCC Meeting Update (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">D. CROSS FMP</p> <p>1. National Ocean Service Briefing - Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act (1 hr)</p> <p>2. Marine Planning (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">E. GROUND FISH</p> <p>1. NMFS Report (30 min)</p> <p>2. Inseason Management (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">F. HABITAT</p> <p>1. Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p>	<p align="center">E. GROUND FISH</p> <p>3. Stock Assessment Process Review and Proposed Process Revisions (2 hr) – Part 1, <i>Continued on Sunday</i></p> <p>4. Final Stock Assessment Plan for 2027, Preliminary Priorities for 2029 and beyond (1 hr 30 min)</p> <p>5. Trawl Gear EFP into Regulation; Declarations; & Recreational Fish Waste Sale (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">D. CROSS FMP</p> <p>3. Special Project 2: Socioeconomic Framework – Status Update and Methodology (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">G. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>1. NMFS Report (1 hr)</p>	<p align="center">G. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</p> <p>2. International Management (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">D. CROSS FMP</p> <p>4. Council and NMFS Workload – Capacity Alignment (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">E. GROUND FISH</p> <p>3. Stock Assessment Process Review and Proposed Process Revisions (1 hr) – Part 2, <i>Continued from Saturday</i></p> <p>6. Adopt Final 2027-28 Specifications (inc. widow), Management Measures, and EFPs (3 hr) – Part 1, <i>Continued on Monday</i></p>	<p align="center">E. GROUND FISH</p> <p>6. Adopt Final 2027-28 Specifications (inc. widow), Management Measures, and EFPs (2 hr) – Part 2, <i>Continued from on Sunday</i></p> <p>7. Stock Assessment Terms of Reference for 2027-28– Preliminary (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">C. ADMINISTRATIVE</p> <p>2. Fiscal Matters (30 min)</p> <p>3. Approve Council Mtg. Records (15 min)</p> <p>4. Membership Appointments & COPs (30 min)</p> <p>5. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (1 hr)</p>
Meeting in Advance				
EAS/EWG, HC, MPC				
Wed, June 10				
8 am GMT				
Thur, June 11	7 hr	8 hr	7.5 hr	6.3 hr
<p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am SSC</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>1 pm BC</p> <p>2 pm EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am SSC</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT</p> <p>8 am EC</p> <p>6 pm Chair’s Reception</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>8 am HMSAS & HMSMT</p> <p>As needed EC</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p> <p>8 am GAP & GMT</p> <p>As needed EC (online)</p>	<p>7 am State Delegations</p> <p>8 am Secretariat</p>