

289th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

September 16-21, 2026

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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 [September Council meeting web page](#).

Wed	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
16-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
SSC meets	Closed Session	Habitat	Groundfish	CPS
	Call to Order			
	Open Comment	Pacific Halibut		
	Cross FMP	Salmon	Cross FMP	
HMS				
Administrative		Cross FMP	Administrative	Administrative
Advisory Bodies Meet	Cross FMP	Administrative		



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Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Friday, September 18, 2026

General Council Session
Heritage A&B

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 | New Council Member Appointments | Jennifer Quan |
| A.3 | Roll Call | Merrick Burden |
| A.4 | Agenda | Pete Hassemer |
| | a. Council Action: Approve Agenda | |
| A.5 | 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

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| C.1 | Office of Law Enforcement, United States Coast Guard, and Tri-State Enforcement Biennial Report | Alyssa Seibt |
| | a. Enforcement Reports | |
| | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | c. Public Comment | |
| | d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate | |
| C.2 | Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Report | Kerry Griffin |
| | a. Report of the ONMS | Laura Ingulsrud |
| | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | c. Public Comment | |
| | d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate | |

Friday, September 18, 2026 - continued

C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- C.3 Special Projects: Project Planning, Updates, and Clarifications Gilly Lyons
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Refine Scope of Special Projects to Align Work with Available Capacity

D. Administrative Matters

- D.1 Council Member Recusals Merrick Burden
- a. NOAA General Counsel Report Sheila Lynch
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the report of NOAA General Counsel

Saturday, September 19, 2026

8 a.m. Heritage A&B

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

- A.6 Commencing Remarks Pete Hassemer
Merrick Burden

E. Habitat Issues

- E.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

F. Pacific Halibut Management

- F.1 2027 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Preliminary Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary 2027 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulation Changes for Public Review

G. Salmon Management

- G.1 Methodology Review—Final Topic Selection Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Identify Topics for Review in 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - continued

G. Salmon Management (continued)

- G.2 Klamath River Dam Removal and Basin Update Angela Forristall
a. Status of the Klamath Dam Removal Project Dan Wilson
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities
c. Public Comment
d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- G.3 Risk Management Framework – Risk Tables and
Other Approaches, Informational Angela Forristall
a. Salmon Risk Tables Tim Copeland/Gilly Lyons/Angela Forristall
b. Presentation on '*Methods for assessing and responding to bias and uncertainty
in the U.S. West Coast salmon abundance forecasts*'
(Satterthwaite and Shelton, 2023) Will Satterthwaite
c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
d. Public Comment
e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- C.4 Council Efficiencies Kelly Ames
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary COPs Related to Governance and Process
Improvements; Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8 a.m.

Heritage A&B

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Pete Hassemer

- A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

H. Groundfish Management

- H.1 Protocol for Reviewing Ecosystem Component Species Catch and
Identifying Stocks in Need of Conservation and Management Katrina Bernaus
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Recommend a Review Process for Incorporation in the Council
Operating Procedures, Provide Guidance, as Appropriate
- H.2 Moving Trawl Gear Exempted Fishing Permit into Regulations;
Updating Declaration Requirements; Removing Duplicative Recreational
Regulations – Final Action Todd Phillips
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives and Fishery Management Plan
Revisions

H. Groundfish Management (continued)

- H.3 Inseason Adjustments for 2026 and Technical Corrections for
2027-28 – 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 and Technical Corrections to the 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, as Appropriate

C. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

- C.5 Special Project 1: Nationwide Review of If, Then Statements, and
Council Meeting Requirements Gilly Lyons
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Staff Report as Final or Provide Further Direction, as Appropriate; Recommend Adjustments to Council Meeting Requirements for Incorporation into the Council Operating Procedures

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

- I.1 Special Project 1: If, Then Management Measures for Bluefin
Tuna Trip Limits Kerry Griffin, Gilly Lyons
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Purpose and Need, Range of Alternatives

D. Administrative Matters (continued)

- D.2 Fiscal Matters Patricia Hearing
- a. Report of the Budget Committee
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations
- D.3 Approve Council Meeting Record Pete Hassemer
- a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

Monday, September 21, 2026

8 a.m.

Heritage A&B

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Pete Hassemer

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

J.1 Fishery Management Plan Amendment: Management Provisions
for the Revised Sardine Stock

Katrina Bernaus

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, if possible

J.2 Stock Assessment Terms of Reference

Katrina Bernaus

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Stock Assessment Terms of Reference, Provide Guidance, as Appropriate

D. Administrative Matters (continued)

D.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (COPs)

Kelly Ames

- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Announce Membership Appointments; Adopt Changes to COP 11, as Appropriate

D.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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**289TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 2026**

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1— Wednesday, September 16, 2026

	Time	How to Attend
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C

Day 2— Thursday, September 17, 2026

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Alder
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Budget Committee	1:00 p.m.	Heritage D
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Oak

Day 3— Friday, September 18, 2026

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Alder
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Oak

Day 4— Saturday, September 19, 2026

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Alder
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	11:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	11:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Oak

Day 5 — Sunday, September 20, 2026

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Alder
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Online

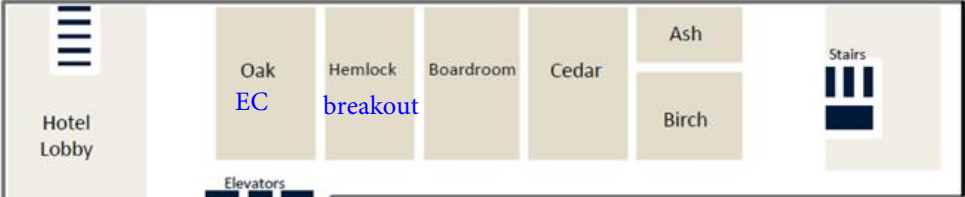
Day 6 — Monday, September 21, 2026

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Alder

PFMC
8/31/2026

PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, SEPTEMBER 16-21, 2026, VANCOUVER, WA

	Fri, Sept 18	Sat, Sept 19	Sun, Sept 20	Mon, Sept 21
Acronyms are defined on the PFMC website Advisory Bodies listed in bold below are scheduled as in-person sessions. All others are proposed as remote meetings (<i>italics</i>). Shading indicates potential meeting dates. Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the Council meeting, check the Council web page for details.	CLOSED SESSION 8 AM Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr) A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-5. Opening Remarks, New Council Member Appointments, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, Executive Director's Report (1 hr) B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min) C. CROSS FMP 1. OLE, USCG, & Tri-State Enforcement Biennial Report (1 hr 30 min) 2. Annual Report Report of the ONMS (1 hr) 3. Special Projects: Project Planning, Updates, and Clarifications (2 hr) D. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. Council Member Recusals (1 hr)	E. HABITAT 1. Habitat Issues (1 hr) F. PACIFIC HALIBUT 1. 2027 CSP & Annual Regs – Preliminary (1 hr 30 min) G. SALMON 1. Methodology Review – Final Topic Selection (1 hr 30 min) 2. Klamath River Dam Removal and Basin Update (1 hr) 3. Risk Management Framework - Risk Tables, and Other Approaches – Informational (1 hr 30 min) C. CROSS FMP 4. Council Efficiencies (1 hr 30 min)	H. GROUND FISH 1. Protocol for FMP Species Review (1 hr) 2. Trawl Gear EFP into Regulation, Declarations Update, Recreational Fish Waste Sale - FPA (1 hr 30 min) 3. Inseason Adjustments and Technical Corrections for 2027-28 – Final (1 hr 30 min) C. CROSS FMP 5. Special Project 1: Adaptive Management –Nationwide If, Then Review, & Council Mtg Requirements (1 hr 30 min) I. HMS 1. If, Then Measures (Special Project 1), P&N, ROA (1 hr) D. ADMINISTRATIVE 2. Fiscal Matters (1 hr) 3. Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min)	J. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES 1. FMP Amendment: Sardine Stock Revision – ROA, PPA (2 hr 30 min) 2. Stock Assessment Terms of Reference – Preliminary (1 hr 30 min) D. ADMINISTRATIVE 4. Membership Appointments, SOPPs, & COPs (30 min) 5. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (1 hr)
Meeting in Advance				
EAS/EWG, GAP/GMT, HMSAS/MT, STT/SAS				
Wed, Sept 16				
8 am SSC				
Thur, Sept 17	8 hr	8 hr	7.8 hr	5.5 hr
8 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am HC 1 pm BC 2 pm EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am HC Ad Hoc EC 6 pm Chair's Reception	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 11 am CPSAS & CPSMT Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat



2nd Floor Meeting Space

