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November 2025

284th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

November 13-19, 2025
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Schedule of Ancillary Meetings follows the Detailed Agenda

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Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Saturday, November 15, 2025

General Council Session
Pacific Ballroom

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

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

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

~~C.1 Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report — Merrick Burden~~
~~a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies~~
~~b. Public Comment~~
~~c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate~~ — CANCELED

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan

~~D.1 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2025 Accomplishments and 2026 Priorities — Kelly Ames~~
~~a. NMFS Report — NMFS Leadership Team~~
~~b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies~~
~~c. Public Comment~~
~~d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate~~ — CANCELED

D.2 Council and NMFS Workload – Capacity Alignment — Merrick Burden
  a. Report of Council and NMFS Leadership — Merrick Burden/Jennifer Quan/ Kristen Koch/Jeremy Rusin
  b. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

Saturday, November 15, 2025- Continued

F. Groundfish Management

F.5 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility Presentation — Jessi Waller

*(**Overview only**, agenda item is Tuesday, November 18)*

E. Habitat Issues

E.1 Current 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. Groundfish Management (continued)

F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report — Todd Phillips

a. Regulatory Activities — Keeley Kent
b. Fisheries Science Center Activities — Craig Russell
c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
d. Public Comment
e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

F.2 Adopt Stock Assessments — Marlene Bellman

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment

Continued on Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8 a.m. ***Pacific Ballroom***

A. Call to Order (reconvene) — Pete Hassemer

A.5 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

G. Salmon Management

G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report — Angela Forristall

a. Regulatory Activities — Susan Bishop
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

G.2 Final 2026 Preseason Management Schedule — Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final 2026 Preseason Management Schedule

G.3 Methodology Review Results — Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final Methods for 2026 and Beyond, as Appropriate

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - Continued

G. Salmon Management (continued)

G.4 Sacramento River Fall Chinook Fishery Management Plan Amendment – Workgroup Report, Initial Scoping — Angela Forristall

a. Workgroup Report — Will Satterthwaite
b Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action**: Consider Workgroup Report, Conduct Initial Scoping, and Provide Guidance on Workgroup Membership and Capacities, as Appropriate

G.5 Klamath River Fall Chinook Workgroup Progress Report — Angela Forristall

a. Workgroup Report — Michael O'Farrell
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action**: Consider Workgroup Report and Provide Guidance, as Appropriate, Provide Guidance on Future Workgroup Tasking and Membership, as Appropriate

H. Pacific Halibut Management

H.1 2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Final Action — Angela Forristall

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final 2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

D.3 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 Action**: Consider Marine Planning Issues and Committee Report, Provide Guidance as Appropriate

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

F.3 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2027-28 *(Part 1)* — Marlene Bellman, Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Interim Final Overfishing Limits and P*/Acceptable Biological Catches; Preliminary Preferred Annual Catch Limits for Stocks and Stock Complexes, if possible

Monday, November 17, 2025

8 a.m. ***Pacific Ballroom***

A. Call to Order (reconvene) — Pete Hassemer

A.6 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report — Kerry Griffin
- a. Regulatory Activities — Ryan Wulff
- 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

I.2 International Management Activities — 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 Recommendations on Domestic Management Measures Needed to Address International Agreements

I.3 Exempted Fishing Permits – Preliminary or Final Action — Kerry Griffin
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Endorse EFP Applications and Recommend NMFS Issuance; Request Additional Review and Consideration, as Appropriate

I.4 HMS Roadmap: Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) Goals and Metrics — Kerry Griffin
- a. Report of the Fisheries Innovation Work Group (FIW) — Josh Madiera
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action**: Adopt Preliminary EFP Goals and Metrics, Provide Guidance as Appropriate

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report — Katrina Bernaus
- a. Regulatory Activities — Josh Lindsay
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

J.2 Methodology Review — Katrina Bernaus
- a. NMFS Report — Annie Yau
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action**: Provide Guidance on Methodology Review and Adopt Terms of Reference, as Appropriate

Monday, November 17, 2025 - Continued

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management (continued)

J.3 Pacific Sardine Stock Definitions — Katrina Bernaus

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Purpose and Need Statement, Range of Alternatives, and Preliminary Preferred Alternative, as Appropriate

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

F.4 Exempted Fishing Permits — Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Recommend 2027–28 EFPs for Public Review; Consider and Endorse an Out-of-Cycle EFP Process, As Appropriate

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

8 a.m. ***Pacific Ballroom***

A. Call to Order (reconvene) — Pete Hassemer

A.7 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

F.5 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility — Jessi Waller

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

F.6 Inseason Adjustments for 2025-26 including Pacific Whiting Off-the-Top Bycatch Deductions – 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 2025 and 2026, including Pacific Whiting Off-the-Top Bycatch Deductions

F.7 Trawl Catch Share Program Review — Jessi Waller

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Final Trawl Catch Share Program Review Document

F.8 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2027-28 *(Part 2)* — Todd Phillips, Marlene Bellman, Katrina Bernaus

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Remaining Harvest Specifications, as Necessary; Adopt Preliminary Two-Year Allocations and a Range of Alternative Management Measures for Detailed Analysis

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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8 a.m. ***Pacific Ballroom***

A. Call to Order *(reconvene)* — Pete Hassemer

A.8 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

F. Groundfish Management (continued)

F.2 Adopt Stock Assessments — Marlene Bellman

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Stock Assessments

(continued from Saturday, November 15, 2025)

F.9 Marine Mammal Take Reduction Team Update — Jessi Waller

a. Council Representative Report — Rebecca Lent

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

d. Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (continued)

D.4 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

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 ~~Legislative Matters~~ — ~~Merrick Burden~~

~~a. Report of the Legislative Committee~~ — ~~Chris Oliver~~

~~b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies~~

~~c. Public Comment~~

~~d. **Council Action**: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations~~

CANCELED

C.4 Approve Council Meeting Record — Merrick Burden

a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

C.5 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

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

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

284TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13-19

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1— Thursday, November 13, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Newport Beach 1&2
Day 2— Friday, November 14, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Secretariat	7 AM	Emerald Bay 1
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Newport Beach 1&2
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pacific 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Laguna Beach 2
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	1 PM	Laguna Beach 3
Budget Committee	2 PM	Emerald Bay 3
Enforcement Consultants	2 PM	Laguna Beach 1
Day 3—Saturday, November 15, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Secretariat	7 AM	Emerald Bay 1
California State Delegation	7 AM	Pacific 3
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 3
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Newport Beach 1&2
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pacific 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM	Laguna Beach 2
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Laguna Beach 3
Highly Migratory Species Subpanel	8 AM	Balboa Bay 1&2
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 3
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Laguna Beach 1
Annual Banquet	6 PM	Pacific 4
Day 4— Sunday, November 16, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Secretariat	7 AM	Emerald Bay 1
California State Delegation	7 AM	Pacific 3
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 3
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pacific 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Newport Beach 1&2
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	Laguna Beach 3
Highly Migratory Species Subpanel	8 AM	Balboa Bay 1&2
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 3
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Laguna Beach 1

Day 5— Monday, November 17, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Secretariat	7 AM	Emerald Bay 1
California State Delegation	7 AM	Pacific 3
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 3
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pacific 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Newport Beach 1&2
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM	Laguna Beach 3
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Day 6— Tuesday, November 18, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Secretariat	7 AM	Emerald Bay 1
California State Delegation	7 AM	Pacific 3
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 3
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Pacific 3
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Day 7— Wednesday, November 19, 2025		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Secretariat	7 AM	Emerald Bay 1
California State Delegation	7 AM	Pacific 3
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 2
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Emerald Bay 3

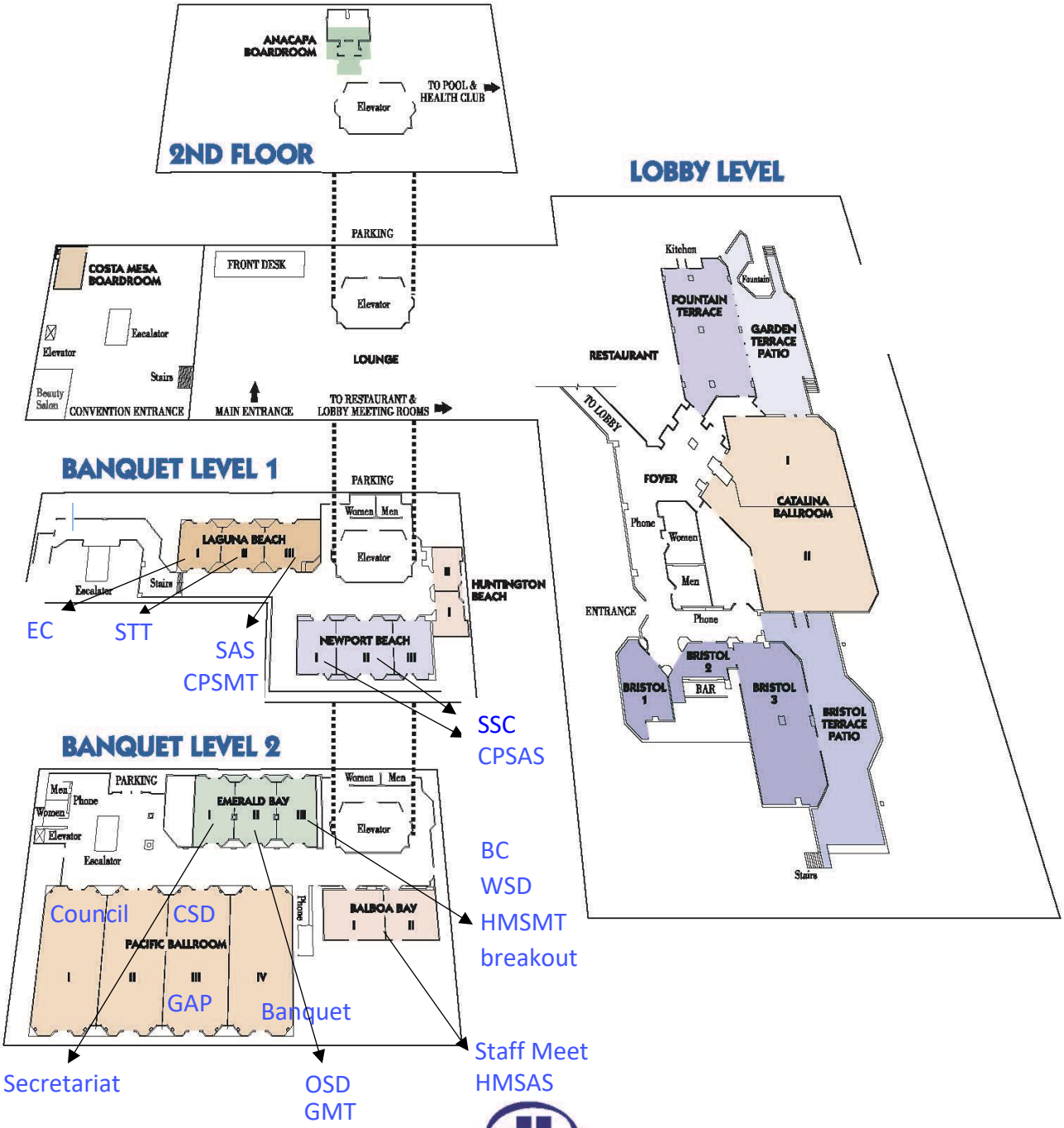
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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 13-19, 2025, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

	Sat, Nov 15	Sun, Nov 16	Mon, Nov 17	Tue, Nov 18	Wed, Nov 19
Acronyms can be found on the PFMC website	**CLOSED SESSION 8 AM** Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr) **A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM** **1-4.** Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED's Report (30 min) **B. OPEN COMMENT** **1.** Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min) **C. ADMINISTRATIVE** **1.** ~~CCC Meeting Report~~ CANCELED **D. CROSS FMP** **1.** ~~NMFS 2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Priorities~~ CANCELED **2.** Council and NMFS Workload – Capacity Alignment (30 min) **F. GROUNDFISH** **5.** Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility Presentation (1 hr 30 min) **E. HABITAT** **1.** Habitat Issues (1 hr) **F. GROUNDFISH** **1.** NMFS Report (30 min) **2.** Adopt Stock Assessments (1 hr 30 min) *Cont. on 11/19*	**G. SALMON** **1.** NMFS Report (30 min) **2.** Final 2026 Preseason Mgmt. Schedule (30 min) **3.** Methodology Review – Results (1 hr) **4.** SRFC FMP Amendment: WG Report, Initial scoping, Consider Capacity, and Membership (1 hr 30 min) **5.** KRFC Workgroup Progress Report (1 hr) **H. PACIFIC HALIBUT** **1.** 2026 CSP and Annual Regulations - Final Action (1 hr) **D. CROSS FMP** **3.** Marine Planning – Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (1 hr) **F. GROUNDFISH** **3.** 2027-28 Harvest Specifications & Management Measures – Part 1 Interim Final OFLs & ABCs, Prelim ACLs (*Mgmt. Measures on Tues*) (1 hr 30 min)	**I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES** **1.** NMFS Report (30 min) **2.** International Management Activities (1 hr) **3.** Exempted Fishing Permits – Prelim or Final Action (30 min) **4.** HMS Roadmap: Exempted Fishing Permits: Goals and Metrics – Preliminary (2 hr) **J. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES** **1.** NMFS Report (30 min) **2.** Methodology Review – Topic Selection (30 min) **3.** Pacific Sardine Stock Definitions – P&N, ROA, PPA (2 hr) **F. GROUNDFISH** **4.** Exempted Fishing Permits (1 hr)	**F. GROUNDFISH** **5.** Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility- Problem Statement, ROA, PPA (2 hr) **6.** Inseason Adjustments for 2025-26 including Whiting ACL Off the Top Deductions – Final Action (1 hr 30 min) **7.** Trawl Catch Share Program Review – Final (1 hr 30 min) **8.** 2027-28 Harvest Specifications & Management Measures – Part 2 Management Measures (3 hr)	**F. GROUNDFISH** **2.** Adopt Stock Assessments (1 hr) *Cont. from 11/15* **9.** Marine Mammal Take Reduction Team – Update (1 hr) **D. CROSS FMP** **4.** Council Operations & Priorities (1 hr 30 min) **C. ADMINISTRATIVE** 2. Fiscal Matters (1 hr) **3.** ~~Legislative Matters~~ CANCELED **4.** Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min) **5.** Membership Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (30 min) **6.** Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)
In Advance *FIW, HC, ~~LC~~, MPC*				Advisory Bodies listed in **bold** below are **scheduled as in-person sessions**. All others are proposed as remote meetings (*italics*). Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the November Council meeting, check the Council web page for details.	
Nov 13 / **Nov 14**	7 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	7.3 hr
8 am SSC 7 am Secretariat **8 am SSC** **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am STT** **1 pm SAS** **2 pm BC** **2 pm EC**	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat **8 am SSC** **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am STT & SAS** **8 am HMSAS & HMSMT** **Ad Hoc EC** **6 pm Chair's Banquet**	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am CPSAS & CPSMT** **8 am HMSAS & HMSMT** **Ad Hoc EC**	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am CPSAS & CPSMT** Ad Hoc EC (online)	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat **8 am GAP & GMT**	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat

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