Agenda Item A.3
November 2026

290th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

November 13-18, 2026
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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 November Council meeting web page.

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Proposed Detailed

AGENDA

Saturday, November 14, 2026

General Council Session

Royal 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 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

D.1 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2026 Accomplishments and 2027 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

Saturday, November 14, 2026 - continued

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; Provide Additional Direction as Appropriate

F. Salmon Management

F.1 NMFS 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

F.2 Final 2027 Preseason Management Schedule — Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final 2027 Preseason Management Schedule

G. Groundfish Management

G.1 NMFS Report — Todd Phillips
- a. Regulatory Activities — Keeley Kent
- b. Fisheries Science Center Activities — Kristen Marshall
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

Sunday, November 15, 2026

8 a.m. **Royal Ballroom**

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

A.5 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

F. Salmon Management (continued)

F.3 Sacramento River Fall Chinook Spawner Abundance at Maximum Sustainable Yield (S_{MSY}): Peer Review Results and Next Steps — Angela Forristall
- a. Report of the Peer Review Panel — Scott Rumsey
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Direction on Next Steps

Sunday, November 15, 2026 - continued

H. Pacific Halibut Management

H.1 2027 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 2027 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

G. Groundfish Management (continued)

G.2 Economics Workshop Report — Alyssa Seibt

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. Council Discussion and Direction on Next Steps

G.3 Methodology Review: Final Fishery Impact Model Review Topics and Stock Assessment Methodologies — Diana Perry

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Identify Final Topics for Fishery Impact Model Review and Adopt Final Stock Assessment Methodologies

G.4 Stock Assessment Process Review Adjustments for 2027 — Diana Perry

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. Council Discussion and Direction on Next Steps

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

I.1 NMFS 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

Monday, November 16, 2026

8 a.m. **Royal Ballroom**

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

A.6 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

Monday, November 16, 2026 - continued

I. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

I.2 International Management Activities including Pacific Bluefin Tuna Trip Limits — 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 including Adjustments to Pacific Bluefin Tuna Trip Limits, as Appropriate

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**: Review EFP Applications and Recommend NMFS Issuance; Request Additional Review and Consideration, as Appropriate

I.4 2027-28 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Preliminary or Final Action — Kerry Griffin

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Reference Point Values and Stock Determination Criteria, As Appropriate; Consider the Need to Develop Annual Catch Limits or Other Harvest Objectives and/or Management Measures

I.5 Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Roadmap: Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Benchmarks and Evaluation Framework — Kerry Griffin

(Part 1, continues Tuesday, November 17)

a. Report of the Fisheries Innovation Work Group — Josh Madiera
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action**: *(Scheduled for Part 2, Tuesday, November 17)*

G. Groundfish Management (continued)

G.5 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 Final Stock Assessment Terms of Reference

G.6 Inseason Adjustments for 2026-27 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 2026 and 2027, including Pacific Whiting Off-the-Top Bycatch Deductions

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

8 a.m. **Royal Ballroom**

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

A.7 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

J.1 NMFS 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 2028-29 Stock Assessment Prioritization and Schedule — Katrina Bernaus

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Stock Assessment Priorities for 2028-29 and Provide Direction on Associated Schedule, as Appropriate

J.3 Fishery Management Plan Amendment: Revised Sardine Stock and Management Provisions – Final Action — Katrina Bernaus

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final Preferred Alternative including Fishery Management Plan Language

I. Highly Migratory Species Management (*continued*)

I.5 HMS Roadmap: EFP Benchmarks and Evaluation Framework — Kerry Griffin
(Part 2, continued from Monday, November 16)

d. **Council Action**: Adopt Final EFP Benchmarks and Evaluation Framework, and Provide Further Direction, as Appropriate

G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

G.7 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility – Final Action — Jessi Waller

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

8 a.m. **Royal Ballroom**

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

A.8 Commencing Remarks — Merrick Burden

G. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

G.8 Risk Management Framework — Jessi Waller

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action**: Provide Direction on Initial Scope, Priorities, and Next Steps

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 Action**: Consider Marine Planning Issues and Committee Report, Provide Further Direction as Appropriate

C. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

C.2 Fiscal Matters — Patricia Hearing

a. Report of the Budget Committee — Jaime Diamond
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action**: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations and Adopt a Provisional Budget

C.3 Approve Council Meeting Record — Merrick Burden

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

C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures — Kelly Ames

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Announce Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures, 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 Direction on Future Meeting and Workload Planning

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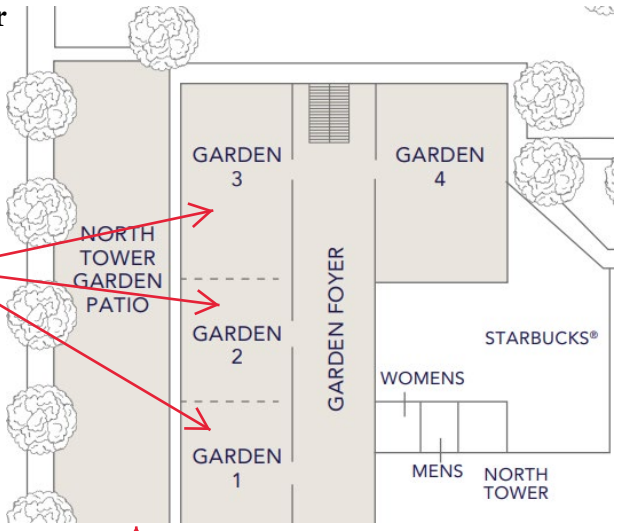
SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS		
Day 1— Thursday, November 12, 2026		
	Time	**How to Attend**
California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) Fishermen's Roundtable	3:00 p.m.	Harbor
Day 2— Friday, November 13, 2026		
	Time	**How to Attend**
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Harbor
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon VII-VIII
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	10:30 a.m.	Valencia
Salmon Technical Team	1:00 p.m.	Granada
Budget Committee	12:30 p.m.	Madrid
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Seville
GF Spex Flex and Risk Management Briefing	2:00 p.m.	Royal Ballroom
Day 3--Saturday, November 14, 2026		
	Time	**How to Attend**
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Harbor
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Valencia
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Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	10:00 a.m.	Valencia
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	10:00 a.m.	Granada
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Seville
Day 5 — Monday, November 16, 2026		
	Time	**How to Attend**
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Harbor
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Valencia
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Granada
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Harbor
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon VII-VIII
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Day 6 — Tuesday, November 17, 2026		
	Time	**How to Attend**
California State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Harbor
Oregon State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Harbor
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Salon VII-VIII
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Day 7—Wednesday, November 18, 2026		
	Time	**How to Attend**
California State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Harbor
Oregon State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal

PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 13-18, 2026, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

	Sat, Nov 14	Sun, Nov 15	Mon, Nov 16	Tue, Nov 17	Wed, Nov 18
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. **Meeting in Advance** FIW, HC, MPC **Thur. Nov 12** **3 pm NMFS CCIEA Fishermen's Roundtable**	**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 Mtg. Update (30 min) **D. CROSS FMP** 1. NMFS 2026 Accomplishments & 2027 Priorities (1 hr 30 min) **E. HABITAT** **1.** Habitat Issues (1 hr) **F. SALMON** **1.** NMFS Report (30 min) **2**. Final 2027 Preseason Mgmt. Schedule (30 min) **G. GROUNDFISH** **1.** NMFS Report (1 hr 30 min)	**F. SALMON** **3.** SRFC SMSY Peer Review: Results and Next Steps (2 hr) **H. PACIFIC HALIBUT** **1.** 2027 CSP and Annual Regulations - Final Action (1 hr) **G. GROUNDFISH** **2**. Economics Workshop Report (1 hr) **3**. Methodology Review – Final Fishery Impact Model Review Topics and Stock Assessment Methodologies (1 hr 30 min) **4.** Stock Assessment Process for 2027– Final (1 hr 30 min) **I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES** **1.** NMFS Report (1 hr)	**I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES** **2.** International Management Activities inc. BFT Trip Limits (1 hr) **3**. Exempted Fishing Permits – Prelim or Final (30 min) **4**. 2027-28 Biennial Harvest Specs – Prelim or Final (1 hr) **5.** HMS Roadmap: Exempted Fishing Permits Benchmarks and Evaluation Framework – Final: *Part 1, Continues on Tuesday* (2 hr) **G. GROUNDFISH** **5.** Stock Assessment Terms of Reference for 2027-28 – Final (1 hr 30 min) **6.** Inseason Adjustments for 2026-27 including Whiting ACL Off the Top Deductions – Final Action (1 hr 30 min)	**J. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES** **1.** NMFS Report (30 min) **2.** Stock Assessment Schedule and 2028-29 Prioritization (1 hr) **3.** FMP Amendment: Sardine Stock Revision – Final (3 hr) **I. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES** **5.** HMS Roadmap: Exempted Fishing Permits Benchmarks and Evaluation Framework – Final; *Part 2 Continued from Monday* (1 hr 30 min) **G. GROUNDFISH** **7.** Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility- Final (2 hr)	**G. GROUNDFISH** **8**. Risk Management Framework – Sigma, Risk Tables, If/Then Management Measures – Scoping (2 hr) **D. CROSS FMP** **2.** Marine Planning (1 hr) **C. ADMINISTRATIVE** **2**. Fiscal Matters (1 hr) **3.** Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min) **4.** Membership Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (1 hr) **5.** Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)
Fri, Nov 13	7.5 hr	8 hr	7.5 hr	8 hr	7.3 hr
8 am Secretariat **8 am SSC** **8 am GAP & GMT** **10:30 am SAS & 1 PM STT** **8 am HMSAS & HMSMT** **12:30 pm BC** **2 pm EC** **2 pm GF Spex Flex & Risk Management Briefing**	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat **8 am SSC** **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am STT & SAS** **8 am HMSAS & HMSMT** **Ad Hoc EC** **3 pm NMFS CCIEA Fishermen's Roundtable** **6 pm Chair's Banquet**	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am HMSAS & HMSMT** **10 am CPSAS & CPSMT** **Ad Hoc EC**	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat **8 am GAP & GMT** **8 am CPSAS & CPSMT** Ad Hoc EC (online)	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat **8 am GAP & GMT** Ad Hoc EC (online)	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat

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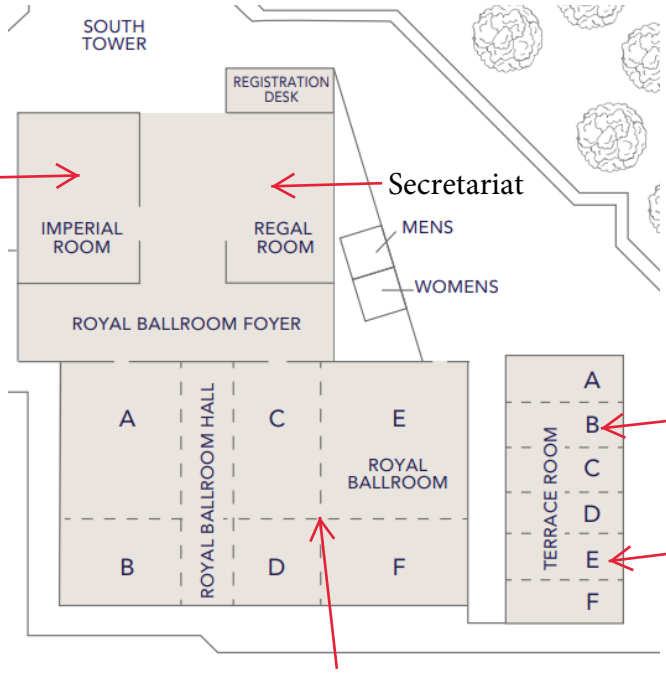
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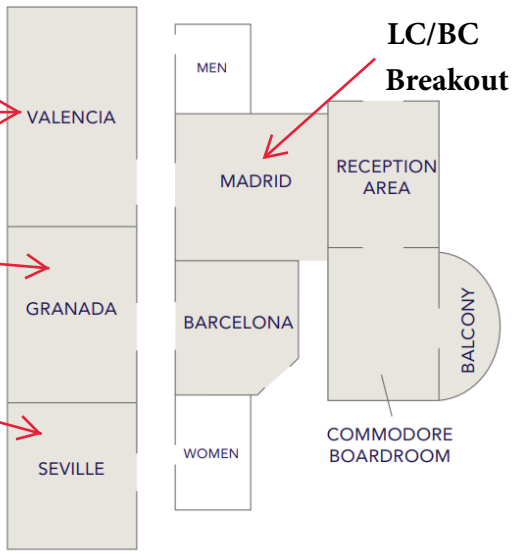


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