

290th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

November 13-18, 2026

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The Council is meeting in person in Garden Grove, CA 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 [November 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 [November Council meeting web page](#).

Thursday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
November 12	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18
CCIEA Roundtable	Closed Session	Salmon	Highly Migratory Species	Coastal Pelagic Species	Groundfish
	Call to Order				
	Open Comments	Groundfish			
	Administrative				Cross Fishery Management Plan
Friday	Cross Fishery Management Plan		Groundfish	Highly Migratory Species	
November 13					
Advisory Bodies Meet; Spex Flex & Risk Management Briefing	Habitat	Highly Migratory Species			Groundfish
	Salmon				
	Groundfish				



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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

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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 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

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| 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*)

- A.5 Commencing Remarks Pete Hassemer
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*)

- A.6 Commencing Remarks

Pete Hassemer
Merrick Burden

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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**290TH SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13-18, 2026**

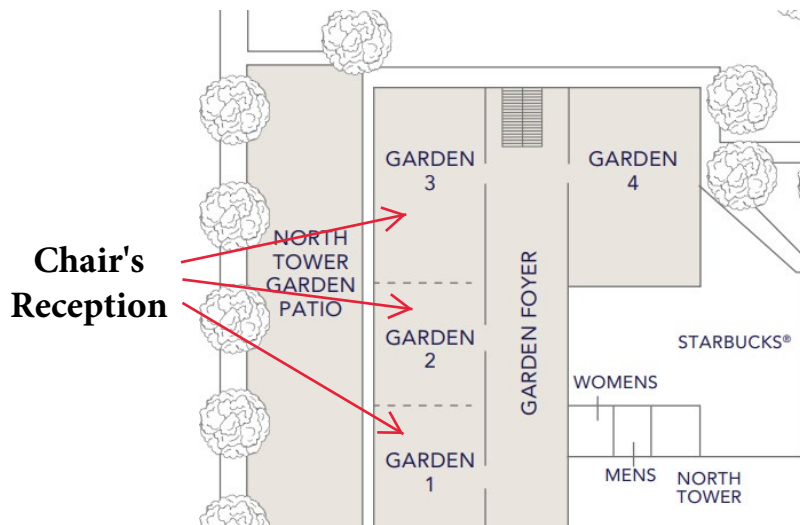
SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS		
Day 1— Thursday, November 12, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) Fishermen’s Roundtable	3:00 p.m.	Royal A
Day 2— Friday, November 13, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
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 2 — Saturday, November 14, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Valencia
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Granada
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) Fishermen’s Roundtable	3:00 p.m.	Madrid
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed	Seville

Day 3 — Sunday, November 15, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Valencia
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
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 4 — Monday, November 16, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
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.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Day 5 — Tuesday, November 17, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online
Day 6—Wednesday, November 18, 2026		
	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Imperial
Washington State Delegation	8:00 a.m.	Valencia
Secretariat	8:00 a.m.	Regal

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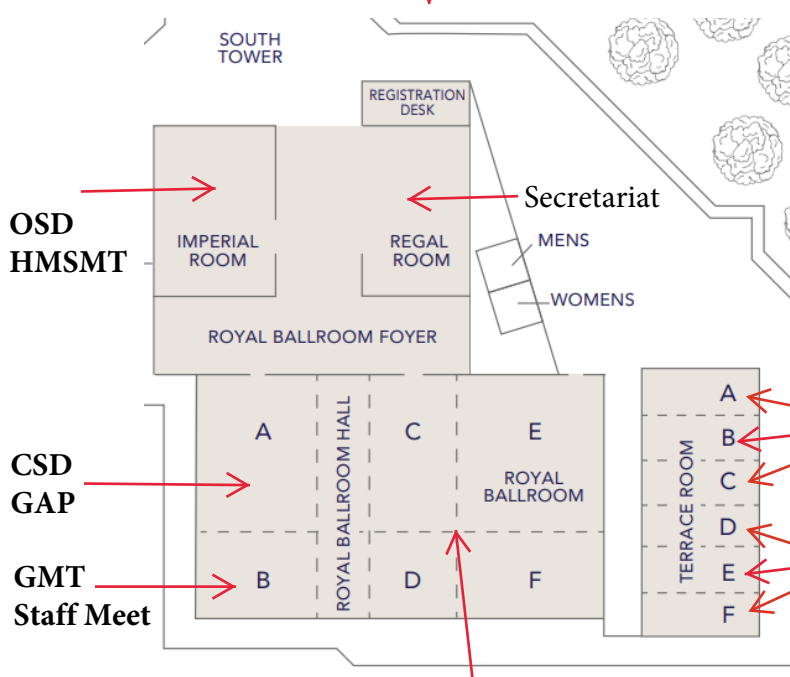
PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 13-18, 2026, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

	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 (<i>italics</i>). Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the November 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 1-4. 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. GROUND FISH 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. GROUND FISH 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: <i>Part 1, Continues on Tuesday</i> (2 hr) G. GROUND FISH 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; <i>Part 2 Continued from Monday</i> (1 hr 30 min) G. GROUND FISH 7. Specifications and Management Measures Flexibility- Final (2 hr)	G. GROUND FISH 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)
	Meeting in Advance				
	FIW, HC, MPC				
	Thur. Nov 12				
	3 pm NMFS CCIEA Fishermen's Roundtable				
Fri, Nov 13	7.5 hr	8 hr	7.5 hr	8 hr	7.3 hr
7 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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