

MARINE PLANNING

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met online October 2, 2026, to discuss several topics relevant to Council-managed fisheries and coastal fishing communities. These topics included wave and tidal energy, marine aquaculture, marine carbon dioxide removal, an update on West Coast Oceans Alliance activities, as well as other state and tribal updates. In addition, the MPC anticipates a supplemental draft comment letter on deep seabed mineral mining, in response to the consultation request from the National Ocean Service (NOS) (see September [Informational Report 5](#) and Supplemental [HC Report 2](#)).

These issues are described in the MPC's report (D.2.a, MPC Report 1) as well as recommendations for Council consideration. The Council will receive a briefing on the MPC report and should provide direction to staff and the MPC on future comment opportunities as appropriate.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Endorse Comment Letter to NOS on Deep Seabed Mineral Mining.**
- 2. Provide Direction on Future Comment Opportunities.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.2.a, MPC Report 1.
2. *Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 1 (Deep-Sea Mineral Mining Letter).*
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

D.2 Marine Planning

- a. Report of the Marine Planning Committee
- 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

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