Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 21, 2025

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold an Online Meeting December 18, 2025 at 1 PM to Adopt Final Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations for 2026

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) will meet **online** Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 1 PM and will end at 3 PM or when business for the day is complete. The Council is scheduled to adopt the final 2026 commercial and recreational Catch Sharing Plan and regulations for Pacific halibut.

At the November 2025 meeting, the Council took preliminary action to adopt the Washington and Oregon state sport season proposals as presented in the Washington and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reports, an April 1 (or as early as practicable) start date for the California sport season, as recommended by the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), and *status quo* (the same season structure as in 2025) for the directed commercial halibut fishery, as recommended by both the GAP and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel. Briefing materials containing additional information in support of final Council action will be available on the December 2025 meeting web page no later than the week of Monday, December 1, 2025.

The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment online. Instructions for joining the meeting will be posted to the December 2025 meeting web page. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action. To access the meeting online, please visit the December 2025 meeting web page. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting.

The public is encouraged to comment on the agenda item in writing prior to the meeting through our Public Comment Electronic Portal, which is the sole method for providing written materials. To submit written public comment, visit the December 2025 meeting web page and select "E-portal for Public Comments", select the upcoming meeting, and then select the agenda item of interest. You can either enter your comments in the text box or upload a file containing your comments in Adobe pdf. The public comment portal opens on November 21, 2025 and closes on December 17, 2025 at 5 p.m. Pacific.

Additionally, there will be an opportunity for oral public comment remotely prior to Council action. Instructions for oral public comments will be available on the December 2025 meeting web page.

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285th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

December 18, 2025
Online Meeting

The Council is meeting online with live streaming and remote participation options including public comment. No Ancillary meetings will be conducted in coordination with this meeting, as the Advisory Bodies met in November. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the December 2025 meeting web page.

Proposed Detailed Agenda

Council Action descriptions to adopt imply consideration to adopt; adoption is not mandatory.

Thursday, December 18, 2025

General Council Session
Online

1 p.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	Merrick Burden

B. Pacific Halibut Management

B.1	2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Final Action	Angela Forristall
	a. Reports of Management Entities	
	b. Public Comment	
	c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final 2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations	

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