

FINAL 2027 PRESEASON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

In order to plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November each year. The proposed process and schedule for 2027 are provided in Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1. This proposed schedule is tentative and subject to change, and the Council web page will be the best resource for the most current information regarding the upcoming preseason salmon schedule.

For the 2027 salmon public hearings hosted by the Council, staff recommend holding one public hearing for each coastal state to discuss the salmon management alternatives. The tentatively proposed public hearings (subject to change depending on venue availability) would be:

- Monday, March 22, 2027 – Westport, Washington hearing (in person) and Santa Rosa, California hearing (in person)
- Tuesday, March 23, 2027 – Oregon hearing (online only)

In recent years, the hearings held in Westport, WA and Santa Rosa, CA have been well-attended and there appears to be general support to maintain those venues in future years. For Oregon, feedback in recent years has been to hold the meeting in person every third year, with the intervening two years held online. Last year, the Oregon hearing was held in person in Newport, Oregon, with remote access. Remote access was made possible due to the audio/visual capabilities at the venue and the additional technical support provided by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff. In maintaining the recommended rotation, the Oregon 2027 hearing is proposed to be held online.

In 2027, the March Council meeting is scheduled to occur in Portland, Oregon and the April Council meeting is scheduled to occur in Sacramento, California. The public comment period regarding the tentative adoption of management measures for analysis at the April Council meeting also serves as a public comment opportunity. States may organize and host additional hearings, as has been done in past years.

Attendance and location for past salmon public hearings hosted by the Council:

City ^{1/}	2017	2018	2019	2020 ^{2/}	2021 ^{2/}	2022 ^{2/}	2023	2024	2025	2026
Westport	55	106	42	42	30	26	36	30	32	37
Newport (Hybrid)^{3/}	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	51(11/40)
OR Online ^{4/}	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	34	--
Coos Bay	48	38	31	31	63	22	17	--	--	--
Eureka	--	--	--	79	65	80	--	--	--	--
Fort Bragg	51	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Salinas	--	85	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Santa Rosa	--	--	--	--	--	--	54	65	56	70
Ukiah	--	--	33	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ City in bold are proposed for Council staffing in upcoming year

2/ All hearings held on-line due to health and safety concerns

3/ Attendance denoted as 'total (in person/remote)'

4/ Oregon hearing held on-line in response to public testimony

Council Tasks:

- 1. Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.**
- 2. Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2027 ocean salmon management measures.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Proposed Schedule and Process for Developing 2027 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

F.2 Final 2027 Preseason Management Schedule

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

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