

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FINAL 2026 PRESEASON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reviewed the options proposed for the 2026 public salmon hearings presented in the Situation Summary for this agenda item.

For Washington and California, the SAS supports in-person hearings in Westport and Santa Rosa. These locations have historically had high attendance. One of the main benefits of public hearings is that they provide opportunities for the public and industry members to engage directly with staff from state and federal agencies, as well as the Pacific Fishery Management Council, which helps strengthen the Council process.

For Oregon, the SAS recommends an in-person hearing in Newport with a hybrid option. Oregon has been online-only in recent years, unlike Washington and California, both of which have returned to in-person hearings. This approach would be responsive to public comments requesting remote access for Oregon. Recognizing there will need to be extra resources required to host this hearing, the SAS would support an audio-out only option if that is more feasible.

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