PROPOSED AGENDA

# Scientific and Statistical Committee

Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Telephone: 360-993-4500
September 16 - 18, 2026

This Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting is open to the public and a dedicated public comment period has been scheduled. Additional public comments may be taken at the Chair's discretion. Pertinent information will be posted to the Council's September 2026 meeting webpage prior to the meeting. This meeting is being conducted in person with a web broadcast and the opportunity for remote public comment.

Times on this agenda are subject to change once the meeting begins. Agenda items listed under SSC Administrative Matters are in numerical order; other agenda items reflect their Council Meeting Agenda numbering. Times not specified for discussion and/or presentations will be allocated to the SSC's drafting and reviewing of statements, reports, etc.

Committee member work assignments are noted in parentheses at the end of each agenda item. The first name listed is the discussion leader and the second, the rapporteur.

## Wednesday, September 16, 2026 – 8 AM

### D. Administrative Matters

4. Membership Appointments (SSC Closed Session)
   (Appointments report to the Council in Closed Session Friday, September 18)

### SSC Administrative Matters

1. Roll Call, Introductions, Announcements, etc. — Galen Johnson
2. Report of the Executive Director — Merrick Burden
3. Approve Agenda and June 2026 Minutes
4. Subcommittee Assignments - Current assignments listed at the end of agenda
5. Recusals and Council Floor Statement Planning
6. Open Discussion
   (8:30 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
9:30 a.m. (or immediately following SSC 6. Open Discussion)
Public comments, including comments on issues not on the agenda, are accepted at this time.

BREAK (9:45 – 10:00 a.m.)

SSC Administrative Matters *(continued)*

7. Groundfish Harvest Specifications Flexibility Topic Review — Jessi Waller
   (10:00 a.m.; **Hamel, Johnson; Free, Satterthwaite;** Report to the Council in November 2026)

LUNCH (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.)

7. Groundfish Harvest Specifications Flexibility Topic Review (continued)

BREAK (2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

8. Groundfish 2027-28 Stock Assessment Terms of Reference — Diana Perry
   (3:00 p.m.; **Budrick; Dick;** Report to the Council in November 2026)

## Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 8 AM

SSC Administrative Matters *(continued)*

9. Draft and Review Statements

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
9:00 a.m. (or immediately following SSC 9. Draft and Review Statements)
Public comments, including comments on issues not on the agenda, are accepted at this time.

BREAK (9:15 – 9:30 a.m.)

G. Salmon Management

1. Methodology Review- Final Topic Selection
   (9:30 a.m.; **Schaffler; Johnson;** Report to the Council Saturday, September 19)

3. Risk Management Framework – Risk Tables, and Other Approaches, Informational
   a. Salmon Risk Tables — Angela Forristall/Tim Copeland
   b. Presentation on 'Methods for assessing and responding to bias and uncertainty in the U.S. West Coast salmon abundance forecasts' (Satterthwaite and Shelton, 2023) — Will Satterthwaite
   (10:00 a.m.; **Satterthwaite; Johnson;** Report to the Council Saturday, September 19)

H. Groundfish Management

3. Inseason Adjustments for 2026 and Technical Corrections for 2027-28 – Final Action — Todd Phillips
   (11:30 a.m.; **Tsou; Schaffler;** Report to the Council Sunday, September 20)

LUNCH (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.)

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

2. Stock Assessment Terms of Reference — Katrina Bernaus
   (1:30 p.m.; **Hinton; Copeland;** Report to the Council Monday, September 21)

BREAK (2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

1. Fishery Management Plan Amendment: Management Provisions for the Revised Sardine Stock — Katrina Bernaus
   (3:00 p.m.; **Werner; Holland;** Report to the Council Monday, September 21)

SSC Administrative Matters *(continued)*

10. Draft and Review Statements
    (4:30 p.m.)

## Friday, September 18, 2026 – 8 AM

SSC Administrative Matters *(continued)*

11. Draft and Review Statements

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
9:00 a.m. (or immediately following SSC 11. Draft and Review Statements)
Public comments, including comments on issues not on the agenda, are accepted at this time.

BREAK (9:15 – 9:30 a.m.)

C. Cross Fishery Management Plan

4. Council Efficiencies
   (9:30 a.m.; **Perry; Johnson;** Report to the Council Saturday, September 19)

D. Administrative Matters *(continued)*

5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
   a. November 2026 QR, March 2027 QR, and Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) review
   b. Subcommittee updates
   (10:15 a.m.; **Perry; Johnson;** Report to the Council Monday, September 21)

12. Draft and Review Statements

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# SSC Subcommittee Assignments

| Salmon | Groundfish | Coastal Pelagic Species | Highly Migratory Species | Economics | Ecosystem-Based Management |
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| **Jason Schaffler** | **Cheryl Barnes** (Co-Chair) | **André Punt** | **Michael Hinton** | **Dan Holland** | **Chris Free** |
| John Budrick | **Aaron Berger** (Co-Chair) | Aaron Berger | Cheryl Barnes | Chris Free | Cheryl Barnes |
| Tim Copeland | John Budrick | John Budrick | Aaron Berger | Michael Hinton | Tim Copeland |
| Owen Hamel | John Field | John Field | John Field | André Punt | John Field |
| Galen Johnson | Owen Hamel | Owen Hamel | Dan Holland | Cisco Werner | Dan Holland |
| Will Satterthwaite | André Punt | Michael Hinton | André Punt | | Galen Johnson |
| | Alberto Rovellini | Tien-Shui Tsou | Cisco Werner | | André Punt |
| | Jason Schaffler | Cisco Werner | | | Alberto Rovellini |
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