

PRESEASON SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2013

To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November, 2012. The proposed 2013 process and schedule are contained in Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1.

For 2013, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2012. The hearings would be:

- March 25, 2013 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 26, 2013 Eureka, California

In 2013, the March Council meeting will occur in Tacoma, Washington and the April Council meeting in Portland, Oregon. Therefore, the public comment period on Sunday of the April meeting in Portland also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1998 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location <sup>1/</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Westport</b>	4	18	24	30	11	16	16	25	26	34	20	27	21	54	25
Astoria		14													
Tillamook	28		13	16 <sup>2/</sup>	18 <sup>2/</sup>										
<b>Coos Bay</b>	15	31	36	18	40	26	26	105	146	43	60	108	60	19	29
<b>Eureka</b>	16	18	37	12	25	46	-				167	65	34	41	42
Ft. Bragg							27	38							
Sacramento	13														
Santa Rosa			4						500	35					
Moss Landing <sup>2/</sup>	100	51	50	33	14										

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2013.

2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

**Council Action:**

1. **Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.**
2. **Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2013 ocean salmon management measures.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule and Process for Developing 2013 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.

**Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Adopt a 2013 Preseason Management Schedule
- Mike Burner

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