

Proposed Council Meeting Agenda
March 2017



238th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 7-13, 2017

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Tuesday March 7	Wednesday March 8	Thursday March 9	Friday March 10	Saturday March 11	Sunday March 12	Monday March 13	
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 9.	Closed Session	Ecosystem	Pacific Halibut	Highly Migratory Species	Groundfish	Salmon	
	Call to Order						
	Open Comment						
	Administrative		Administrative			Administrative	
	Habitat	Enforcement				Highly Migratory Species	
	Salmon	Salmon	Groundfish				
	Ecosystem		Salmon				

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 9

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page nine for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of March 7-13, 2017.

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on next page

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda. However, please note that the timing--including the day--of the agenda items may change based on the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

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



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Proposed Detailed AGENDA

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

General Council Session *Heritage A/B*

8:00 a.m. Closed Executive Session

This session is closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Council Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

9:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order

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| A.1 | Opening Remarks | Herb Pollard, Chair |
| A.2 | Roll Call | Chuck Tracy |
| A.3 | Executive Director's Report | Chuck Tracy |
| A.4 | Agenda | Herb Pollard |
| a. | Council Action: Approve Agenda | |

B. Open Comment Period

- B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items
 - a. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate

C. Administrative Matters

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| C.1 | National Marine Sanctuaries Coordination Report | Kerry Griffin |
| a. | Report of the National Marine Sanctuary Program | Bill Douros |
| b. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| c. | Public Comment | |
| d. | Council Discussion | |

D. Habitat

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| D.1 | Current Habitat Issues | Jennifer Gilden |
| a. | Report of the Habitat Committee | Joel Kawahara |
| b. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| c. | Public Comment | |
| d. | Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Recommendation | |

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 -continued

E. Salmon Management

- E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Robin Ehlike
 - a. Regulatory Activities Peter Dygert
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities NWFSC/SWFSC
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion

F. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management

- F.1 Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report Kit Dahl
 - a. Report of the IEA Team Chris Harvey, Toby Garfield
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report and Make Recommendations on Focal Topic Areas for Future Annual Reports
- F.2 Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators John DeVore
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Progress and Provide Guidance

Thursday, March 9, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Heritage A/B

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard
Chuck Tracy

- A.5 Commencing Remarks

F. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (continued)

- F.3 Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** 1) Identify New Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives to be Added to Appendix A, 2) Provide Guidance on Other Updates to Appendix A, and 3) Determine Whether to Begin Work on an Initiative in the Coming Year Including Process and Schedule

G. Enforcement Issues

- G.1 Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report Jim Seger
 - a. U.S. Coast Guard Annual West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report RADM Mark Butt
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the U.S. Coast Guard Report

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - continued

E. Salmon Management (continued)

- E.2 Review of 2016 Fisheries and Summary of 2017 Stock Abundance Forecasts Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, and Adopt 2017 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary
- E.3 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2017 Salmon Management Alternatives Robin Ehlke
- a. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission Phil Anderson
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Management Measure for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Description

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Heritage A/B

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard

- A.6 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

H. Pacific Halibut Management

- H.1 Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting Kelly Ames
- a. IPHC Report Dave Wilson
 - b. Council IPHC Representative Report Phil Anderson
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consideration of the IPHC Meeting Reports
- H.2 Incidental Catch Recommendation Options for the Salmon Troll and Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Make Recommendations for Inseason Changes to April 2017 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for Retention in 2017 and April 2018 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2017 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

Friday, March 10, 2017 - continued

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.2 National Standard 1 Guidelines Carryover Provisions John DeVore
a. National Marine Fisheries Report Frank Lockhart
b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action:** Review Guidelines and Consider Potential Application in Council Fishery Management Plans, As Necessary

I. Groundfish Management

- I.1 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Analysis Kit Dahl
a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on the Analysis

E. Salmon Management (continued)

- E.4 Council Recommendations for 2017 Management Alternative Analysis Robin Ehlke
a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Heritage A/B

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

- A.7 Commencing Remarks Herb Pollard
Chuck Tracy

J. Highly Migratory Species Management

- J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kit Dahl
a. Regulatory Activities Heidi Taylor
b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Gerard Dinardo
c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
d. Public Comment
e. Council Discussion
- J.2 Update on Existing Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Kit Dahl
a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
b. Public Comment
c. **Council Action:** Review Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Activity, Make Recommendations as Appropriate

Saturday, March 11, 2017 - continued

J. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

- J.3 Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Proposals and Make Recommendations to NMFS on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications to Test Deep-Set Buoy Gear
- J.4 Amendment 4 to the Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP) Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Proposed HMS FMP Amendment 4 Language for Public Review and Provide Further Guidance

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

- I.2 Reports and Recommendations from Groundfish Science Workshops and Methodology Reviews John DeVore
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Reports and Adopt Science Workshop and Methodology Review Recommendations, As Appropriate

E. Salmon Management (continued)

- E.5 Further Council Direction for 2017 Management Alternatives Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Further Guidance and Direction as Necessary

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Heritage A/B

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard

- A.8 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

- I.3 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments, Including Carryover Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Recommendations for Adjustments, Including Carryover, to 2017 Groundfish Fisheries, as Necessary

Sunday, March 12, 2017 - continued

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

- I.4 Implementation of the 2017 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S./Canada Agreement John DeVore
- a. Joint Management Committee Report Phil Anderson
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2017 Pacific Whiting Fishery, Including Yield Set-Asides

J. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

- J.5 Recommendations for International Management Activities Kit Dahl
- a. Report on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Meeting Dorothy Lowman
 - b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service Heidi Taylor
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consider Reports on International Activities and Provide Recommendations, As Appropriate
- J.6 Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5: Final Action Authorizing Federal Drift Gillnet Permit Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for Authorizing a Federal Limited Entry Permit for the California Large Mesh Drift Gillnet Fishery, Including Proposed FMP Amendment Language

Monday, March 13, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Heritage A/B

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Herb Pollard

- A.9 Commencing Remarks

Chuck Tracy

E. Salmon Management (continued)

- E.6 Adoption of 2017 Management Alternatives for Public Review Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review
- E.7 Salmon Hearings Officers Robin Ehlke
- a. **Council Action:** Appoint Hearings Officers Herb Pollard

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.3 Approval of Council Meeting Record Herb Pollard
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

- C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Mike Burner
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures

- C.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Chuck Tracy
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1—Tuesday, March 7, 2017

	Time	Location
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Discovery E
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	Discovery D
Habitat Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage F
Council Secretariat	11:00 a.m.	Alder Room

Day 2—Wednesday, March 8, 2017

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder Room
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Discovery E
Ecosystem Workgroup	8:00 a.m.	Discovery D
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Heritage F
Enforcement Consultants	3:00 p.m.	Willow Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Hemlock Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Spruce Room
Chair's Reception	6:00 p.m.	Discovery A/B

Day 3—Thursday, March 9, 2017

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder Room
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine Room
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Discovery E
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Discovery D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Willow Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Hemlock Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Spruce Room

Day 4—Friday, March 10, 2017

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder Room
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine Room
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Discovery E
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Discovery D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Willow Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Hemlock Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Spruce Room

Day 5—Saturday, March 11, 2017

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder Room
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Pine Room
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Discovery E
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Discovery D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Willow Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Hemlock Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Spruce Room

Day 6—Sunday, March 12, 2017

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder Room
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Discovery E
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Discovery D
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Heritage C
Salmon Technical Team	8:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Enforcement Consultants	Ad Hoc	Willow Room
Tribal Policy Group	Ad Hoc	Hemlock Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	Ad Hoc	Spruce Room

Day 7—Monday, March 13, 2017

	Time	Location
Council Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Alder Room
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Oak Room
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage D
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Heritage E

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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, MARCH 7-13, 2017 IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Acronyms	Wed, Mar 8	Thu, Mar 9	Fri, Mar 10	Sat, Mar 11	Sun, Mar 12	Mon, Mar 13
<i>BC: Budget Committee</i> <i>CCE: California Current Ecosystem</i> <i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i> <i>EAS/EWG Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Workgroup</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>EFP: Exempted Fishing Permit</i> <i>FPA: Final Preferred Alternative</i> <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel/Management Team</i> <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i> <i>HMS: Highly Migratory Species</i> <i>HMSAS/MT: HMS Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt Team</i> <i>IEA: Integrated Ecosystem Assessment</i> <i>IPHC: International Pacific Halibut Commission</i> <i>NMS: National Marine Sanctuary</i> <i>SAS/STT: Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team</i> <i>USCG: U.S. Coast Guard</i>	<p>CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>C. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. NMS Coordination Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>D. HABITAT 1. Current Habitat Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 1. NMFS Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>F. ECOSYSTEM 1. CCE and IEA Report (2 hr) 2. Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators (1 hr)</p>	<p>F. ECOSYSTEM 3. Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives and Focal Topics (3 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>G. ENFORCEMENT 1. USCG Annual Report (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 2. Review of 2016 Fisheries & Summary of 2017 Stock Forecasts (1 hr) 3. Identify Management Objectives & Preliminary Definition of 2017 Management Alternatives (3 hr 30 mins)</p>	<p>H. PACIFIC HALIBUT 1. Annual IPHC Meeting Rpt. & Data Request Update (1 hr 30 min) 2. Incidental Catch Limits: Options for Salmon Troll & Final for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>C. ADMINISTRATIVE 2. National Standard 1 Guidelines Carryover Guidance (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>I. GROUND FISH 1. ESA Salmon Bycatch Consultation Analysis (3 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 4. Recommendations for 2017 Management Alternative Analysis (2 hr)</p>	<p>J. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 1. NMFS Rpt. (1 hr) 2. Update on Deep Set Buoy Gear EFP results (2 hr) 3. EFPs – Initial Review/Final Approval (1 hr) 4. FMP A-4 :Status Determination Criteria Preliminary Action (1 hr 30min)</p> <hr/> <p>I. GROUND FISH 2. Groundfish Science Workshops and Assessment Methodology Review Reports (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>E. SALMON 5. Further Direction for 2017 Management Alternatives (1 hr)</p>	<p>I. GROUND FISH 3. Inseason Management Incl. Carryover (1 hr) 4. Implementation of 2017 Pacific Whiting Fishery under U.S.-Canada Whiting Agreement (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>J. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 5. Recommend International Mgt. Activities (2 hr) 6. Authorizing Federal Drift Gillnet Permit: FPA (4 hr)</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate; not reliable for planning attendance or participation.</p> </div>	<p>E. SALMON 6. Adopt 2017 Management Alternatives for Public Review (1 hr 30 min) 7. Appoint Salmon Hearing Officers (15 min)</p> <hr/> <p>C. ADMINISTRATIVE 3. Approve Council Meeting Record (15 min) 4. Membership Appointments & COPs (15 min) 5. Future Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (1 hr)</p>
Tue Mar 7	8 hr	8.5 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	3.25 hr
11 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am HC 8 am EAS & EWG	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am EAS & EWG 8 am SAS & STT 3 pm EC Ad Hoc Tribal Policy Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech 6 pm Chair's Reception	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & MT 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT Ad Hoc EC Ad Hoc Tribal Policy Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & MT 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT Ad Hoc EC Ad Hoc Tribal Policy Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & MT 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SAS & STT Ad Hoc EC Ad Hoc Tribal Policy Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat 8 am HMSAS & MT 8 am SAS & STT Ad Hoc EC Ad Hoc Tribal Policy Ad Hoc WA/Tribal Tech	7 am State Delegations 7 am Secretariat