



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2024 in Seattle, WA and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment remotely. The following groups will meet in person in Seattle: Budget Committee, Salmon Technical Team, Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Enforcement Consultants, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet remotely.

**DATES:** The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 9 a.m. Pacific Time, reconvening at 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 7 through Thursday, April 11, 2024. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Saturday, April 6, to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Westin Seattle, 1900 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA; telephone: (206) 728-1000. Specific meeting information, including directions on joining the meeting, connecting to the live stream broadcast, and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send

an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at 503-820-2412 for technical assistance.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Merrick Burden, Executive Director, Pacific Council; telephone: 503-820-2418 or 866-806-7204 toll-free, or access the Pacific Council website, [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org), for the proposed agenda and meeting briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The April 6-11, 2024 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PT, Saturday, April 6, and 8 a.m. Sunday, April 7 through Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Broadcasts end when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action on each agenda item. Additional information and instructions on joining or listening to the meeting can be found on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)).

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as "Final Action" refer to actions requiring the Pacific Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under Sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, and advisory entity meeting times, are described in Agenda Item A.3, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance April 2024 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org) no later than Monday, March 25, 2024.

A. *Call to Order*

1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda
4. Executive Director's Report

B. *Open Comment Period*

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. *Habitat Issues*

1. Current Habitat Issues

D. *Pacific Halibut Management*

1. Incidental Catch Limits for the 2024 Salmon Troll Fishery – Final Action

E. *Salmon Management*

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Tentative Adoption of the 2024 Management Measures for Analysis
3. Clarify Council Direction on 2024 Management Measures
4. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection
5. Further Direction on 2024 Management Measures
6. 2024 Management Measures – Final Action

F. *Groundfish Management*

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report Including a Take Reduction Team Overview
2. Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2025-26 Fisheries – Final Preferred Alternatives
3. Inseason Management – Final Action
4. Sablefish Gear Switching – Final Action and Fishery Management Plan Amendment

5. Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2025-26  
Fisheries

*G. Administrative Matters*

1. Fiscal Matters
2. Council Operations and Priorities
3. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

*H. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP)*

1. Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Report
2. U.S. Coast Guard Annual Report

*I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management*

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. 2024-25 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) – Final Action
3. Pacific Sardine Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2024-25 - Final Action

**Advisory Body Agendas**

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are on the Pacific Council agenda for this meeting and may also include issues that may be relevant to future Pacific Council meetings. Proposed advisory body agendas for this meeting will be available on the Pacific Council website, [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org), no later than Monday, March 25, 2024.

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

*Day 1—Friday, April 5, 2024*

Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	1 PM
Groundfish Management Team	1 PM
Budget Committee	1 PM
Enforcement Consultants	2 PM

*Day 2— Saturday, April 6, 2024*

California State Delegation	7 AM
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM
Washington State Delegation	7 AM
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary

*Day 3— Sunday, April 7, 2024*

California State Delegation	7 AM
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM
Washington State Delegation	7 AM
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary

*Day 4—Monday, April 8, 2024*

California State Delegation	7 AM
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM
Washington State Delegation	7 AM

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 AM
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary

*Day 5—Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

California State Delegation	7 AM
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM
Washington State Delegation	7 AM
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary

*Day 6—Wednesday, April 10, 2024*

California State Delegation	7 AM
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM
Washington State Delegation	7 AM
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 AM
Salmon Technical Team	8 AM
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary

*Day 7—Thursday, April 11, 2024*

California State Delegation	7 AM
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM

Washington State Delegation

7 AM

Salmon Technical Team

8 AM

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### **Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (*kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov*; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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