

274<sup>th</sup> Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

November 1-8, 2023

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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.

**Schedule of Ancillary Meetings follows the Detailed Agenda**

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings following the Council's Detailed Agenda for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [November Council meeting web page](#).

Wed-Thurs Nov. 1-2	Friday Nov. 3	Saturday Nov. 4	Sunday Nov. 5	Monday Nov. 6	Tuesday Nov. 7	Wednesday Nov. 8
Advisory Bodies Meet	Closed Session	Groundfish	Highly Migratory Species	Administrative	Groundfish	Administrative
	Call to Order					
	Open Comment		Groundfish	Groundfish		
	Administrative			Administrative		
	Salmon		Pacific Halibut	Pacific Halibut		



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## Proposed Detailed AGENDA

**Friday, November 3, 2023**

### General Council Session *Royal Ballroom*

**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 a.m.**

#### **A. Call to Order**

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| A.1 | Opening Remarks                          | Brad Pettinger, Chair |
| A.2 | Roll Call                                | Merrick Burden        |
| A.3 | Agenda                                   | Brad Pettinger        |
|     | a. <b>Council Action:</b> Approve Agenda |                       |
| A.4 | Executive Director's Report              | Merrick Burden        |

#### **B. Open Comment Period**

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|-----|--|----------------|
| B.1 | Comments on Non-Agenda Items                                       | Merrick Burden |
|     | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |                |
|     | b. Public Comment  |                |
|     | c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate                  |                |

#### **C. Administrative Matters**

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|-----|--|-----------------|
| C.1 | Council Coordination Committee Report  | Merrick Burden  |
|     | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies   |                 |
|     | b. Public Comment  |                 |
|     | c. <b>Council Action:</b> Consider Report on the Council Coordination Committee Meeting                        |                 |
| C.2 | National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Priorities                              | Kelly Ames      |
|     | a. NMFS Report   | NMFS Leadership |
|     | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies   |                 |
|     | c. Public Comment  |                 |
|     | d. <b>Council Action:</b> Consider 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Priorities and Provide Comments, As Necessary |                 |

**D. Salmon**

- D.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Including Stock Status Determinations
  - a. Regulatory Activities
  - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities
  - c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

Robin Ehlke  
Susan Bishop
- D.2 Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 24: Southern Resident Killer Whale Threshold Clarifications – Final
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final FMP Amendment

Robin Ehlke
- D.3 Final Methodology Review
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2024 and Beyond, as Needed

Robin Ehlke
- D.4 Final 2024 Preseason Management Schedule and 2024 Management Framework for California Chinook Fisheries
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2024 Preseason Management Schedule; Adopt Management Framework for California Coastal Chinook in California Chinook Fisheries for 2024 and Beyond

Robin Ehlke
- D.5 Klamath River Fall Chinook Workgroup Progress Report
  - a. Workgroup Report
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Discuss the Workgroup Report; Provide Guidance as Needed

Robin Ehlke

## Saturday, November 4, 2023

8 a.m.

### Royal Ballroom

#### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.5 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

#### E. Groundfish Management

E.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Todd Phillips

a. Regulatory Activities

Keeley Kent

b. Fisheries Science Center Activities

Craig Russell

c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

d. Public Comment

e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

E.2 Adopt Quillback Rebuilding Analyses, Catch-Only Projections, and Revised Projections

Marlene Bellman

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Quillback Rebuilding Analyses, Catch-Only Projections, and Revised Projections for 2025 and Beyond

E.3 Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023 and 2024, Including 2024 Whiting Set-Asides (*Part 1*)

Todd Phillips

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023 and 2024, as Necessary; Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2024

E.4 Sablefish Gear Switching – Preliminary Preferred Alternative (*Part 1*)

Jim Seger/Jessi Doerpinghaus

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** (*Scheduled for Part 2 on Monday, November 6*)

## Sunday, November 5, 2023

8 a.m.

### Royal Ballroom

#### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.6 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

## F. Highly Migratory Species Management

- F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kit Dahl  
a. Regulatory Activities Ryan Wulff  
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
c. Public Comment  
d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate
- F.2 Highly Migratory Species Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment – Final Kerry Griffin  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final EFH Revisions to the FMP
- F.3 Highly Migratory Species Roadmap Workshop Kit Dahl  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Establish Scope and Objectives for the Workshop; Discuss Next Steps

## E. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- E.5 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2025-2026 (*Part 1*) Marlene Bellman/Todd Phillips  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Overfishing Limits, Final P\*/Acceptable Biological Catches, Preliminary Preferred Annual Catch Limits for Stocks and Stock Complexes, if possible, and Rebuilding Specifications for Quillback Rockfish in California
- E.6 Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permits for 2025-2026 Jim Seger  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permits and Proposed Set-Asides for Public Review and Provide Other Guidance, as Necessary

## G. Pacific Halibut Management

- G.1 2024 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations – Final (*Part 1*) Robin Ehlke  
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  
b. Public Comment  
c. **Council Action:** (*Scheduled for Part 2 on Monday, November 6*)

## Monday, November 6, 2023

8 a.m.

### Royal Ballroom

#### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

#### C. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

C.3 Marine Planning

Kerry Griffin

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Consider Marine Planning Committee Report and Provide Guidance

#### E. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

E.4 Sablefish Gear Switching – Preliminary Preferred

Alternative (*Part 2*)

Jim Seger/Jessi Doerpinghaus

c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative

#### C. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

C.4 Fiscal Matters

Patricia Hearing

a. Report of the Budget Committee

Pete Hassemer

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations

#### G. Pacific Halibut Management (*continued*)

G.1 2024 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations – Final (*Part 2*)

Robin Ehlke

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Catch Sharing Plan and Regulation Changes for Implementation in 2024; Identify Process and Schedule for Remaining Items, as Needed

## Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8 a.m.

### Royal Ballroom

#### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.8 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

## Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – continued

### E. Groundfish Management (*continued*)

- E.7 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2025-2026 (*Part 2*) Todd Phillips/Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Remaining Harvest Specifications, as Necessary; Adopt Preliminary Two-Year Allocations and a Range of Alternative Management Measures for Detailed Analysis
- E.8 Phase 2 Stock Definitions – Planning Todd Phillips/Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Workplan and Schedule
- E.9 Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023-2024 (*Part 2, If Necessary*) Todd Phillips
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023 and 2024, as Necessary

## Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8 a.m.

Royal Ballroom

### A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

A.9 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

### C. Administrative Matters (*continued*)

- C.5 Legislative Matters Merrick Burden
- a. Report of the Legislative Committee
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations
- C.6 Approval of Council Meeting Record Brad Pettinger
- a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Record
- C.7 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures; Consider National Marine Fisheries Service Take Reduction Team Membership, As Appropriate
- C.8 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Merrick Burden
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting and Workload Planning

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**274<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 1-8, 2023**

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

**Day 1— Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Marine Planning Committee	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Subcommittee Scientific and Statistical Committee	3:00 p.m.	Terrace D-F

**Day 2— Thursday, November 2, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Legislative Committee	10:00 a.m.	Madrid (Second Floor)
Budget Committee	1:00 p.m.	Madrid (Second Floor)
Enforcement Consultants	2:00 p.m.	Seville (Second Floor)

**Day 3— Friday, November 3, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	1:00 p.m.	Valencia (Second Floor)
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	1:00 p.m.	Granada (Second Floor)
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Seville (Second Floor)

**Day 4— Saturday, November 4, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Valencia (Second Floor)
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Granada (Second Floor)
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Seville (Second Floor)



**Day 5— Sunday, November 5, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Granada (Second Floor)
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 6— Monday, November 6, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 7—Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 a.m.	Royal A
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 a.m.	Royal B
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	<a href="#">Online</a>

**Day 8—Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to Attend</b>
Secretariat	7:00 a.m.	Terrace A-C
California State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal A
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Royal B
Washington State Delegation	7:00 a.m.	Terrace D-F

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# PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, NOVEMBER 1-8, 2023, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Acronyms	Fri, Nov 3	Sat, Nov 4	Sun, Nov 5	Mon, Nov 6	Tue, Nov 7	Wed, Nov 8
<b>AB:</b> Advisory Body <b>BC:</b> Budget Committee <b>CCC:</b> Council Coordination Committee <b>EC:</b> Enforcement Consultants <b>ED:</b> Executive Director <b>EFP:</b> Exempted Fishing Permits <b>FMP:</b> Fishery Management Plan <b>GAP/GMT:</b> Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt. Team <b>HC:</b> Habitat Committee <b>HMS:</b> Highly Migratory Species <b>HMSAS/MT:</b> HMS Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team <b>KRFC:</b> Klamath River Fall Chinook <b>LC:</b> Legislative Committee <b>MPC:</b> Marine Planning Committee <b>NMFS:</b> National Marine Fisheries Service <b>PPA:</b> Preliminary Preferred Alternative <b>SAS/STT:</b> Salmon Advisory Subpanel /Technical Team <b>SRKW:</b> Southern Resident Killer Whale <b>SSC:</b> Scientific and Statistical Committee	<b>CLOSED SESSION 8 AM</b> Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr)  <b>A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM</b> <b>1-4.</b> Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED's Report (30 min)  <b>B. OPEN COMMENT</b> <b>1.</b> Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)  <b>C. ADMINISTRATIVE</b> <b>1.</b> CCC Meeting Report (30 min) <b>2.</b> NMFS 2023 Accomplishments & 2024 Priorities (1 hr)  <b>D. SALMON</b> <b>1.</b> NMFS Report inc. Stock Status Determinations (1 hr) <b>2.</b> FMP A24: SRKW Threshold Clarifications – Final (30 min) <b>3.</b> Methodology Review - Final (1 hr, 30 min) <b>4.</b> Final 2024 Preseason Mgmt. Schedule & 2024 Framework for California Chinook Fisheries (1 hr) <b>5.</b> KRFC Workgroup – Progress Report (1 hr)	<b>E. GROUND FISH</b> <b>1.</b> NMFS Report (30 min) <b>2.</b> Adopt Rebuilding Analyses, Catch-Only Projections, and Revised Projections (2 hr) <b>3.</b> Inseason Adjustments for 23-24; Including 2024 Whiting Set-Asides – <i>Final, if possible, otherwise continue on Tuesday via a second agenda item</i> (1 hr 30 min) <b>4.</b> Sablefish Gear Switching – PPA (4 hr) <i>Continued on Monday</i>	<b>F. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES</b> <b>1.</b> NMFS Report (30 min) <b>2.</b> Essential Fish Habitat FMP Amendment – Final (1 hr) <b>3.</b> HMS Roadmap Workshop – Scope & Objectives (1 hr 30 min)  <b>E. GROUND FISH</b> <b>5.</b> 2025-26 Harvest Specifications & Management Measures – Part 1 Final Overfishing Limits & Acceptable Biological Catches, Prelim Annual Catch Limits ( <i>Mgmt. Measures on Tue</i> ) (2 hr) <b>6.</b> EFPs for 2025-26 – Prelim. (1 hr)  <b>G. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b> <b>1.</b> 2024 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations - Final <i>Continued on Monday</i> (2 hr)	<b>C. ADMINISTRATIVE</b> <b>3.</b> Marine Planning (2 hr)  <b>E. GROUND FISH</b> <b>4.</b> Sablefish Gear Switching – PPA (2 hr) <i>Continued from Saturday</i>  <b>C. ADMINISTRATIVE</b> <b>4.</b> Fiscal Matters (2 hr)  <b>G. PACIFIC HALIBUT</b> <b>1.</b> 2024 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations - Final <i>Continued from Sunday</i> (2 hr)	<b>E. GROUND FISH</b> <b>7.</b> 2025-26 Harvest Specifications & Management Measures – Part 2 Management Measures <i>Continued from Sun</i> (4 hr 30 min) <b>8.</b> Stock Definitions – Phase 2 Planning (2 hr) <b>9.</b> Inseason Adjustments for 23-24 – <i>Part 2, Final Action if Needed</i> (1 hr)	<b>C. ADMINISTRATIVE</b> <b>5.</b> Legislative Matters (30 min) <b>6.</b> Approve Council Mtg. Record (15 min) <b>7.</b> Membership Appointments & Council Operating Procedures (30 min) <b>8.</b> Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)
<b>AB Meetings in Advance</b> HC, STT, & SAS						
<b>Wed, Nov 1</b>  <b>8 am MPC</b> <b>3 pm SSC Groundfish Subcommittee</b>						
<b>Thurs, Nov 2</b>	8.5 hr  7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am SSC 1 pm HMSAS & HMSMT  As Needed – EC 6 pm Chair's Banquet	8 hr  7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT  As Needed - EC	8 hr  7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HMSMT  As Needed - EC	8 hr  7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT  As Needed - EC	7.5 hr  7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT  As Needed - EC	3.3 hr  7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat

Advisory Bodies listed in **bold** below are **scheduled as in-person sessions**. All others are proposed as remote meetings. Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the November Council meeting, check the [Council web page](#) for details.