



Pacific Fishery Management Council

MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 6, 2025

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Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting June 11-16, 2025 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 11-16, 2025 in Rohnert Park, California and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment in person and remotely starting Friday, June 13, at 9 a.m., and reconvening at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, through Monday, June 16, 2025. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, June 13, to address litigation and personnel matters. Advisory body meetings will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats as described on the last pages of the attached proposed meeting agenda. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#). Briefing materials will be available on the [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#) no later than Friday, May 23, 2025 by the end of the day.

The Council is scheduled to address issues related to groundfish, highly migratory species (HMS), and administrative matters. Several agenda items have impacts that span multiple fishery management plans (FMPs) and are labeled "Cross FMP." Key actions for consideration at the meeting include:

Groundfish

- Final action for the limited entry fixed gear follow-on actions including gear endorsements, cost recovery, and other administrative changes
- Inseason management
- Adopt update stock assessments for yelloweye and widow rockfishes
- Adopt the final intersector allocation review
- Identify species in need of conservation and management including establishing their stock definitions, consideration to remove selected species from the FMP or designate them as ecosystem components
- Initial scoping for harvest specifications and management measures for 2027-28 including adopting a process and schedule

HMS

- Provide recommendations on U.S. positions at upcoming meetings and other forums, as appropriate
- Preliminary review of exempted fishing permit applications
- Adopt the roadmap and provide guidance on priorities and next steps for HMS fisheries

Cross FMP

- Receive a briefing on recent Presidential Executive Orders and generate a response for public review
- Adopt the final research and data needs for Council managed fisheries

The declared COVID health emergency is over; however, the Council recommends that participants follow the guidelines provided by health authorities. Council participants are encouraged to bring masks and tests to the meeting in the event they are needed. A limited supply of tests and masks will be available in the Council Ballroom.

All meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity to participate and provide oral testimony in person and remotely for the Council session. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed detailed agenda. Information is also available on the [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#) or by calling the Council office at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 (toll-free).

The meeting of the Council will be live streamed on the internet. The broadcast will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025. The meeting will continue daily at 8 a.m. through Monday, June 16. Broadcasts end daily at 5 p.m. or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen 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. To access the meeting online, please visit the [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#). It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting.

Advisory body meetings will be conducted in person and online according to the schedules in the attached proposed agenda. There will be an opportunity for public comment daily in each of the meetings. Instructions for how to connect to meetings being held via webinar will be posted on the Council's [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#) prior to the first day of the meeting.

Public Comment Guidelines

The public is encouraged to comment on Council agenda items in writing prior to the meeting through our [Public Comment Electronic Portal](#). Additionally, there will be an opportunity for oral public comment in person and remotely prior to Council Action on each agenda item. Timing of agenda items may change as the meeting progresses, and items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to later in the meeting, usually the next day.

Oral Public Comments

Oral public comments will be accepted in person and remotely during the meeting prior to Council action on each agenda item. Instructions for oral public comments will be available on the [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#).

Written Public Comments

Written public comments must be submitted to our [Public Comment Electronic Portal](#). To submit written public comment, visit the [June 2025 Meeting webpage](#) and select "E-portal for Public Comments", select the upcoming meeting, and then select the agenda item of interest. You can either enter your comments in the text box or upload a file containing your

comments in Adobe pdf. The public comment portal opens on May 6, 2025 and closes on June 6, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Written comments after the Council meeting starts will only be accepted if they are in support of oral public comment and are submitted via the [E-Portal](#) prior to Council Action on the agenda item.

To receive future announcements via email, sign up for the “[PFMC E-Mail Notification List](#).”

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Meeting Notice - Proposed Agenda
282nd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council



June 11-16, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma—Wine Country

One Doubletree Drive

Rohnert Park, California, 94928

Phone: 707-584-5466

The Council is meeting in person in Rohnert Park, California with live streaming and remote participation options including public comment. Ancillary meetings will be conducted via a combination of online and in-person formats. Instructions for joining online meetings will be posted to the [June Council meeting web page](#).

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on next page

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 [June Council meeting web page](#).

Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
June 11	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16
Advisory Bodies Meet	Closed Session	Highly Migratory Species	Habitat	Cross FMP
	Call to Order			
Thursday	Open Comment		Administrative	
June 12	Administrative		Cross FMP	
Advisory Bodies Meet	Cross FMP	Groundfish		Administrative
	Groundfish		Groundfish	



282nd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council
June 11-16, 2025

Proposed Detailed
AGENDA

Friday, June 13, 2025

General Council Session
Salon III-IV

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. Council Action: 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 Meeting Update | Merrick Burden |
| | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | b. Public Comment | |
| | c. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate | |

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

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| D.1 | Presidential Executive Orders and Administration Updates | Kelly Ames |
| | a. National Marine Fisheries Report | |
| | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | c. Public Comment | |
| | d. Council Discussion | |

Friday, June 13, 2025 - continued

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 Limited Entry Fixed Gear Actions: Gear Endorsements, Cost Recovery, and Other Administrative Changes – Final Action Jessi Waller
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternative including a Fishery Management Plan Amendment
- E.3 Inseason Management – Final Action Jessi Waller
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2025

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8 a.m.

Salon III-IV

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

Brad Pettinger

- A.5 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

F. Highly Migratory Species Management

- F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kerry Griffin
 - a. Regulatory Activities Ryan Wulff
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate
- F.2 International Management Activities Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate
- F.3 Exempted Fishing Permits Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Preliminary Review of Exempted Fishing Permit Applications

Saturday, June 14, 2025 - continued

F. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

- F.4 Highly Migratory Species Roadmap Development Kerry Griffin
- a. Report of the Fisheries Innovation Workgroup (FIW) Christa Svensson, Josh Madeira
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt FIW Terms of Reference and Roadmap, Provide Guidance on Next Steps

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

- E.4 Adopt Stock Assessments Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Update Stock Assessments for Yelloweye and Widow Rockfishes
- E.5 Intersector Allocation Review – Final Action Jessi Waller
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Intersector Allocation Review
- E.6 Phase 2 Stock Definitions — Final Action
- (Part 1; *continues on Sunday, June 15*) Todd Phillips, Katrina Bernaus
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** (Scheduled for Part 2 on Sunday, June 15)

Sunday, June 15, 2025

8 a.m.

Salon III-IV

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.6 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

G. Habitat Issues

- G.1 Current Habitat Issues Kerry Griffin
- a. Report of the Habitat Committee
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.2 Legislative Matters Merrick Burden
- a. Report of the Legislative Committee Pete Hassemer
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations

Sunday, June 15, 2025 - continued

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (continued)

- D.2 Council Response to Executive Orders and Administration Updates Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Develop Response and Adopt Preliminary Priorities for Public Review

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

- E.6 Phase 2 Stock Definitions — Final Action
(Part 2; *continued on Saturday, June 14*) Todd Phillips, Katrina Bernaus
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives Where Possible; Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives Where Appropriate
- E.7 Harvest Specifications Flexibility - Scoping Jessi Waller
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Purpose and Need and Provide Further Guidance on Developing a Range of Alternatives
- E.8 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Planning Todd Phillips, Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Initial Scoping, Adopt a Process and Schedule for Developing Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2027-28 Fisheries

Monday, June 16, 2025

8 a.m.

Salon III-IV

A. Call to Order (*reconvene*)

Brad Pettinger

- A.7 Commencing Remarks

Merrick Burden

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (continued)

- D.3 Research and Data Needs – Final Action Marlene Bellman
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Research and Data Needs

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.3 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
- C.4 Approve Council Meeting Records Brad Pettinger
- a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Records

C. Administrative Matters (continued)

- C.5 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, As Appropriate
- C.6 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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**282ND SESSION OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
JUNE 11-16, 2025**

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1— Wednesday, June 11, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee	10 AM	Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Vineyard
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Sonoma

Day 2— Thursday, June 12, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Cotati
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Vineyard
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Sonoma
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 AM	Santa Rosa
Legislative Committee	10 AM	Bodega
Budget Committee	1 PM	Bodega
Enforcement Consultants	2 PM	Bodega

Day 3— Friday, June 13, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7 AM	Vineyard
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Rosa
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Salon II
Secretariat	8 AM	Cotati
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 AM	Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Vineyard
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Sonoma
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Salon II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 AM	Santa Rosa
Enforcement Consultants	8 AM	Bodega
Chair's Reception	6 PM	Upper Patio

Day 4— Saturday, June 14, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7 AM	Vineyard
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Rosa
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Salon II
Secretariat	8 AM	Cotati
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Vineyard
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Sonoma
Enforcement Consultants	As needed	Bodega

Day 5— Sunday, April 15, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
California State Delegation	7 AM	Vineyard
Oregon State Delegation	7 AM	Santa Rosa
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Salon II
Secretariat	8 AM	Cotati
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 AM	Vineyard
Groundfish Management Team	8 AM	Sonoma
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	Online

Day 6— Monday, June 16, 2025

	Time	How to Attend
Secretariat	8 AM	Cotati
Washington State Delegation	7 AM	Redwood Room

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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, JUNE 11-16, 2025 ROHNERT PARK, CA

Acronyms	Fri, June 13	Sat, June 14	Sun, June 15	Mon, June 16
<i>BC: Budget Committee</i> <i>CCC: Council Coordination Committee</i> <i>COP: Council Operating Procedure</i> <i>EAS/EWG: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel/Workgroup</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>FIW: Fishery Innovation Workgroup</i> <i>FMP: Fishery Management Plan</i> <i>FPA: Final Preferred Alternative</i> <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i> <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i> <i>HMS: Highly Migratory Species</i> <i>HMSAS/MT: HMS Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt. Team</i> <i>LC: Legislative Committee</i> <i>NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service</i> <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i> <i>SSC/GFSC: Scientific and Statistical Committee; Groundfish Subcommittee</i>	CLOSED SESSION 8 AM Discuss Litigation & Personnel Matters (1 hr) A. CALL TO ORDER 9 AM 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, ED Report (30 min) B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min) C. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. CCC Meeting Update (30 min) D. CROSS FMP 1. Presidential Executive Orders and Administration Updates (2 hr) E. GROUND FISH 1. NMFS Report (30 min) 2. Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow On – FPA (2 hr) 3. Inseason Management (1 hr 30 min)	F. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 1. NMFS Report (30 min) 2. International Management (1 hr) 3. Exempted Fishing Permit – Preliminary (1 hr) 4. HMS Roadmap Development Report (1 hr 30 min) E. GROUND FISH 4. Adopt Stock Assessment Updates (1 hr 30 min) 5. Intersector Allocation Review – Final (1 hr) 6. Stock Definitions – PPA, FPA if pos. – <i>continues on Sunday</i> (1 hr 30 min)	G. HABITAT 1. Habitat Issues (30 min) C. ADMINISTRATIVE 2. Legislative Matters (30 min) D. CROSS FMP 2. Council Response to Executive Orders and Administration Updates (1 hr 30 min) E. GROUND FISH 6. Stock Definitions – PPA, FPA if pos. – <i>continued from Saturday</i> (1 hr) 7. Harvest Specifications Flexibility – Scoping (2 hr) 8. 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures – Planning (1 hr 30 min)	D. CROSS FMP 3. Research and Data Needs - Final (1 hr 30 min) C. ADMINISTRATIVE 3. Fiscal Matters (1 hr) 4. Approve Council Mtg. Records (15 min) 5. Membership Appointments & COPs (30 min) 6. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (2 hr)
In Advance			Time estimates are approximate and agenda items may be cancelled or rescheduled. Proposed Council and Advisory Body schedules are tentative and are not reliable for planning participation. Advisory Bodies listed in bold below are proposed as in-person sessions. All others are proposed as online meetings. Some Advisory Bodies will also be holding online meetings in advance of the Council meeting, check the Council web page for details.	
EAS/EWG, FIW, HC				
Wed, June 11				
10 am SSC GFSC 8 am GAP/GMT				
Thur, June 12	8.5 hr	8 hr	7 hr	5.3 hr
8 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 10 am LC 1 pm BC 2 pm EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 8 am EC 6 pm Chair's Reception	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT As needed EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT As needed EC (online)	7 am WA State Delegation 8 am Secretariat