

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of webconference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet November 15, 2021 through November 19, 2021.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 through Friday, November 19, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2673>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Cleaver or Diana Stram, Council staff; phone: (907) 271–2809 and email: [sara.cleaver@noaa.gov](mailto:sara.cleaver@noaa.gov) or [diana.stram@noaa.gov](mailto:diana.stram@noaa.gov). For technical support please contact our administrative staff; email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

Monday, November 15, 2021 to Friday, November 19, 2021

The Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Plan Teams will compile and review the annual BSAI and GOA Groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports, and recommend final groundfish OFL and ABCs for 2022/23. The Plan Teams will also review the Economic Report and the Ecosystem Status Reports. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2673> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at:

<https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2673>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2673>.

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

Dated: October 25, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Research Steering Committee will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, starting at 10 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place over webinar using the Webex platform with a telephone-only connection option. Details on how to connect to the webinar by computer and by telephone will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is for the Research Steering Committee to review proposed updates to the Council's Five Year (2020–24) Research Priorities document and to also develop the objectives and agenda for planned in-person workshop regarding the redevelopment of the Council's Research Set-Aside (RSA) program.

Committee feedback and recommendations on both topics will be presented to the full Council at their December meeting.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's website ([www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)) prior to the meeting.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 25, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**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's (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold online public meetings.

**DATES:** The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet online November 15–19 and 21–22, 2021, noting there will be no meetings held on Saturday, November 20, 2021. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), reconvening at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17 through Friday, November 19, 2021. The Council will reconvene Sunday, November 21, through Monday, November 22. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Tuesday, November 16, 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 webinar only. 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.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2415 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 November 15-19 and 21-22, 2021 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 10 a.m. PST Tuesday, November 16, 2021, and continue at 8 a.m. Wednesday, November 17 through Monday, November 22, 2021, except no meetings are scheduled for Saturday, November 20. 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 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.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance November 2021 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org) no later than Monday, November 1, 2021.

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Open Comment Period**

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

**C. Administrative Matters**

1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report
2. Marine Planning
3. Final Regional Operating Agreement
4. Preliminary West Coast Regional Framework for Determining the Best Scientific Information Available
5. Fiscal Matters
6. Legislative Matters
7. Approval of Council Meeting Record
8. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology—Final Action
9. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
10. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

**D. Habitat Issues**

1. Current Habitat Issues

**E. Groundfish Management**

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Adopt Stock Assessments
3. Harvest Specifications for 2023-24 Management Including Final Overfishing Limits and Acceptable Biological Catches
4. Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit Approval for 2023-2024
5. Biennial Management Measures for 2023-24
6. Non-trawl Sector Area Management Measures
7. Inseason Adjustments Including Pacific Whiting Set-Asides for 2022—Final Action

**F. Salmon Management**

1. Final Methodology Review
2. 2022 Preseason Management Schedule
3. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species Act Harvest Control Rule—Final Action

**G. Pacific Halibut Management**

1. Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2022—Final Action
2. 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations—Final Action

**H. Highly Migratory Species Management**

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. International Management Activities
3. Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps

**I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

1. Preliminary Review of New Exempted Fishing Permits for 2022
2. Fishery Management Plan Management Categories

**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 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 November 1, 2021.

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

	Time
<i>Day 1—Monday, November 15, 2021:</i>	
Enforcement Consultants .....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team ...	8 a.m.
Habitat Committee	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team .....	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Budget Committee	10 a.m.
Legislative Committee .....	1 p.m.
<i>Day 2—Tuesday, November 16, 2021:</i>	
California State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team ...	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team .....	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants .....	As Necessary
<i>Day 3—Wednesday, November 17, 2021:</i>	

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—  
Continued

	Time
California State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team ...	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants .....	As Necessary
<i>Day 4—Thursday, November 18, 2021:</i>	
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team ...	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel .....	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants .....	As Necessary
<i>Day 5—Friday, November 19, 2021:</i>	
California State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team ...	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants .....	As Necessary
* No Meetings Scheduled for Saturday, November 20.	
<i>Day 6—Sunday, November 21, 2021:</i>	
California State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation .....	7 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—  
Continued

	Time
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ....	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team ...	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants .....	As Necessary
<i>Day 7—Monday, November 22, 2021:</i>	
California State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.	
<b>Special Accommodations</b>	
Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ( <i>kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov</i> ; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date. <i>Authority:</i> 16 U.S.C. 1801 <i>et seq.</i>	
Dated: October 25, 2021.	
<b>Tracey L. Thompson,</b>	
<i>Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.</i>	
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<b>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b>	
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>	
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<b>West Coast Groundfish Trawl Seabird Cable Strike Meeting; Meeting Announcement</b>	
<b>AGENCY:</b> National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.	
<b>ACTION:</b> Notice of public meeting.	
<b>SUMMARY:</b> NMFS announces a meeting to present the results of research studies conducted on seabird cable strikes in	

the West Coast at-sea whiting fishery. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on December 10, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (or until business is concluded).

**ADDRESSES:** Instructions for attending the meeting will be provided on the web at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish> and through a public notice to be emailed out to the West Coast Groundfish Listserv. Sign up to receive West Coast Groundfish public notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNOAAFISHERIES/subscriber/new>. After entering your contact information, check the boxes for the “Groundfish” and/or “Pacific Whiting” topics under “West Coast Updates”.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keeley Kent, West Coast Region, at [keeley.kent@noaa.gov](mailto:keeley.kent@noaa.gov) or 206-247-8252.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Seabirds congregate around trawlers to feed on offal putting them at risk of colliding with cables (trawl warps and data cables) that run aft of trawlers. Cable strikes are a known source of seabird mortality worldwide, particularly on at-sea factory trawlers (referred to as catcher/processors). Research projects observing seabird cable strikes and other interactions, as well as testing of mitigation measures, have been conducted in the West Coast at-sea Pacific whiting fishery. NMFS will present results from these studies to inform a discussion of their application to management.

**Trawl Seabird Bycatch Meeting Topics**

This meeting will have an agenda that will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- (1) Presentation of research studies conducted on seabird interactions in at-sea Pacific whiting fisheries, including cable strikes;
- (2) Discussion of seabird bycatch mitigation measure trials; and
- (3) Application of research results to management.

**Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Keeley Kent (see **ADDRESSES**) by November 5, 2021.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*