

action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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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 (Pacific Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 16–21, 2026, in Vancouver, Washington and via webinar. The Pacific Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment remotely. The following groups will meet in person in Vancouver: Pacific Council, Budget Committee, Scientific and Statistical Committee, Habitat Committee, Enforcement Consultants, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team.

DATES: The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 9 a.m. Pacific Time (PT), reconvening at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 19 through Monday, September 21, 2026. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, September 18, 2026, to address membership appointments, litigation, and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business. Advisory Body meetings begin on

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, as outlined in the schedule of ancillary meetings below.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, WA, 98660; Telephone: 360-993-4500. Specific meeting information, including directions to join 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). You may send an email to Mr. Hayden York (hayden.york@pcouncil.org) or contact him at (503) 820-2424 for technical assistance.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Merrick Burden, Executive Director, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2418 or (866) 806-7204 ext. 418 toll-free.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The September 16–21, 2026, meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PT Friday, September 18, 2026, and 8 a.m. Saturday, September 19, 2026, through Monday, September 21, 2026. 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).

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.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance September 2026 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at

www.pcouncil.org no later than close of business Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. New Council Member Appointments
3. Roll Call
4. Agenda
5. Executive Director's Report

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. Cross Fishery Management Plan

1. Office of Law Enforcement, United States Coast Guard, and Tri-State Enforcement Biennial Report
2. Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) Report
3. Special Projects: Project Planning, Updates, and Clarifications
4. Council Efficiencies
5. Special Project 1: Nationwide Review of If, Then Statements, and Council Meeting Requirements

D. Administrative Matters

1. Council Member Recusals
2. Fiscal Matters
3. Approve Council Meeting Record
4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (COPs)
5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

E. Habitat Issues

1. Habitat Issues

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. 2027 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations—Preliminary

G. Salmon Management

1. Methodology Review—Final Topic Selection
2. Klamath River Dam Removal and Basin Update
3. Risk Management Framework—Risk Tables and Other Approaches, Informational

H. Groundfish Management

1. Protocol for Reviewing Ecosystem Component Species Catch and Identifying Stocks in Need of Conservation and Management
2. Moving Trawl Gear Exempted Fishing Permit into Regulations; Updating Declaration Requirements; Removing Duplicative Recreational Regulations—Final Action
3. Inseason Adjustments for 2026 and Technical Corrections for 2027–28—Final Action

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. Special Project 1: If, Then Management Measures for Bluefin Tuna Trip Limits

J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. Fishery Management Plan Amendment: Management Provisions for the Revised Sardine

- Stock
2. Stock Assessment Terms of Reference

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, no later than the end of the day Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Scientific and Statistical Committee.—8 a.m.

Day 2—Thursday, September 17, 2026

Scientific and Statistical Committee.—8 a.m.

Habitat Committee.—8 a.m.

Budget Committee.—1 p.m.

Enforcement Consultants.—2 p.m.

Day 3—Friday, September 18, 2026

Scientific and Statistical Committee.—8 a.m.

Habitat Committee.—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants.—As

Necessary

Day 4—Saturday, September 19, 2026

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory

Subpanel.—11 a.m.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team 11.—a.m.

Enforcement Consultants.—As

Necessary

Day 5—Sunday, September 20, 2026

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory

Subpanel.—8 a.m.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team.—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants.—As

Necessary

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.

Special Accommodations

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(hayden.york@pcouncil.org; (503) 820–2424) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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International Pacific Halibut Commission Appointments

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

ACTION: Notification; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: NOAA is soliciting nominations for a resident of Alaska to serve as a United States Commissioner to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). This action is necessary to ensure that the interests of the United States and all of its stakeholders in the Pacific halibut fishery are adequately represented. The intended effect of this solicitation is to ensure stakeholder participation in the process of filling a vacant Commissioner position.

DATES: Nominations must be received by September 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Nominations to be a U.S. Commissioner to the IPHC should be made in writing to Doug Duncan, Sustainable Fisheries Division, National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668. Nominations can also be submitted via email to the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Duncan, doug.duncan@noaa.gov, (907) 266–1158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The IPHC is a bilateral regional fishery management organization established pursuant to the Convention between Canada and the United States for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (Convention). The Convention was signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953, and was amended by a Protocol Amending the

Convention signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979. The Convention's central objective is to develop the stocks of Pacific halibut in waters off the west coasts of Canada and the United States to levels that will permit the optimum yield from the Pacific halibut fishery and to maintain the stocks at those levels. The IPHC fulfills this objective in part by recommending Pacific halibut fishery conservation and management measures for approval by the United States and Canada. Pursuant to the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act), the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce, may accept or reject, on behalf of the United States, conservation and management measures recommended by the IPHC (16 U.S.C. 773b). Measures accepted by the Secretary of State are adopted as binding regulations governing fishing for Pacific halibut in Convention waters of the United States (16 U.S.C. 773c(b)(1)). More information on the IPHC can be found at <https://www.iphc.int>.

The Halibut Act (16 U.S.C. 773a) requires that the United States be represented on the IPHC by three U.S. Commissioners. U.S. Commissioners are appointed for a term not to exceed 2 years but are eligible for reappointment. Of the Commissioners:

(1) One shall be a NOAA official; and

(2) Two shall be knowledgeable or experienced concerning the Northern Pacific halibut fishery; of these, one shall be a resident of Alaska and the other shall be a nonresident of Alaska.

Of the three commissioners described in paragraphs (1) and (2), one shall be a voting member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Commissioners who are not Federal employees are not considered to be Federal employees except for the purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in section 8101 *et seq.* of title 5 and section 2671 *et seq.* of title 28.

In their official IPHC duties, Commissioners represent the interests of the United States and all of its stakeholders in the Pacific halibut fisheries. These duties require a modest amount of travel (typically two or three trips per year lasting less than a week), and necessary travel expenses are paid by the U.S. Department of State. Commissioners receive no compensation for their services.

Nomination Process

The U.S. Department of Commerce is currently accepting nominations for Alaska residents who are not NOAA officials and who meet the criteria in the