

fisheries conducted in the U.S. exclusive economic zone, 3–200 nautical miles off the West Coast states of Washington, Oregon, and California are managed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). Management measures for the ocean salmon fisheries are set annually, consistent with the Council's Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The FMP provides a framework for managing the ocean salmon fisheries in a sustainable manner, as required under the MSA, through the use of conservation objectives, annual catch limits and other management measures, reference points and status determination criteria described in the FMP. To meet these criteria, annual management measures, published in the **Federal Register** by NMFS, specify regulatory areas, catch restrictions, and landing restrictions based on the stock abundance forecasts. These catch and landing restrictions include area-, time- and species-specific quotas for the commercial ocean salmon fishery and generally require catch and landings to be reported to the appropriate state and tribal agencies to allow for timely and accurate accounting of the season's catch (50 CFR 660.404 and 50 CFR 660.408(o)). The best available catch and effort data and projections are presented by the state fishery managers in telephone conference calls involving the NMFS Regional Administrator and representatives of the Council. However, NMFS acknowledges that unsafe weather or mechanical problems could prevent commercial fishermen from making their landings at the times and places specified, and the MSA requires conservation and management measures to promote the safety of human life at sea. Therefore, the annual management measures will include provisions to exempt commercial salmon fishermen from compliance with the landing requirements when they experience unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems at sea, so long as the appropriate notifications are made by, for example, at-sea radio and cellular telephone, and information on catch and other required information is given, under this collection of information.

In addition, NMFS has established measures to keep fishery impacts within conservation objectives for the California Coastal Chinook salmon (50 CFR 660.410(d)(3)). This information collection assists in the management of

the landing and possession limits to stay within established quotas for the California commercial salmon troll fishery. The State of California requires that fish tickets with the number of Chinook salmon landed be entered into the California Department of Fish and Wildlife electronic landing database. NMFS requires that this be completed within 24 hours of landing.

The annual management measures will specify the contents and procedure of the notifications, and the entities receiving the notifications (e.g., United States Coast Guard). Absent this requirement by the Council, the state reporting systems would not regularly collect this specific type of in-season radio report or electronic landing data. These provisions, and this federal collection of information, promote safety at sea, provide practical utility for sustainably managing the fishery, and ensure regulatory consistency across each state by implementing the same requirements in the territorial waters off each state. This information collection is intended to be general in scope by leaving the specifics of the notifications for annual determination, thus providing flexibility in responding to salmon management concerns in any given year.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Reporting under this emergency provision is infrequent.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0433.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will hold a 2-day in-person meeting of its Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held in-person on Tuesday, September 29 (8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.) and Wednesday, September 30 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), 2026.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Gulf Council's office located at 4107 W. Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607. Hybrid connection information will be available on the Council's website at www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the "meeting tab".

Council address: Gulf Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ryan Rindone, Lead Fishery Biologist, Gulf Fishery Management Council; ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, September 29, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. EDT

The meeting will begin with introductions and adoption of agenda, review and approval of Meeting Minutes and Summary from the July 2026 SSC meeting, and Scope of Work.

The SSCs will review and discuss SEDAR 94 West Florida Hogfish Stock Assessment, Mississippi and Alabama Creel Surveys, and Results of the 2024 Marine Recreational Information Program Pilot Study and Data Recalibration, including presentations, background materials and SSC Discussion.

Public comments, if any, will be heard at the end of the day.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026; 9 a.m.–3 p.m. EDT

The SSC will review and discuss SEDAR 94 West Florida Hogfish Yield Projections, SHELF Egg Project, Social Science Questionnaire for Gulf Species,

and a discussion about Regulatory Streamlining; including presentations, background materials and SSC Discussion and Recommendations.

Public comments, if any, will be heard at the end of the day followed by the review of any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will also be broadcast via webinar. You may register to listen in only by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira at (813) 348-1630 at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: September 1, 2026.

Key Israel Marquez,

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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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid conference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet on Monday, October 5, 2026 through Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

DATES: The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026, and continue through Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 and continue through Friday, October 9, 2026. The Council will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, and continue through Tuesday, October 13, 2026. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Monday, October 5, 2026 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, October 6, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. All listed times are Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be a hybrid conference. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center, 555 W 5th Ave. Anchorage, AK 99501, or join the meetings online through the links at <https://www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under the connection information below. For technical support, please contact our Council administrative staff, email: support@npfmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Henry, Council staff; email: ahenry@npfmc.org telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, October 5, 2026, Through Wednesday, October 7, 2026

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

(1) Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab Specifications—Review Ecosystem Status Report (ESR) and Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, and Recommend Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) and Overfishing Level (OFL) for crab stocks.

(2) Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Review Reports and Recommend Proposed ABC and OFL for groundfish stocks. Final ABC/OFL recommendations for Gulf of Alaska (GOA) arrowtooth flounder, GOA rex sole, GOA skates, Bogoslof pollock.

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/7160> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066, July 19, 2013). The peer-review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the Office of Management and Budget Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

Monday, October 5, 2026, Through Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Ecosystem Committee Agenda

The Ecosystem Committee agenda will include: (a) Groundfish management policy revisions, (b) Communications, including related to harvest control rules, and (c) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/7155> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, Through Friday, October 9, 2026

The Advisory Panel agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Observer 2027 Annual Development Plan—Review Report, Committee Reports
- (2) BSAI Crab Specifications—Review SAFE Report, and Recommend ABC and OFL for crab stocks
- (3) Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Review Reports and Recommend Proposed ABC, OFL, and Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Groundfish Stocks
- (4) Inseason Authority to prevent Annual Catch Target (ACL) Overages—Initial Review
- (5) Charter Halibut Permits Data Request—Review Discussion Paper, Committee report
- (6) Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) Disposition—Review Discussion Paper (tentative)
- (7) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ)/Community Quota Entity (CQE) transfer changes—Review Expanded Discussion Paper
- (8) Staff Tasking

Thursday, October 8, 2026, Through Tuesday, October 13, 2026

The Council agenda will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.