



# Pacific Fishery Management Council

## ***MEETING NOTICE***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### ***Council to Consider a Variety of Pacific Ocean Fishery Management Issues***

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will meet September 7-12, 2008, in Boise, Idaho to address issues related to groundfish, highly migratory species, Pacific halibut, salmon, and essential fish habitat.

#### ***Key agenda items include Council action to:***

##### **Salmon Management**

- Establish final methodology review priorities for potential use in the 2009 salmon season.
- Review progress reports on 1) causes of the 2008 salmon failure and 2) the Central Valley salmon recovery plan.

##### **Groundfish Management**

- Take final action or adopt a preliminary preferred alternative for public review from the Amendment 22: Open Access Limitation Draft Environmental Assessment.
- Adopt a final groundfish essential fish habitat review process.
- Consider inseason adjustments to the 2008 groundfish fishery.
- Finalize recommendations for 2009 exempted fishing permits.
- Adopt final Terms of Reference for 2009 stock assessments.

##### **Highly Migratory Species Management**

- Adopt proposed changes to the 2009-2010 management measures to be sent out for public review.
- Refine alternatives for amending the management plan for the high seas shallow set longline fishery (Amendment 2).

##### **Pacific Halibut Management**

- Consider proposed changes to the Pacific halibut catch sharing plan for 2009 and annual regulations.
- Recommend catch apportionment methodology to the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

Please refer to the attached agenda for a complete list of issues to be addressed. A schedule of advisory group meetings is provided on the last pages of the attached agenda.

## **Meeting Location and Arrangements**

Meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Boise - Riverside, 2900 Chinden Blvd, Boise, Idaho 83714; telephone 208-343-1871. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session to be held on Monday, September 8 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, to discuss litigation and personnel matters. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached agenda or call the Council office at 503-820-2280 or toll free at 866-806-7204.

## **Public Comment Guidelines**

The public is encouraged to comment, either verbally at the meeting or in writing. 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 prior to action on each agenda item.
- Comments on fishery issues not on the agenda will be accepted at the beginning of the day on Monday, September 8.

### **Written Public Comments**

- Written public comments are accepted by the Council at any time. However, the public is encouraged to submit written comments as far in advance of the meeting as possible.
- Comments received by 11:59 pm on **August 20, 2008** will be included in the briefing books mailed to Council members prior to the meeting.
- Comments received after August 20, 2008 but by 11:59 pm on **September 2, 2008** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting. Comments received at the Council office on September 3 will not be distributed at the meeting, and will not be included in the meeting record.
- If you cannot meet this latter deadline, but would like your written comments distributed to Council members at the meeting, please **bring 40 three-hole punched copies to the meeting with the agenda item topic number (as listed in the detailed agenda)** in the upper right corner of the front page of each copy.

This meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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