

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EAS will meet via webinar to discuss items relevant to ecosystem management and cross-fishery management planning in advance of the Pacific Council's April 7–12, 2026, meeting. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Hayden York (hayden.york@pcouncil.org; (503) 820-2424) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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Rey 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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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel

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

ACTION: Notice of public webinar/conference call.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold a 3-day hybrid Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) meeting in May 2026. The intent of the meeting is to consider options for the conservation and management of HMS. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The AP meeting and webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET; Wednesday, May 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET; and

Thursday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The meeting will also be accessible via WebEx conference call and webinar. Conference call and webinar access information are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/may-2026-hms-advisory-panel-meeting>.

Participants accessing the webinar are strongly encouraged to log/dial in 15 minutes prior to the meeting. NMFS will show the presentations via webinar and allow public comment during identified times on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Cooper (peter.cooper@noaa.gov) or Anna Quintrell (anna.quintrell@noaa.gov) at 301-427-8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HMS fisheries (swordfish, sharks, tunas, and billfish) are managed under the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its amendments pursuant to the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and consistent with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). HMS implementing regulations are at 50 CFR part 635.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the establishment of APs and requires NMFS to consult with and consider the comments and views of AP members during the preparation and implementation of FMPs or FMP amendments (16 U.S.C. 1854(g)(1)(A)–(B)). NMFS meets with the HMS AP approximately twice each year to consider potential alternatives for the conservation and management of Atlantic swordfish, sharks, tunas, and billfish fisheries, consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Generally, AP meetings are held in-person, but because of current restrictions on travel this AP meeting will be conducted via webinar.

Some of the discussion topics are:

- HMS rulemaking update;
- Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery update;
- Outcomes of the 2025 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Annual Meeting; and
- HMS Recreational Roundtable.

We anticipate inviting other NMFS offices and the U.S. Coast Guard to provide updates, if available, on their activities relevant to HMS fisheries. Additional information on the meeting and a copy of the draft agenda will be posted prior to the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**).

All members of the public will have virtual access to the meeting available via webinar and status updates of in-person public access to the meeting will be available on the NMFS website (see **ADDRESSES**). The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Peter Cooper at 301-427-8503, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 18, 2026.

David R. Blankinship,

Acting 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 (Pacific Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 6–12, 2026 in Portland, Oregon 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 Portland: Pacific Council, Scientific and Statistical Committee, Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Enforcement Consultants, and Habitat Committee.

DATES: The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 9 a.m. Pacific Time (PT), reconvening at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12, 2026. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026, to address 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 Monday, April 6, 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 Hyatt Regency Portland at the Oregon Convention Center, 375 NE Holladay St., Portland, OR 97232; Telephone: 971-222-1234. 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, or access the Pacific Council website, www.pcouncil.org, for the proposed agenda and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The April 6-12, 2026 meeting of the Pacific Council and its Advisory Bodies will be streamed live on the internet. The Council meeting broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PT Wednesday, April 8, 2026, and 8 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2026, through Sunday, April 12, 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. Groundfish Agenda Item C.7 Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2027-28 Fisheries includes consideration to remove a Yelloweye Rockfish

Conservation area closure that also applies to participants in the Pacific halibut fisheries. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, and advisory entity meeting times are described in Agenda Item A.3, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance April 2026 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at www.pcouncil.org no later than Friday, March 20, 2026.

A. Call to Order

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

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Marine Mammal Take Reduction Team Update
3. Widow Rockfish Alternative Harvest Control Rule
4. Harvest Specifications for 2027-28 Fisheries
5. Workload and New Management Measures Priorities, including Trawl Follow-on Actions Scoping
6. Inseason Management—Final Action
7. Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2027-28 Fisheries

D. Salmon

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Tentative Adoption of 2026 Management Measures for Analysis
3. Sacramento River Fall Chinook Revised Spawner Abundance at Maximum Sustainable Yield—Terms of Reference
4. Clarify Council Direction on 2026 Management Measures
5. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection
6. Further Direction on 2026 Management Measures
7. Further Direction on 2026 Management Measures
8. 2026 Management Measures—Final Action

E. Pacific Halibut

1. Incidental Catch Limits for the 2026 Salmon Troll Fishery—Final Action

F. Coastal Pelagic Species

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Methodology Review: Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey
3. Exempted Fishing Permits for 2026-27—Final Action
4. Pacific Sardine Specifications and Management Measures for 2026-27—Final Action
5. Fishery Management Plan

Amendment—Sardine Stock Definition and Fishery Management Unit Revision

G. Habitat Issues

1. Current Habitat Issues

H. Cross Fishery Management Plan

1. Special Project 1: Adaptive Management and Flexibility
2. Council and National Marine Fisheries Service Workload—Capacity Alignment

I. Administrative

1. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
2. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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 Friday, March 20, 2026.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Monday, April 6, 2026

Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.

Day 2—Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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.

Habitat Committee—8 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.

Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—2 p.m.

Day 3—Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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.

Habitat Committee—8 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 4—Thursday, April 9, 2026

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.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.

Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 5—Friday, April 10, 2026

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 6—Saturday, April 11, 2026

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 7—Sunday, April 12, 2026

Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council)—Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Social and Economic Panel (SEP) on April 13 and 14, 2026. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on April 14-16, 2026.

DATES: The SEP meeting will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT on April 13 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. on April 14, 2026. The SSC meeting will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT on April 14, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 15, and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. on April 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting Address:* The meetings will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: 843-571-1000. The meetings will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available two weeks prior to the meetings at: <https://safmc.net/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meeting/>.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Oliver, Outreach Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone 843/571-4366 or toll-free 866/SAFMC-10; FAX 843/769-4520; email: ashley.oliver@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP meeting agenda includes updates on Council active amendments and the Council's Citizen Science program, including the program's SMILE Project. The SEP will provide feedback on the risk-value matrix being proposed by NOAA Fisheries, economic information for the Snapper Grouper management strategy evaluation, and text analysis of Fishery Performance Reports. The panel will also discuss documents being developed for an introduction to social science and economics for fishermen, an update on the Resilient Fisheries Communities Project, and other business as necessary.

The SSC meeting agenda includes a review of the wreckfish stock assessment model, dolphinfish management strategy evaluation, resilient fisheries ecosystem information, and the terms of reference for the next stock assessment of black sea bass and vermilion snapper. The SSC will provide feedback on the risk-value matrix being proposed by NOAA Fisheries, the Southeast reef fish survey 2025 trends report, and the results of the Center for Independent Experts review of the South Atlantic Red Snapper Research Program report. The SSC will receive updates on fishery management plan amendment development, stock assessment progress updates, ongoing SSC workgroup progress, and conduct other business as needed.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0497 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or