

for new requirements of the program and reduced costs resulting from any program efficiencies or adjustments to costs from previous years.

'V,' as specified at § 660.115(b)(1)(ii), is the total ex-vessel value, as defined at § 660.111, for each sector from the previous calendar year. To determine the ex-vessel value for the Shorebased IFQ Program, NMFS used the ex-vessel value for calendar year 2021 as reported in the Pacific Fisheries Information Network (PacFIN) from Shorebased IFQ electronic fish tickets as this was the most recent complete set of data. To determine the ex-vessel value for the MS Co-op Program and the C/P Co-op Program, NMFS used the retained catch estimates (weight) for each sector as reported in the North Pacific Observer Program database multiplied by the average price of Pacific whiting as reported by participants in the MS Co-op program for 2021.

The fee calculations for the 2023 fee percentages are described below.

IFQ Program:

- 3.5 percent = (\$1,701,903.39/\$48,344,359.00) × 100.

C/P Co-op Program:

- 0.1 percent = (\$33,840.12/\$22,901,112.30) × 100.

MS Co-op Program:

- 1.7 percent = (\$128,758.92/\$7,674,927.60) × 100.

However, the calculated fee percentage cannot exceed the statutory limit of 3 percent. The IFQ Program fee calculation (3.5 percent) exceeds this limit; therefore, the 2023 fee percentage for the IFQ Program is 3 percent. The final 2023 fee percentages are 3.0 percent for the IFQ Program, 0.1 percent for the C/P Co-op Program, and 1.7 percent for the MS Co-op Program.

#### MS Average Pricing

MS pricing is the average price per pound that the C/P Co-op Program will use to determine the fee amount due for that sector. The C/P sector value (V) is calculated by multiplying the retained catch estimates (weight) of Pacific whiting harvested by the vessel registered to a C/P-endorsed limited entry trawl permit by the MS pricing. NMFS has calculated the 2023 MS pricing to be used as a proxy by the CP Co-op Program as: \$0.10/lb for Pacific whiting.

Cost recovery fees are submitted to NMFS by fish buyers via *Pay.gov* (<https://www.pay.gov/>). Fees are only accepted in *Pay.gov* by credit/debit card or bank transfers. Cash or checks cannot be accepted. Fish buyers registered with *Pay.gov* can login in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Fish buyers not registered with *Pay.gov* can go to the

cost recovery forms directly from the website below. The links to the *Pay.gov* forms for each program (IFQ, MS, or C/P) are listed below:

IFQ: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/58062865>;

MS: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/58378422>; and

C/P: <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/58102817>.

As stated in the preamble to the cost recovery proposed and final rules, in the spring of each year, NMFS will release an annual report documenting the details and data used for the fee percentage calculations. Annual reports are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/sustainable-fisheries/west-coast-groundfish-trawl-catch-share-program#cost-recovery>.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of reports; public meetings, and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 2023 ocean salmon fisheries. This document announces the availability of Pacific Council documents, as well as the anticipated dates and locations of upcoming Pacific Council meetings and public hearings hosted by the Pacific Council. These documents and events comprise the Pacific Council's complete schedule for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon fishery management measures. The agendas for the March and April 2023 Pacific Council meetings will be published in subsequent **Federal Register** documents prior to the actual meetings.

**DATES:** Written comments on the salmon management alternatives must be submitted through the Pacific Council's e-portal (<https://pfmc.psmfc.org>) and received by the public comment deadline prior to the April 2023 Council meeting. Information will be available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) as the date for the April Council meeting approaches. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents will be available upon request from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280 (voice) or (503) 820-2299 (fax).

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Robin Ehlke, telephone: (503) 820-2280.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Tentative Schedule for Document Completion and Availability

*February 14, 2023:* "Review of 2022 Ocean Salmon Fisheries, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document for the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*March 2, 2023:* "Preseason Report I—Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2023 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*March 20, 2023:* "Preseason Report II—Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2023 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations." The report will include a description of the adopted salmon management alternatives and a summary of their biological and economic impacts. The public hearings schedule will also be included on the inside cover of the report and will be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*April 18, 2023:* "Preseason Report III—Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2023 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*May 16, 2023:* Federal regulations for 2023 ocean salmon regulations are published in the **Federal Register** and implemented.

## Meetings and Hearings

*January 17–20, 2023:* The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will meet for a public work session to draft “Review of 2022 Ocean Salmon Fisheries, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document for the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan” and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2023 ocean salmon fisheries. The STT may also discuss additional topics and work as time allows, including but not limited to the language for southern resident killer whale management measures in the salmon Fishery Management Plan, scoping for potential updates to the Sacramento River and Klamath River fall Chinook conservation objectives, southern Oregon/northern California Coast coho exploitation rate forecasts, and ecosystem or administrative matters on the Pacific Council’s March and April 2023 meetings. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in-person at the Pacific Council office located at 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220; however, the venue is subject to change and may be held online. Consult the Pacific Council’s website at <http://www.pcouncil.org> as the meeting date approaches to get the most current information.

*February 21–24, 2023:* The STT will meet for a public work session to draft “Preseason Report I—Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2023 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations” and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2023 ocean salmon fisheries. The STT may also discuss additional topics as time allows, including but not limited to those identified in the description for the January 2023 STT work session. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in-person at the Pacific Council office located at 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220; however, the venue is subject to change and may be held online. Consult the Pacific Council’s website at <http://www.pcouncil.org> as the meeting date approaches to get the most current information.

*March 20–21, 2023:* Three public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed 2023 ocean salmon fishery management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council. Public hearings focusing on Washington and Oregon salmon fisheries will occur simultaneously on March 20, and the public hearing for California salmon fisheries will occur on March 21. Each

public hearing will be state-specific and begin at 7 p.m. These public hearings are tentatively scheduled to be held in-person and occur in Westport, WA; Coos Bay, OR; and Santa Rosa, CA. Consult the Pacific Council’s website at <http://www.pcouncil.org> as the meeting date approaches to get the most current information, as the venue is subject to change, and the hearings may be held online. A summary of oral comments heard at the hearings will be provided to the Pacific Council at its April meeting. Written comments on the salmon management alternatives should be submitted through the Pacific Council’s e-portal (<https://pfmc.psmfc.org>).

Specific meeting information, including instructions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in meeting announcements 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.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the STT meeting agendas may come before the STT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STT action during these meetings. STT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and to any issues arising after publication of this document requiring emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the STT’s 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. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Public Listening Sessions of the Office of Science Support (OSS)

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public listening sessions.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is organizing three virtual listening sessions to garner public comments on a draft research strategy documenting a Potential NOAA Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) Science Strategy as an element of NOAA’s Climate Mitigation Portfolio. Perspective gathered during the virtual listening sessions will inform the finalization of this strategy.

**DATES:** Virtual listening sessions will be held (all times Pacific Standard Time):

1. Monday December 12, 2022, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
2. Wednesday December 14, 2022, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
3. Wednesday December 14, 2022, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft strategy may be downloaded or viewed on the internet at <https://sciencecouncil.noaa.gov/Draft-CDR-Strategy>. Registration details for the three listening sessions may be found here: <https://sciencecouncil.noaa.gov/Draft-CDR-Strategy>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Jessica Cross, 206–526–4314, [jessica.cross@noaa.gov](mailto:jessica.cross@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This draft research strategy was developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Carbon Dioxide Removal Task Force (CDR Task Force), a cross-NOAA interdisciplinary team with relevant expertise in climate and carbon, coastal and open ocean science, aquaculture development, and ocean conservation. In November of 2020, the Task Force was charged by the Senior Research Council of the NOAA Office of Ocean and Atmospheric Research (OAR) with devising a draft portfolio of CDR strategic research needs in support of a broader climate recovery strategy pursuant to Sect. 214 and 216 of White House Executive Order No. 14008, 86 FR 7619, which was endorsed by the NOAA Science Council in January 2022. This document also contains information relevant to White House memo M–21–32 “Multi-Agency