

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
189th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 1-7, 2008
Sheraton Hotel

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 1-7, 2008, at the Sheraton Hotel, 401 E 6th Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Ecosystem Committee
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Sept 29, Mon - 8am – Howard Rock A
Sept 29, Mon - 8am – Howard Rock C
Sept 30, Tue – 9am – 12pm – Board Room 305
Sept 30, Tue – 1pm – 5pm – Board Room 305

All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions of the Council. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

Submission of Written Comments. Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office by 5:00 pm (Alaska Time) on **Wednesday, September 24**. Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax—please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of **25** copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel, appropriate staff, and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (**28**), Scientific and Statistical Committee (**18**), or the public after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

NOTE: Council may take action as necessary on all matters listed on the Agenda

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ADVISORY PANEL

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	mt	Metric tons
AP	Advisory Panel	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
CDQ	Community Development Quota	OY	Optimum Yield
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EAM	Ecosystem Approach to Management	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
ESA	Endangered Species Act	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level		
GOA	Gulf of Alaska		
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota		
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
IRIU	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
ITAC	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
LAMP	Local Area Management Plan		
LLP	License Limitation Program		
MSFCMA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act		
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act		
MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount		
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield		

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Estimated Time

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Oath of Office
- (b) Election of Officers
- (c) Approval of Agenda
- (d) Approval of Minutes

B. REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including Joint Protocol Committee report) (3 hrs)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report (including update on halibut area 2C regulations; update on CDQ oversight regulations, annual BSAI crab report)
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- B-6 Protected Species Report (including update on the BiOp schedule)

C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS

- C-1 Halibut Management (14 hr)
 - (a) Report from ADF&G on charter halibut harvests.
 - (b) Final Action on Charter Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.
 - (c) Final Action on Area 3A GHM Measures.
- C-2 BSAI Crab Issues (12 hrs)
 - (a) Receive Plan Team Report, Approve Crab SAFE, and adopt OFLs.
 - (b) Final Action on St. George Protection Measures.
 - (c) Receive BSAI Crab Program 3-Year Review Report.
 - (d) Receive Crab Committee Report/Crew Proposals.
 - (e) Review of BSAI Crab 90/10 Amendment alternatives and analysis outline.
 - (f) Receive Report on Crab EDR Metadata.
 - (g) Discussion paper on BSAI Crab Regional Delivery Emergency Relief.
- C-3 GOA Sideboards (8 hrs)
 - (a) Final Action on GOA sideboards for BSAI crab vessels.
 - (b) Final Action on sideboards for the GOA rockfish fishery.
 - (c) Initial Review of sideboards for Am 80 PSC.
 - (d) Discussion paper on GOA sideboards for AFA CVs.
- C-4 BSAI Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)
 - (a) Discussion paper on Chum Salmon Bycatch alternatives.
 - (b) Review Pollock Intercooperative Agreement Report.
- C-5 Arctic FMP (2 hrs)
 - (a) Receive report from Ecosystem Committee.
 - (b) Initial review of the Arctic FMP.
- C-6 Research Priorities (1 hr)
 - Review and adopt 5 year research priorities.
- C-7 Groundfish Catch Specifications (2 hrs)
 - (a) Receive Plan Team Reports.
 - (b) Approve initial groundfish harvest specifications.

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 AI Sideboards (3 hrs)
(a) Discussion paper on sideboards for AI Cod Processing.
(b) Discussion paper on sideboards for AI POP/Atka Mackerel Processing.
- D-2 Miscellaneous Groundfish Management (4 hrs)
(a) Committee report on comprehensive data collection.(T)
(b) Discussion paper on BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries.
(c) Discussion paper on BS bottom trawl sweep requirements.
(d) Receive report on P. cod area split (BS and AI) and take action as necessary.
(e) Discussion paper on Amendment 80 vessel replacement provisions. (T)
- D-3 Staff Tasking (3 hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking.
(b) Receive report from AI Ecosystem Team.
- D-4 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMENT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

October 2008

	SSC Howard Rock C	AP Howard Rock A	Council Howard Rock B	
Monday Sept 29	8:00 am Review salmon genetics sampling protocol/research grant C-6 Research Priorities	8:00 am C-1 Charter Halibut		
	1:00 pm C-3 (a,b,c) GOA Sideboards	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
Tuesday Sept 30	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-7 Groundfish Specs	8:00 am C-1 continued C-2 BSAI Crab Issues		
	1:00 pm C-5 Arctic FMP C-2 BSAI Crab Issues	1:00 pm C-2 continued		
Wednesday Oct 1	8:00 am Review minutes 9:00 am C-2 continued D-2 (a,d) Groundfish Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued C-3 GOA Sideboards		8:00 am B reports C-1 Charter Halibut
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-3 continued		1:00 pm C-1 continued
Thursday Oct 2		8:00 am C-3 continued C-4 Salmon Bycatch	8:00 am C-1 continued	
		1:00 pm C-4 continued C-5 Arctic FMP	12:00pm Executive Session 1:00 pm C-1 continued	
Friday Oct 3		8:00 am C-6 Research Priorities C-7 Groundfish Specs	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab Issues	
		1:00 pm D-1 AI Sideboards	1:00 pm C-2 continued	
Saturday Oct 4		8:00 am D-2 Groundfish Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued	
		1:00 pm D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00 pm C-3 GOA Sideboards	
Sunday Oct 5			8:00 am C-3 continued	8:00 am C-3 continued
			1:00 pm C-4 Salmon Bycatch	
Monday Oct 6	8:00 am C-7 Groundfish Specs D-1 AI Sideboards		8:00 am C-7 Groundfish Specs D-1 AI Sideboards	
	1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues		1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues	
Tuesday Oct 7	8:00am D-2 continued C-5 Arctic FMP C-6 Research Priorities		8:00am D-2 continued C-5 Arctic FMP C-6 Research Priorities	
	1:00 pm D-3 Staff Tasking		1:00 pm D-3 Staff Tasking	

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