

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**169th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 8-14, 2004**  
**Anchorage Hilton**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet December 8-14, 2004 at the Anchorage Hilton, 500 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
IFQ Implementation Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Dec 6, Mon. - Dillingham/Katmai  
Dec 6, Mon. - King Salmon Room  
Dec 8, Wed. 6:00-10:00pm - Aspen/Spruce  
Dec 7, Tues. 1:00-5:00pm - Iliamna Room

All meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel unless otherwise noted. 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, December 1.** 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.

## 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

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

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Estimated Hours

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
  - (a) Approval of Agenda
  - (b) Approval of minutes (T) •
  
- B. REPORTS
  - B-1 Executive Director's Report (4 hrs)
  - B-2 NMFS Management Report
  - B-3 Enforcement Report
  - B-4 Coast Guard Report
  - B-5 ADF&G Report (and review of proposals to BOF)
  - B-6 USFWS Report
  - B-7 Protected Species Report (review MMPA listing proposed rule)
  
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - C-1 Crab Rationalization (6)  
Review proposed rule and comment.
  
  - C-2 GOA Groundfish Rationalization (6)
    - (a) Receive report from Community Committee.
    - (b) Refine alternatives and options for analysis.
  
  - C-3 GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project (2)  
Review available information and take action as necessary.
  
  - C-4 EFH and Habitat Area Particular Concern (HAPC) (6)
    - (a) Review Alternative 5B options analysis; and finalize alternatives.
    - (b) Review HAPC Process, and consider revisions as necessary.
    - (c) Update on proposed Dixon Entrance HAPC area, action as necessary.
  
  - C-5 IR/IU (4)  
Finalize alternatives and options, and revise problem statement for Amendment 80.
  
  - C-6 Observer Program (4)  
Preliminary review of analysis of program restructuring.
  
  - C-7 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program (6)
    - (a) Report from IFQ Implementation Team and consider initiating amendments.
    - (b) Final Action on 4C/4D amendment.
    - (c) Final action on omnibus regulatory amendment.

C-8 Halibut Subsistence (6)  
Final Action on omnibus regulatory amendment.

C-9 Pacific Cod Allocations (2)  
Review background paper and develop problem statement and alternatives.

#### D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Groundfish Management (8)  
(a) AI Special Management Area: Review preliminary discussion paper.  
(b) BSAI Salmon Bycatch: develop problem statement and alternatives.  
(c) Review rockfish management discussion paper. (T)  
(d) Receive report from Non-Target Species Committee.  
(e) Final groundfish specifications for GOA  
(f) Final groundfish specifications for BSAI.  
(g) Final action on FMP updates.

D-2 Staff Tasking (2)  
Review tasking and committees and initiate action as appropriate.

D-3 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 56 Hours

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai Room	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Dec 6 Crab Rationalization Workshop AP Room - 6 - 8pm	8:00am C-4 EFH and HAPC	8:00am C-2 GOA Rationalization	
	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish	1:00pm C-3 continued	
Tuesday, Dec 7 Crab Rationalization Workshop AP Room - 6 - 8pm  GOAC3/Council Reception - Chart Room - 6:30 - 9pm	8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-3 GOA Rockfish	
	1:00pm D-1 continued SSC - move to Aspen/Spruce Room	1:00pm C-4 EFH and HAPC	1-5 PM Enforcement Committee
Wednesday, Dec 8 IFQ Implementation Committee SSC Room - 6 - 10pm	8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-5 IR/IU	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm C-6 Observer Program Report from Crab Overfishing Workgroup	1:00pm C-8 Halibut Subsistence	1:00pm C-1 Crab Rationalization
Thursday, Dec 9		8:00am C-6 Observer Program	8:00am C-1 continued C-2 GOA Rationalization
		1:00pm C-7 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs	1:00pm C-2 continued
Friday, Dec 10		8:00am D-1 Groundfish	8:00am C-3 GOA Rockfish C-8 Halibut Subsistence
		1:00pm D-1 continued D-2 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-8 continued C-4 EFH and HAPC
Saturday, Dec 11			8:00am C-4 continued
			12:00pm Executive Session
			1:00pm C-6 Observer Program
Sunday, Dec 12			8:00am C-7 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs
			1:00pm C-7 continued C-5 IR/IU
Monday, Dec 13			8:00am C-5 continued C-9 Pacific cod allocation
			1:00pm D-1 Groundfish
Tuesday, Dec 14			8:00am D-1 continued
			1:00pm D-1 continued D-2 Staff Tasking

NOTE: The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council Executive Sessions.