

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
175th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 8-14, 2006
Doubletree Hotel
Seattle, WA

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet February 8-14, 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel, 18740 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Ecosystem Committee
Enforcement Committee
Ecosystem Workshop

Beginning

Feb 6, Mon – Northwest 1
Feb 6, Mon – Evergreen, 1–2 pm
Feb 7, Tues – Cascade 13, 8am–12pm
Feb 7, Tues – Cascade 13, 1–5pm
Feb 8, Wed – Northwest 1

All meetings will be held at the Doubletree 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 Tuesday January 31**. 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

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
AP	Advisory Panel	MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
CDQ	Community Development Quota	mt	Metric tons
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
EAM	Ecosystem Approach to Management	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	OY	Optimum Yield
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
ESA	Endangered Species Act	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	USFWS	United State Fish & Wildlife Service
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
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		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Approval of Agenda	•
(b) Approval of minutes (T)	
B. REPORTS	(4 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 ADF&G Report (includes comment on BOF proposals & creel survey report)	
B-5 USFWS Report	
B-6 Protected Species Report (update on Consultation process)	
B-7 Shell Oil Presentation	
B-8 IPHC Report	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	(12 hrs)
C-1 <u>IR/IU</u> Final action on Amendment 80. (T)	(2 hrs)
C-2 <u>BSAI Crab Rationalization</u> Final action on Arbitration timing.	(10 hrs)
C-3 <u>BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations</u> (a) Initial review of EA/RIR. (b) Adopt preliminary preferred alternative.	(8 hrs)
C-4 <u>GOA Groundfish Rationalization</u> Review other data and information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate.	(4 hrs)
C-5 <u>Observer Program</u> (a) Receive Committee report. (b) Initial review of EA/RIR.	(4 hrs)
C-6 <u>Halibut GHL</u> (a) Receive Committee report. (b) Initial review of EA/RIR.	(2 hrs)
C-7 <u>American Fisheries Act</u> Review 2005 co-op reports and 2006 co-op agreements.	

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (3 hrs)
(a) Chiniak Gully Experiment final review of EA.
(b) Review EFP for AI pollock hydroacoustic assessment
(c) Review Other Species stock assessments (SSC only).
(d) Review Species of Concern assessments (SSC only).
(e) Lower Trophic Level Modeling Workshop (SSC only).
- D-2 Research Priorities (1 hr)
Review and approve.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (2 hr)
(a) Review Committees and tasking.
(b) Discuss alternatives to change MRA for the non-AFA CP fleet.
- D-4 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 52 hours

	SSC Evergreen 1-2	AP Northwest 1	Council Northwest 2
Monday, Feb 6	8:00am Election of Officers C-3 BSAI P. Cod Allocation C-5 Observer Program C-6 Halibut GHL	8:00am C-1 IR/IU	
	1:00pm D-1 (a, b) Groundfish Mgmt.	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, Feb 7 Ecosystem Committee 8-12 pm Enforcement Committee 1-5pm	8:00am D-1 (a, b) continued D-1(c) Other Species Assessments	8:00am C-2 BSAI Crab Rationalization C-3 BSAI P.cod Allocation	
	1:00pm D-1 (d) Review Species of Concern assessments Review Economic research	1:00pm C-3 continued	
Wednesday, Feb 8 Ecosystem Indicators Workshop - 6pm/AP room	8:00am D-1(e) Lower trophic level modeling workshop	8:00am C-3 continued	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm D-2 Research Priorities	1:00pm C-5 Observer Program	1:00pm C-2 Crab Rationalization C-1 IR/IU
Thursday, Feb 9		8:00am C-5 continued C-6 Halibut GHL	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-6 continued C-4 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Feb 10 Industry Reception-Salty's 6-9pm		8:00am C-4 continued	8:00am C-3 BSAI P. cod Allocation
		1:00pm C-4 continued	1:00pm C-3 continued
Saturday, Feb 11		8:00am D-1(a,b) Groundfish Management	8:00am C-3 continued C-6 Halibut GHL
		1:00pm continue as necessary	1:00pm C-6 continued C-4 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
Sunday, Feb 12			8:00am C-4 continued
			1:00pm C-4 continued C-5 Observer Program
Monday, Feb 13			8:00am C-5 continued C-7 AFA Co-ops
			1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management D-2 Research Priorities
Tuesday, Feb 14			8:00am D-3 Staff Tasking
			1:00pm continue as necessary

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.

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MEETING NOTICE

Joint Council/Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting
Friday, February 3, 2006
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
4th Avenue Theatre - Lathrop Room

Agenda: Adak Cod Proposal

OTHER INFORMATION

Reservations for February 2006 Council Meeting:

Meeting to be held at the Doubletree Hotel/Sea-Tac Airport
Call (206) 246-8600, ext. 4369 to get under
the Council's room block at \$104.00 plus tax
Call by January 16, 2006