

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
168th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 6-12, 2004
Centennial Building
Sitka, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 6-12, 2004 at the Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Oct 4, Mon. - Maksoutoff Room
Oct 4, Mon. - Rousseau Room
Oct 5, Tues. - (T) - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

All meetings will be held at the Centennial Building 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 September 28.** 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	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
AP	Advisory Panel	mt	Metric tons
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
CDQ	Community Development Quota	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	OY	Optimum Yield
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
ESA	Endangered Species Act	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota		
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		
MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch		

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Estimated Hours

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- (a) Approval of Agenda
 - (b) Approval of minutes (T)
 - (c) Election of Officers.
- 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
 - B-6 USFWS Report
 - B-7 Protected Species Report
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
- C-1(a) Aleutian Island Pollock (1 hr)
Review NMFS letter regarding Implementation and take action as necessary.
 - C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization (8 hrs)
Review progress and refine alternatives.
 - C-2 GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project (4 hrs)
Review progress and clarify Elements and Options for analysis.
 - C-3 EFH and Habitat Area Particular Concern (HAPC) (8 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review of HAPC EA/RIR/IRFA.
 - (b) Receive Center for Independent Experts (CIE) review and comment report.
 - (c) Receive comment and response report on EFH EIS.
 - (d) Receive revised Alternative 5b open area boundaries using 200 mt limit, and take action as necessary.
 - C-4 IR/IU (4 hrs)
Review Progress on Amendment 80A and 80B. Action as necessary.
 - C-5 CDQ Program (1 hrs)
 - (a) Status report on analysis of management alternatives for CDQ reserves.
 - (b) Report on CDQ community eligibility.
 - (c) Report on confidentiality of CDQ information submitted to NMFS.

- C-6 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program (4 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review of regulatory amendment package for IFQ/CDQ Area 4C/4D.
 - (b) Initial Review of regulatory amendment package for IFQ amendments (housekeeping and block).
- C-7 Halibut Subsistence (4 hrs)
 - (a) Receive report on ADF&G Subsistence Halibut Survey
 - (b) Initial Review of regulatory amendment package.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Scallop Management (2 hrs)
 - Final action to modify License Limitation Program and update FMP.
- D-2 Crab Management (1 hr)
 - Review Crab SAFE Report.
- D-3 Groundfish Management (10 hrs)
 - (a) Receive report from Non-Target Species Committee.
 - (b) Review discussion paper on AI Pollock ICA. (T)
 - (c) Review initial discussion paper on rockfish management. (T)
 - (d) Initial groundfish specifications.
 - (e) Final action on FMP updates
- D-4 Staff Tasking (2 hrs)
 - (a) Review tasking and Committees (including AP policy) and provide direction to staff/action as necessary.
 - (b) Discuss process/timing for addressing PSEIS priorities.
- D-5 Other Business
 - Approve revised SOPPs.

Total Agenda Hours: 53 Hours

	SSC Rousseau Room	AP Maksoutoff Room	Council Auditorium
Monday, Oct 4 Joint Electronic Reporting Presentation - 6:00pm	8:00am C-6 IFQ Program C-7 Halibut Subsistence	8:00am C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	
	1:00pm C-4 IR/IU D-2 Crab Management B-7 Protected Species Report	1:00pm C-2 GOA Rockfish C-4 IR/IU	
Tuesday, Oct 5 Enforcement Committee - 1pm-5pm -(T)	8:00am D-3 Groundfish Management	8:00am C-4 continued C-5 CDQ Program	
	1:00pm D-3 continued	1:00pm C-6 IFQ Program	
Wednesday, Oct 6 Evening Reception (T)	8:00am C-3 EFH and HAPC	8:00am C-7 Halibut Subsistence	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm continue if necessary	1:00pm C-3 EFH and HAPC	1:00pm C-3(b) CIE Review C-1(a) AI Pollock C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
Thursday, Oct 7		8:00am C-3 continued	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm D-1 Scallop Management D-2 Crab Management	1:00pm C-2 GOA Rockfish C-3 EFH and HAPC
Friday, Oct 8		8:00am D-3 Groundfish Management	8:00am C-3 continued
		1:00pm D-3 continued D-4 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-3 continued C-5 CDQ Program
Saturday, Oct 9			8:00am C-7 Halibut Subsistence
			1:00pm C-4 IR/IU
Sunday, Oct 10			8:00am C-6 IFQ Program
			1:00pm D-1 Scallop Management D-2 Crab Management D-3 Groundfish Management
Monday, Oct 11			8:00am D-3 continued
			1:00pm D-3 continued
Tuesday, Oct 12			8:00am D-3 continued D-4 Staff Tasking
			1:00pm continue if 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.