

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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May 18, 2004

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**167th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 9-15, 2004**  
**Benson Hotel**  
**Portland, OR**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 9 through June 15, 2004 at the Benson Hotel, 309 Southwest Broadway, Portland, OR. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Jun 7, Mon.. - Crystal Ballroom  
Jun 7, Mon. - Cambridge/Oxford  
Jun 8, Tues. - Parliament 3&4 - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

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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 (6 hrs)
  - B-2 NMFS Management Report
  - B-3 Enforcement Report
  - B-4 Coast Guard Report (8:00 am Friday)
  - B-5 ADF&G Report
  - B-6 USFWS Report
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
- C-1 BSAI Crab Rationalization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (10 hrs)
    - (a) Final Action on Crab Rationalization EIS.
  - C-2 Draft Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental EIS (6 hrs)
    - (a) Develop timeline for management policy/action as necessary.
    - (b) Initial/Final Review of Groundfish FMP Revisions.
  - C-3 EFH and Habitat Area Particular Concern (HAPC) (8 hrs)
    - (a) Finalize HAPC alternatives for analysis.
    - (b) Review comments on EFH EIS, and take action as necessary.
  - C-4 Aleutian Island Pollock (6 hrs)
    - Final action to establish Adak pollock allocation.
  - C-5 GOA Rockfish Pilot Program (2 hrs)
    - Discuss alternatives and options for analysis/action as necessary.
  - C-6 IR/IU (2 hrs)
    - Receive progress report on Am 80 and discussion papers/action as necessary.
  - C-7 Observer Program (T) (2 hrs)
    - Receive update on analysis/action as necessary.

C-8 CDQ Program (4 hrs)  
Initial Review of analysis on fishery management issues/other action as necessary.

C-9 SSL Mitigation Measures (4 hr)  
Initial Review and final action to adjust measures in GOA.

#### D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Scallop FMP (2 hr)  
Initial Review of analysis to modify the license limitation program and update the FMP/action as necessary.

D-2 Groundfish FMP (2 hr)  
Receive report from Non-Target Species Committee/action as necessary.

D-3 Staff Tasking (2 hr)  
Review tasking and provide direction to staff/action as necessary.

D-4 Other Business (1 hr)  
(a) National Standard 1 - review/comment on proposed rule.  
(b) Crab overfishing definition/plan team report/action as necessary.  
(c) Salmon EFP - receive report/action as necessary.  
(d) SSL/P. Cod interaction study - receive report/action as necessary.  
(e) Seabird EFP - receive report/action as necessary. (T)

#### E. CHAIR'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 57 Hours

	SSC Cambridge/Oxford 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	AP Crystal Ballroom Lobby Level	Council Mayfair Ballroom Mezzanine
Monday, Jun 7	8:00am D-1 Scallop FMP D-4(a) National Standard 1	8:00am C-1 BSAI Crab Rationalization EIS	
	1:00pm C-8 CDQ Program C-9 SSL Mitigation Measures	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, Jun 8 Enforcement Committee - 1pm-5pm -Parliament 3&4  Seabird Avoidance Advisory Committee - SSC Room 5:30pm	8:00am C-4 Aleutian Island Pollock D-4(b) Crab Overfishing Definition	8:00am C-1 continued C-2 DPSEIS	
	1:00pm C-2 DPSEIS D-4(c) Salmon EFP Report	1:00pm C-2 continued D-4(d) SSL/P. Cod Interaction Report	
Wednesday, Jun 9  P.S.M.F.C. Reception - 5:30pm - SSC Room	8:00am D-4(d) SSL/P. Cod Interaction Report D-4(e) Seabird EFP Report C-3 EFH and HAPC	8:00am D-4(c) Salmon EFP Report D-4(e) Seabird EFP Report C-4 Aleutian Island Pollock	8:00am B Reports D-4(c) Salmon EFP Report D-4(d) SSL/P. Cod Interaction Report
	1:00pm continue if necessary	1:00pm C-4 continued C-5 GOA Rockfish Pilot Program	1:00pm C-1 BSAI Crab Rationalization EIS
Thursday, Jun 10		8:00am C-3 EFH and HAPC	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-3 EFH and HAPC	1:00pm C-1 continued C-2 DPSEIS
Friday, Jun 11		8:00am C-6 IR/IU C-7 Observer Program	8:00am C-2 continued
		1:00pm C-8 CDQ Program	1:00pm B-4 Coast Guard Report C-4 Aleutian Island Pollock
Saturday, Jun 12		8:00am C-9 SSL Mitigation Measures	8:00am C-4 continued C-5 GOA Rockfish Pilot Program
		1:00pm D-1 Scallop FMP D-2 Groundfish FMP D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-8 CDQ Program
Sunday, Jun 13			8:00am C-3 EFH and HAPC
			1:00pm C-3 continued
Monday, Jun 14			8:00am C-6 IR/IU C-7 Observer Program
			1:00pm C-9 SSL Mitigation Measures
Tuesday, Jun 15			8:00am D-1 Scallop FMP D-2 Groundfish FMP
			1:00pm D-3 Staff Tasking D-4(a) NS 1 D-4(b) Crab overfishing definition D-4(e) Seabird EFH Report

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.