

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
181st Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 28 - April 3, 2007
Hilton Hotel

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet March 28-April 3, 2007 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Advisory Panel	Mar 26, Mon – 8:00am - Dillingham/Katmai
Scientific and Statistical Committee	Mar 26, Mon – 8:00am - King Salmon
Enforcement Committee	Mar 27, Tue – 9:00am - Birch/Willow Room
Ecosystem Committee	Mar 27, Tue - 1:00pm - Birch/Willow Room
Joint Council/AK Board of Fisheries	Mar 28, Wed - 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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, March 21, 2007.** 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	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 Document
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		

**PRELIMINARY
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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	•
(a) Approval of Agenda	
(b) Approval of minutes	
B. REPORTS	(4 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report (including revised NEPA process, SOPPs)	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (including National Bycatch Report update, and annual catch limit guidelines)	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 ADF&G Report	
B-5 USFWS Report	
B-6 Protected Species Report (including update on recovery plan/BiOp schedule)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Charter Halibut Management</u>	(16)
(a) NMFS report on IPHC action.	
(b) Receive Stakeholder Committee report; action as necessary.	
(c) Final action on Moratorium analysis.	
(d) State/Federal Management - review discussion paper.	
(e) Review discussion paper on sport fish discard mortality.	
(f) Initial review of analysis of Area 2C GHM measures.	
(g) Discussion paper on halibut allocations, action as necessary.	
(h) Report on ADF&G logbook data (SSC only).	
C-2 <u>GOA Groundfish Management</u>	(4)
(a) Review discussion paper on GOA sideboards.	
(b) Review problem statement and develop alternatives GOA sector split.	
(c) Review problem statement and develop alternatives for GOA latent licenses.	
(d) Review discussion paper on Western GOA pollock trip limits and action as necessary.	
C-3 <u>Trawl LLP Recency</u>	(2)
(a) Review discussion paper on interactions with other limited entry programs.	
(b) Review discussion paper on implementation issues; action as necessary.	
C-4 <u>BSAI Crab Management</u>	(6)
(a) Review 18-Month Review report, and take action as necessary.	
(b) Review crab data collection discussion paper, action as necessary.	
C-5 <u>Observer Program</u>	(2)
Progress report and action as necessary.	
C-6 <u>CDQ</u>	(2)
Review of legal opinion about CDQ Program roles and responsibilities, and action as necessary (T).	
C-7 <u>Socioeconomic Data</u>	(2)
Receive workgroup report on Comprehensive Socioeconomic Data Collection.	

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Scallop Management (1)
Review and approve Scallop SAFE.
- D-2 Groundfish Management (2)
(a) Discussion paper on 'Other Species' management.
(b) Final action on Dark Rockfish management.
(c) Stock Assessment Review Guidelines; action as necessary.
(d) SSCs Salmon Bycatch Workshop; action as necessary.
- D-3 Habitat Conservation (8)
(a) Initial Review of Bering Sea habitat conservation measures.
(b) Review HAPC priorities and timing, action as necessary.
(c) Final action on EFH AI open area adjustment.
- D-4 Aleutian Island Fishery Ecosystem Plan (2)
Initial review of FEP (T).
- D-5 Arctic Management (1)
Review discussion paper, and take action as necessary.
- D-6 Staff Tasking (2)
Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.
- D-7 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 56 hours

	SSC King Salmon	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Mar 26	8:00am C-1 Charter Halibut Mgmt. C-2 (b,c) GOA Groundfish C-3 Trawl LLP Recency	8:00am C-2 GOA Groundfish Mgmt	
	1:00pm B-6 Protected Species D-3 Habitat Conservation	1:00pm C-2 continued D-1 Scallop Mgmt. D-2(a) Other Species	
Tuesday, Mar 27 9:00 am Enforcement Committee 1:00 pm Ecosystem Committee	8:00am D-2 Groundfish Mgmt D-5 Arctic Mgmt	8:00am C-1 Charter Halibut Mgmt.	
	1:00pm D-2(d) Salmon Bycatch Workshop	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Wednesday, Mar 28	8:00am D-1 Scallop Mgmt D-4 AI FEP C-4 BSAI Crab Mgmt.	8:00am C-1 continued	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm C-7 Socioeconomic Data	1:00pm C-1 continued D-4 AI FEP	1:00pm Joint Council/Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting
Thursday, Mar 29 5:30 Russian Delegation		8:00am C-4(b) Crab data collection C-7 Socioeconomic data C-3 Trawl LLP Recency	8:00am D-1 Scallop Mgmt. D-2(a) Other Species D-4 AI FEP C-1 Charter Halibut Mgmt.
		1:00pm C-4 BSAI Crab Mgmt.	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Mar 30		8:00am C-5 Observer Program C-6 CDQ	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-7 Socioeconomic data D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	1:00pm C-1 continued
Saturday, Mar 31		8:00am D-3 Habitat Conservation	8:00am C-1 continued 12:00pm Finance Committee meets in Executive Session
		1:00pm D-5 Arctic Mgmt. D-6 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-4(b) Crab data collection C-7 Socioeconomic data C-2 GOA Groundfish Mgmt.
Sunday, Apr 1			8:00am C-2 continued C-3 Trawl LLP Recency
			1:00pm C-4 BSAI Crab Mgmt.
Monday, Apr 2			8:00am C-5 Observer Program C-6 CDQ
			1:00pm D-2 Groundfish Mgmt. D-3 Habitat Conservation
Tuesday, Apr 3			8:00am D-3 continued D-5 Arctic Mgmt
			1:00pm D-6 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.