

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
185th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
December 5-11, 2007
Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet December 5-11, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Aleutian Room, Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Advisory Panel	Dec 3-8, Mon – 8:00am - Dillingham/Katmai
Scientific and Statistical Committee	Dec 3-5, Mon – 8:00am - Birch/Willow
Enforcement Committee	Dec 4, Tue - 9am - 12pm - Iliamna Room
Ecosystem Committee	Dec 4, Tue - 1pm - 4pm - Iliamna Room [cancelled]
ADF&G Halibut Charter Data Work Session	Dec 4, Tue - 5:30pm - Dillingham/Katmai

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 November 28, 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		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	•
(a) Approval of Agenda	
(b) Approval of Minutes	
 B. REPORTS	 (6 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (including update on National Bycatch Report, update on 2C GHM rulemaking, report on crab loan program, report on constructive loss issues, RAM Division report on crab program)	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 ADF&G Report (including a report on BOF actions, subsistence halibut survey)	
B-5 USFWS Report	
B-6 Protected Species Report (including 2007 SSL survey results, IWG seabird deterrence EFP, update on SSL Recovery Plan/BiOp/EIS schedule)	
 C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Charter Halibut Management</u>	(6 hrs)
(a) Committee report on longterm solutions and allocation/reallocation.	
(b) Review progress on Charter Halibut Allocation/Reallocation and provide direction/refine alternative as necessary.	
C-2 <u>BSAI Crab Issues</u>	(10 hrs)
(a) Preliminary review of BSAI 'C' Share active participation.	
(b) Final action on BSAI Crab 'C' share 90/10 exemption.	
(c) Final action on BSAI Crab custom processing.	
(d) Final action on BSAI Crab post-delivery transfers.	
(e) Review workplan on BSAI Crab 3 year review, and Problem Statement for A/B share amendment package; action as necessary.	
C-3 <u>GOA Groundfish Issues</u>	(8 hrs)
(a) Progress report on GOA P. cod sector split, direction as necessary.	
(b) Review discussion paper on GOA sideboards; action as necessary.	
(c) Final action on GOA pollock trip limit.	
(d) Final action on CGOA rockfish post-delivery transfers.	
C-4 <u>LLP Trawl Recency</u>	(6 hrs)
Initial review of EA/RIR/IRFA on alternatives to address modifications to LLP requirements	
C-5 <u>Amendment 80</u>	(2 hrs)
Initial review of Amendment 80 post-delivery transfers and rollovers.	
C-6 <u>Observer Program</u>	(2 hrs)
Initial review of Observer Program regulation package.	
C-7 <u>AFA Permit Application</u>	(2 hrs)
Receive public comment and formulate Council recommendation on Adak Fisheries application for an unrestricted AFA inshore processor permit.	

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (8 hrs)
(a) BSAI salmon bycatch: EFP, Workgroup report, review NOI & alternatives.
(b) Discussion paper on VMS exemption for dinglebar gear.
(c) Review discussion paper 'Other Species'; Non-target Committee Report.
(d) Final action on BSAI groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.
(e) Final action on GOA groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.
(f) Draft SIR on specification EIS, action as necessary.
(g) Review discussion paper on GOA salmon and crab bycatch.
- D-2 Crab Overfishing Definitions (1 hr)
(a) Final action on BSAI crab overfishing definitions.
- D-3 Ecosystem Issues (1 hr)
(a) Update on outreach efforts for Arctic FMP
(b) ~~Report from Ecosystem Committee on AI FEP Implementation~~ [postponed until February 2008]
(c) Alaska Regional Collaborative Team report.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.
(b) Review broader (PSEIS) community outreach plan and actions pursuant to the NMFS Policy on stakeholder participation stemming from GAO report.
- D-4 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 56 hours

	SSC Birch/Willow Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Dec 3	8:00am C-4 LLP Trawl Recency C-5 Amendment 80	8:00am C-1 Charter Halibut	
	1:00pm C-6 Observer Program D-2 Crab Overfishing D-1(d,e, f) Groundfish Mgt	1:00pm C-1 Charter Halibut C-2 BSAI Crab Issues	
Tuesday, Dec 4 Enforcement Committee - 9am-12pm - Iliamna Room ADF&G Halibut Charter Data Work Session 5:30pm - Dillingham/Katmai Room	8:00am Review draft minutes 9:00am D-1(d, e, f) continued	8:00am C-2 BSAI Crab continued	
	1:00pm D-1(d, e, f) continued	1:00pm C-2 continued	
Wednesday, Dec 5	8:00am Review draft minutes 9:00am B-6 (IWG EFP, 4E method) 10:00am D-1(d, e, f) continued	8:00am D-2 Crab Overfishing C-3 GOA Groundfish Issues	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm continue as necessary	1:00pm C-3 GOA Groundfish continued	1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 Charter Halibut
Thursday, Dec 6		8:00am C-3 continued C-4 LLP Recency	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-4 continued C-5 Amendment 80	1:00pm C-1 continued D-2 Crab Overfishing C-2 BSAI Crab Issues
Friday, Dec 7		8:00am C-6 Observer Program D-1 Groundfish Management	8:00am C-2 continued 12:00pm Executive Session
		1:00pm D-1 continued	1:00pm C-2 continued D-3(a) Arctic FMP update Breakdown room 5pm
Saturday, Dec 8		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-5 Amendment 80 C-3 GOA Groundfish Issues
		1:00pm D-4 Staff Tasking Breakdown room 4pm	1:00pm C-3 continued Breakdown room 5pm
Sunday, Dec 9 Chart Room - Council reception - 5:30pm-7:00pm			8:00am C-4 LLP Recency
			1:00pm C-4 continued C-6 Observer Program
Monday, Dec 10 AK Young Fishermen's Summit Reception 6:00pm -7:30pm			8:00am D-1 Groundfish Management
			1:00pm D-1 continued
Tuesday, Dec 11			8:00am C-7 AFA Permit Application D-3 (b,c) Ecosystem Issues D-4 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.