

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
171st Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 6-11, 2005
Anchorage Hilton
Anchorage, AK

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet April 6-11, 2005 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Ecosystem Committee
Enforcement Committee
NMFS - Crab Rationalization Workshop
US Coast Guard Public Mtg

Beginning

Apr 4, Mon. - Dillingham/Katmai Room
Apr 4, Mon. - King Salmon Room
Apr 4, Mon - Aspen Room (1-5 pm)
Apr 5, Tue. - Fireweed Room (1-5 pm)
Apr 5, Tue. - Dillingham/Katmai Room
Apr 6, Wed - Dillingham/Katmai Room

All meetings will be held at the Hilton 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 Wednesday, March 30**. 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	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
AP	Advisory Panel	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	mt	Metric tons
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CDQ	Community Development Quota	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	OY	Optimum Yield
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
ESA	Endangered Species Act	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		
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act		
MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount		

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Estimated Hours

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| A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER | |
| (a) Approval of Agenda | |
| (b) Approval of minutes (T) | • |
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| B. REPORTS | (6 hrs) |
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| B-1 Executive Director's Report | |
| B-2 NMFS Management Report (include report on (1) Data Quality Act requirements, (2) NEPA requirements for annual specification) | |
| B-3 Coast Guard Report | |
| B-4 ADF&G Report (Review Board of Fish March actions, initiate action as necessary) | |
| B-5 USFWS Report | |
| B-6 Protected Species Report (T) | |
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| C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS | |
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| C-1 <u>CDQ Program</u> | (6 hrs) |
| (a) NMFS Report on CDQ Allocation Process. | |
| (b) State of Alaska's Consultation on CDQ Allocation Recommendations | |
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| C-2 <u>GOA Groundfish Rationalization</u> | (6 hrs) |
| Review Community Committee Report and other available information and refine alternatives as appropriate. | |
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| C-3 <u>GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project</u> | (6 hrs) |
| Preliminary Review of EA/RIR/IRFA/action as necessary. | |
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| C-4 <u>BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations</u> | (6 hrs) |
| Review/refine alternatives and options. | |
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| C-5 <u>BSAI Salmon Bycatch</u> | (2 hrs) |
| (a) Report from pollock cooperatives. | |
| (b) Finalize Alternatives. | |
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| C-6 <u>Bairdi Crab Split</u> | (2 hr) |
| Develop Problem Statement/refine Alternatives. | |

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (8 hrs)
(a) Receive non-target species Committee report (including rockfish discussion paper) and determine next steps.
(b) GOA Other Species calculation: Initial Review.
(c) EFP for IWG longline: Review and action as necessary.
(d) EFP for salmon excluder and action as necessary.
- D-2 Scallop (2 hrs)
(a) Review Scallop SAFE.
(b) Final Action on Scallop FMP update.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
(a) Review tasking and committees and initiate action as appropriate.
(b) PSEIS Priorities, review objectives and develop workplan.
- D-3 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 48 Hours

	SSC King Salmon	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Apr 4 Ecosystem Committee 1-5pm - Aspen Room	8:00am C-3 GOA Rockfish	8:00am C-4 Pacific Cod Allocation	
	1:00pm C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch	1:00pm C-2 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	
Tuesday, Apr 5 NMFS Crab Rationalization Workshop - AP Room - 6-9pm Enforcement Committee 1-5 pm -Fireweed	8:00am D-1 Groundfish Management	8:00am C-3 GOA Rockfish	
	1:00pm D-1 continued D-2 Scallop	1:00pm C-3 continued C-1 CDQ Program	
Wednesday, Apr 6 USCG public meeting - Crab Rationalization and Safety - 5:30pm	8:00am continue as necessary	8:00am C-1 continued C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm	1:00pm C-6 Bairdi Crab Split D-1 Groundfish Management	1:00pm B reports continued C-2 GOA Grounfish Rationalization
Thursday, Apr 7		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-2 continued
		1:00pm D-2 Scallop D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-1 CDQ Program
Friday, Apr 8		8:00am continue as necessary	8:00am C-1 continued C-3 GOA Rockfish
		1:00pm	1:00pm C-3 continued
Saturday, Apr 9			8:00am C-4 BSAI P. Cod Allocations
			1:00pm C-4 BSAI P. Cod C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch
Sunday, Apr 10			8:00am C-6 Bairdi Crab Split D-1 Groundfish Management
			1:00pm D-1 continued
Monday, Apr 11			8:00am D-1 continued D-2 Scallop
			1:00pm D-3 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.