

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**172nd Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 3-9, 2005**  
**Alyeska Prince Hotel**  
**Girdwood, AK**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 3-9, 2005 at the Alyeska Prince Hotel, Girdwood, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Non-Target Species Committee  
Ecosystem Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Jun 1, Wed. - Daylodge & Patio  
Jun 1, Wed. - Prince Court  
May 31, Tue. - 2pm-6pm - Ballroom Section C  
June 2, Thur. - 1pm-5pm - Ballroom Section C  
June 2, Thur. - 1pm-5pm - Ballroom Section B

All meetings will be held at the Alyeska Prince 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, May 25**. 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>MRB</b>	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>CRP</b>	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>USFWS</b>	United State Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>VBA</b>	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
<b>IBQ</b>	Individual Bycatch Quota	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<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		

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Estimated Hours

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
  - (a) Approval of Agenda
  - (b) Approval of minutes (T) •
  
- B. REPORTS (8 hrs)
  - B-1 Executive Director's Report
  - B-2 NMFS Management Report (includes comment on proposed rule language for BSAI Amendment 79, VMS requirements for GOA EFH measures and possible EIS for specifications process).
  - B-3 USCG Report
  - B-4 NMFS Enforcement Report
  - B-5 ADF&G Report (GHL issues delayed to October).
  - B-6 USFWS Report
  - B-7 NPRB Report
  - B-8 AFSC Fishery Interaction research
  - B-9 Protected Species Report (includes update on Council/BOF Committee and MMPA listing).
  - B-10 Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS)
  
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - C-1 CDQ Management of Reserves (2 hrs)  
Status Report and action as necessary to refine alternatives.
  
  - C-2 GOA Groundfish Rationalization (6 hrs)
    - (a) Review Community Committee report.
    - (b) Review Preliminary Alternatives for Tanner Crab Bycatch.
    - (c) Review other information and refine alternatives.
  
  - C-3 GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project (6 hrs)  
Final action.
  
  - C-4 BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations (4 hrs)
    - (a) Review discussion paper on seasonal allocation issues and refine alternatives as necessary.
    - (b) Review discussion paper on alternative in-season management measures and refine alternatives as necessary.

- C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)  
Initial Review.
- C-6 Bairdi Crab Split (2 hrs)  
Initial Review.
- C-7 IR/IU (6 hrs)  
Initial Review of Amendment 80 EA/RIR/IRFA (H&G Cooperatives).
- C-8 Observer Program Restructuring (4 hrs)
  - (a) Update on FLSA issues and discussions with DOL.
  - (b) Preliminary Review of EA/RIR/IRFA.
  - (c) Review of Observer Advisory Committee report.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (4 hrs)
  - (a) GOA Other Species calculation: Final Action.
- D-2 Crab (1 hrs)  
Crab Plan Team report, action as necessary.
- D-3 Ecosystem Management (2 hrs)
  - (a) Review AI Area-Specific Management Discussion paper, action as appropriate.
  - (b) Review Discussion Paper on the Council's role in EAM, action as appropriate.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (3 hrs)
  - (a) Review tasking and committees and initiate action as appropriate.
  - (b) PSEIS Priorities, review objectives and develop workplan.
- D-5 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 52 Hours

	SSC Prince Court	AP Daylodge & Patio	Council Columbia Ballroom
<b>Wednesday, Jun 1</b>	8:00am C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch C-7 IR/IU	8:00am C-2 GOA Rationalization	
	1:00pm C-7 IR/IU (cont)	1:00pm C-2 GOA Rationalization (cont)	
<b>Thursday, Jun 2</b> Enforcement Committee 1-5 pm Ecosystem Committee 1-5 pm	8:00am C-3 GOA Rockfish C-6 Bairdi Split	8:00am C-4 BSAI P. Cod allocation	
	1:00pm C-8 Observer Program B-8 AFSC Fishery Research B-9 Protected Species Report D-1 GOA Other Species	1:00pm C-3 GOA Rockfish	
<b>Friday, Jun 3</b> Reception/Glacier Express 6pm	8:00am B-7 NPRB B-10 AOOS Report D-2 Crab D-3 Ecosystem Management	8:00am C-3 GOA Rock fish (cont) B-8 AFSC Fishery Research	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm Continue as necessary	1:00pm C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch C-6 Bairdi Crab Split	1:00pm B Reports continued
<b>Saturday, Jun 4</b>		8:00am C-1 CDQ C-7 IR/IU	8:00am C-2 GOA Rationalization
		1:00pm C-7 IR/IU (cont) C-8 Observer Program	1:00pm C-2 GOA Rationalization (cont) C-3 GOA Rockfish
<b>Sunday, Jun 5</b>		8:00am C-8 Observer Program (cont) D-1 Groundfish management	8:00am C-3 GOA Rockfish (cont)
		1:00pm D-2 Crab D-3 Ecosystem Management D-4 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-4 BSAI P. cod Allocations
<b>Monday, Jun 6</b>			8:00am C-5 BSAI Salmon Bycatch C-1 CDQ
			1:00pm C-6 Bairdi Crab Split C-7 IR/IU
<b>Tuesday, Jun 7</b>			8:00am C-7 IR/IU (cont)
			1:00pm C-8 Observer Program
<b>Wednesday, Jun 8</b>			8:00am D-1 Groundfish management
			1:00pm D-2 Crab D-3 Ecosystem Management D-4 Staff Tasking
<b>Thursday Jun 9</b>			8:00am D-4 Staff Tasking (cont)
			1:00pm

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.

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