

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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June 1, 2007

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**182nd Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 6-12, 2007**  
**Centennial Building**  
**Sitka, Alaska**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 6-12, 2007 at the Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

June 4-9, Mon – 8:00am - Maksoutoff Room  
June 4-6, Mon – 8:00am - Rousseau Room  
June 5, Tue - 1-4pm - Davis Room

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 May 29, 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

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>EAM</b>	Ecosystem Approach to Management	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<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>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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	<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 (Report on Amendment 80 proposed rule, crab quota electronic transfers, crab community protection, scoping for SSL measures EIS, charter halibut moratorium appeals provisions)	
B-3 NMFS Enforcement Report	
B-4 USCG Report	
B-5 ADF&G Report	
B-6 USFWS Report	
B-7 Protected Species Report (including overview of listing criteria, progress report on SSL Recovery Plan peer review, report to SSC on LOF, SSLMC report)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Charter Halibut Management</u>	(12 hrs )
(a) Receive Stakeholder Committee report on compensated reallocation elements; action as necessary.	
(b) Final action on Area 2C GHM measures	
C-2 <u>Halibut Subsistence</u>	(1 hr)
Review discussion paper on rural definition; action as necessary.	
C-3 <u>Trawl LLP Recency</u>	(2 hrs)
Review information on LLP requirements and landings thresholds; action as necessary.	
C-4 <u>BSAI Crab Management</u>	(8 hrs)
(a) Receive reports from Crab Plan Team and PNCIAC.	
(b) Initial review of crab overfishing definition analysis.	
(c) Review discussion paper on custom processing.	
(d) Review discussion paper on "Active Participation" for C-shares.	
(e) Review discussion paper on Post-delivery Transfers (Crab and <u>Rockfish</u> ).	
C-5 <u>Observer Program</u>	(2 hrs)
Review discussion paper on regulatory changes; review committee report, provide direction on regulatory package.	
C-6 <u>CDQ Program</u>	(4 hrs)
(a) Discussion paper on CDQ program and MSA amendments, and legal opinion, and action as necessary.	
(b) Initial Review/Final Action on regulation of harvest package.	

## D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Research Priorities (1 hr)  
Review and adopt research priorities for 2007/2008.
- D-2 Groundfish Management (4 hrs)  
(a) Initial review of GOA Arrowtooth MRA adjustment.  
(b) Salmon Bycatch Workgroup report; refine alternatives for analysis.  
(c) Review and approve Guidelines for External Review.  
(d) Review EFP for electronic monitoring of CGOA rockfish fisheries.
- D-3 Habitat Conservation (6 hrs)  
(a) Final action on Bering Sea habitat conservation measures.  
(b) Review HAPC priorities and timing, action as necessary.
- D-4 Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan (1 hr)  
Review and adopt Aleutian Islands FEP.
- D-5 Arctic Fishery Management (1 hr)  
Review discussion paper, and take action as necessary.
- D-6 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.  
(b) Review PSEIS workplan priorities.
- D-7 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 52 hours

	SSC Rousseau Room	AP Maksoutoff Room	Council Auditorium
<b>Monday, June 4</b>	8:00am D-1 Research Priorities	8:00am C-1 Charter Halibut	
	1:00pm B-7 Protected Species	1:00pm C-1 continued	
<b>Tuesday, Jun 5</b> 1-5:00 pm Enforcement Committee	8:00am D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	8:00am C-1 continued	
	1:00pm C-4 Crab Management	1:00pm C-1 continued C-2 Halibut subsistence	
<b>Wednesday, Jun 6</b> Sitka Chamber of Commerce Reception 6-9pm	8:00am D-4 AIFEP D-5 Arctic Management	8:00am C-3 Trawl LLP Recency D-3 Habitat Conservation	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm Continue as necessary	1:00pm D-3 continued	1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 Charter Halibut
<b>Thursday, Jun 7</b> USCG function SAR demonstration		8:00am C-4 BSAI Crab Mgmt	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-4 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued
<b>Friday, Jun 8</b> Basketball tournament at Sheldon Jackson - 7:30pm		8:00am C-5 Observer Program C-6 CDQ Program	8:00am C-1 continued C-2 Halibut subsistence 12:00pm Executive Session
		1:00pm D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	1:00pm C-3 Trawl LLP Recency D-3 Habitat conservation Breakdown room
<b>Saturday, Jun 9</b> Reception @ Centennial Hall		8:00am D-2 continued D-4 AIFEP D-5 Arctic Mgmt	8:00am D-3 continued C-6 CDQ Program 12:00pm Finance Committee
		1:00pm D-6 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-4 BSAI Crab Mgmt. Breakdown room
<b>Sunday, Jun 10</b>			8:00am C-4 continued
			1:00pm C-5 Observer Program D-1 Research Priorities
<b>Monday, Jun 11</b>			8:00am D-2 Groundfish Mgmt.
			1:00pm D-2 continued D-4 AIFEP D-5 Arctic Mgmt
<b>Tuesday, Jun 12</b>			8:00am D-6 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.

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