

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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September 24, 2008

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**189th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**October 1-7, 2008**  
**Sheraton Hotel**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 1-7, 2008, at the Sheraton Hotel, 401 E 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Ecosystem Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Sept 29, Mon - 8am – Howard Rock A  
Sept 29, Mon - 8am – Howard Rock C  
Sept 30, Tue – 9am – 12pm – Board Room 305  
Sept 30, Tue – 1pm – 5pm – Board Room 305

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, September 24**. 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.

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**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>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>EAM</b>	Ecosystem Approach to Management	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level		
<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		
<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield		

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**Estimated Time**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- (a) Oath of Office
- (b) Election of Officers
- (c) Approval of Agenda
- (d) Approval of Minutes

**B. REPORTS**

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including Joint Protocol Committee report) (3 hrs)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report (including update on halibut area 2C regulations; annual BSAI crab report)
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- B-6 Protected Species Report (including update on the BiOp schedule)

**C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

- C-1 Halibut Management (14 hr)
  - (a) Report from ADF&G on charter halibut harvests.
  - (b) Final Action on Charter Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.
  - (c) Final Action on Area 3A GHL Measures.
- C-2 BSAI Crab Issues (12 hrs)
  - (a) Receive Plan Team Report, Approve Crab SAFE, and adopt OFLs.
  - (b) Final Action on St. George Protection Measures.
  - (c) Receive BSAI Crab Program 3-Year Review Report.
  - (d) Receive Crab Committee Report/Crew Proposals.
  - (e) Review of BSAI Crab 90/10 Amendment alternatives and analysis outline.
  - (f) Receive Report on Crab EDR Metadata.
  - (g) Discussion paper on BSAI Crab Regional Delivery Emergency Relief.
- C-3 GOA Sideboards (8 hrs)
  - (a) Final Action on GOA sideboards for BSAI crab vessels.
  - (b) Final Action on sideboards for the GOA rockfish fishery.
  - (c) Initial Review of sideboards for Am 80 PSC.
  - (d) Discussion paper on GOA sideboards for AFA CVs.
- C-4 BSAI Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)
  - (a) Discussion paper on Chum Salmon Bycatch alternatives.
  - (b) Review Pollock Intercooperative Agreement Report.
- C-5 Arctic FMP (2 hrs)
  - (a) Receive report from Ecosystem Committee.
  - (b) Initial review of the Arctic FMP.
- C-6 Research Priorities (1 hr)
  - Review and adopt 5 year research priorities.
- C-7 Groundfish Catch Specifications (2 hrs)
  - (a) Receive Plan Team Reports.
  - (b) Approve initial groundfish harvest specifications.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 AI Sideboards (3 hrs)  
(a) Discussion paper on sideboards for AI Cod Processing.  
(b) Discussion paper on sideboards for AI POP/Atka Mackerel Processing.
- D-2 Miscellaneous Groundfish Management (4 hrs)  
(a) Committee report on comprehensive data collection.(T)  
(b) Discussion paper on BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries.  
(c) Discussion paper on BS bottom trawl sweep requirements.  
(d) Receive report on P. cod area split (BS and AI) and take action as necessary.  
(e) Discussion paper on Amendment 80 vessel replacement provisions. (T)
- D-3 Staff Tasking (3 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking.  
(b) Receive report from AI Ecosystem Team.
- D-4 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

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**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**October 2008**

	<b>SSC Howard Rock C</b>	<b>AP Howard Rock A</b>	<b>Council Howard Rock B</b>	
<b>Monday Sept 29</b>	8:00 am C-6 Research Priorities C-3 (a,b,c) GOA Sideboards	8:00 am C-1 Charter Halibut		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued C-5 Arctic FMP	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
<b>Tuesday Sept 30</b> Comprehensive Data Collection Committee Howard Rock A	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-7 Groundfish Specs	8:00 am C-1 continued C-2 BSAI Crab Issues		
	1:00 pm C-2 BSAI Crab Issues	1:00 pm C-2 continued		
<b>Wednesday Oct 1</b>	8:00 am Review minutes 9:00 am C-2 continued D-2 (a,d) Groundfish Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued C-3 GOA Sideboards		8:00 am B reports C-1 Charter Halibut
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-3 continued		1:00 pm C-1 continued
<b>Thursday Oct 2</b>		8:00 am C-3 continued C-4 Salmon Bycatch		8:00 am C-1 continued
		1:00 pm C-4 continued C-5 Arctic FMP		<b>12:00pm Executive Session</b> 1:00 pm C-1 continued
<b>Friday Oct 3</b>		8:00 am C-6 Research Priorities C-7 Groundfish Specs	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab Issues	
		1:00 pm D-1 AI Sideboards	1:00 pm C-2 continued	
<b>Saturday Oct 4</b>		8:00 am D-2 Groundfish Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued	
		1:00 pm D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00 pm C-3 GOA Sideboards	
<b>Sunday Oct 5</b>			8:00 am C-3 continued	
			1:00 pm C-4 Salmon Bycatch	
<b>Monday Oct 6</b>	8:00 am C-7 Groundfish Specs D-1 AI Sideboards			
	1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues			
<b>Tuesday Oct 7</b>	8:00am D-2 continued C-5 Arctic FMP C-6 Research Priorities			
	1:00 pm D-3 Staff Tasking			

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