

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
174th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
December 7-13, 2005
Anchorage Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet December 7-13, 2005 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd 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

Dec 5, Mon.- Dillingham/Katmai
Dec 5, Mon - King Salmon
Dec 6, Tue. - 1pm-5pm - Birch Room
Dec 6, Tue. - 1pm-5pm - Willow Room

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

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Approval of Agenda	•
(b) Approval of minutes (T)	
B. REPORTS	(6 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (includes update on Rockfish court case, Chiniak Gully experiment, crab arbitration timing)	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 ADF&G Report (includes BOF proposals and subsistence halibut report)	
B-5 USFWS Report	
B-6 Protected Species Report [Right Whale critical habitat designation; Marine Mammal Commission update; FMP level BiOp update]	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Halibut Charter IFQ</u> Consider action to rescind Halibut Charter IFQ.	(18 hrs)
C-2 <u>IFQ Omnibus 5</u> Initial review of EA/RIR.	(2 hrs)
C-3 <u>CDQ Issues</u> (a) Final Action on EA/RIR on management of CDQ reserves. (b) Review of alternatives/options for revised Amendment 71, action as necessary.	(4 hrs)
C-4 <u>BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations</u> Discuss Trawl CV eligibility options. Action as necessary.	(2 hrs)
C-5 <u>GOA Groundfish Rationalization</u> (a) Review preliminary community data. (b) Review other data and information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate. (c) Review crab and salmon bycatch data, alternatives, and options, and take action as necessary. (d) Discussion paper on crew information.	(6 hrs)

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (12 hrs)
- (a) Final review of EA.
 - (b) Review/Approve GOA specifications and SAFE report.
 - (c) Review/Approve BSAI specifications and SAFE report.
 - (d) Review discussion paper on BSAI pollock A-season start date.
 - (e) Review strawman problem statement and discuss alternatives for BS Habitat Conservation/EFH.
 - (f) Review BSAI salmon bycatch alternatives/options for closure areas.
- D-2 Ecosystem Approach (1 hr)
- Report from Interagency meeting and discussion of AI FEP.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (3 hrs)
- (a) Committees and tasking.
 - (b) Review discussion paper to change MRA for the non-AFA CP fleet.
 - (c) VMS discussion.
- D-4 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 54 hours

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai Room	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Dec 5	8:00am C-2 IFQ Omnibus 5	8:00am C-4 BSAI P. Cod Allocations C-3 CDQ Issues	
	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management	1:00pm C-3 continued C-2 IFQ Omnibus 5	
Tuesday, Dec 6 Enforcement Committee 1-5 pm, Willow Room	8:00am D- 1 continued	8:00am C-5 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	
	Ecosystem Committee 1-5pm Birch Room	1:00pm C-5 continued	
Wednesday, Dec 7	8:00am D-1 continued Review Scallop Assessment Methods	8:00am D-1 Groundfish Management	8:00am B Reports
	Workshop on Amendment 80 data - 5:30-7:00pm	1:00pm B-2 Chiniak research continue as necessary	1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 Halibut Charter
Thursday, Dec 8		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm D-2 Ecosystem Approach D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Dec 9		8:00am continue as necessary	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm	1:00pm C-1 continued 5:00pm Breakdown room
Saturday, Dec 10			8:00am C-2 IFQ Omnibus 5 C-3 CDQ Issues
			1:00pm C-3 continued C-4 BSAI P. Cod Allocations
			5:00pm Breakdown Room
Sunday, Dec 11			8:00am C-5 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
			1:00pm C-5 continued D-1 Groundfish Management
Monday, Dec 12			8:00am D-1 continued
			1:00pm D-1 continued
Tuesday, Dec 13			8:00am D-1 continued D-2 Ecosystem Approach
			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.