

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
180th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 7-13, 2007
Benson Hotel

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet February 7-13, 2007 at the Benson Hotel in Portland Oregon. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Enforcement Committee
Ecosystem Committee

Beginning

Feb 5, Mon – 8:00am - Crystal Ballroom
Feb 5, Mon – 8:00am - Cambridge/Oxford
Feb 6, Tue – 9:00am - Parliament Room 3-4
Feb 6, Tue – 1:00pm - Parliament Room 3-4

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 January 30, 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

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
AP	Advisory Panel	mt	Metric tons
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
CDQ	Community Development Quota	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	OY	Optimum Yield
EAM	Ecosystem Approach to Management	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
ESA	Endangered Species Act	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
GOA	Gulf of Alaska		
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
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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**PRELIMINARY
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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 (including MSA update)	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (including status report on Amendment 80 and Amendment 85 and Agency report on Area 2A catch sharing plan)	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 NMFS Enforcement Report	
B-5 ADF&G Report	
B-6 USFWS Report	
B-7 IPHC Report	
B-8 Protected Species Report (including SSC review of LOF methodology and SSLMC ranking tool)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>PSEIS Workplan</u> Review and adopt revised workplan.	(2 hr)
C-2 <u>AFA Pollock Coops</u> Review Coop reports for 2006, and plans for 2007.	(1 hr)
C-3 <u>Seabird Interactions</u> Final action to revise regulations. (T)	(2 hrs)
C-4 <u>Charter Halibut Management</u> (a) Review report on Area 2A catch sharing plan (report under B-2). (b) Initial Review of moratorium analysis. (c) Review workplan for regulatory amendment package (SSC only).	(6 hrs)
C-5 <u>Trawl LLP Recency</u> Initial review of analysis. (T)	(4 hrs)
C-6 <u>BS and AI split for Pacific cod</u> (a) Review discussion paper. (b) Pacific cod genetics workshop (SSC Only)	(2 hrs)
C-7 <u>GOA Groundfish Management Issues</u> Review discussion paper on sector splits and latent licenses.	(2 hrs)
C-8 <u>VMS Requirements</u> Preliminary review of draft analysis to implement comprehensive VMS program.	(4 hrs)

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (4 hrs)
(a) Initial review Dark Rockfish management amendment package.
(b) Review summary of CIE Report on rockfish (SSC only).
(c) Review discussion paper on GOA arrowtooth MRA (T)
- D-2 BSAI Crab (6 hrs)
(a) Initial review of BSAI crab overfishing definition analysis.
(b) Discussion paper on AI crab custom processing caps.
(c) Review information on crab vessel use caps.
(d) Discuss proposed contents of crab rationalization 18 month review report.
- D-3 Salmon Bycatch (2 hrs)
(d) Update on BSAI Amendment 84.
(e) Review discussion paper on process to estimate interim caps/spatial analysis, and refine alternatives as necessary.
- D-4 Habitat Conservation (6 hrs)
(a) Initial review of analysis to adjust the AI Habitat Conservation Area.
(b) Preliminary review of analysis to conserve Bering Sea habitat.
- D-5 Staff Tasking (4 Hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.
(b) Progress report on AI Fishery Ecosystem Plan.
- D-6 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 51 hours

	SSC Cambridge/Oxford	AP Crystal Ballroom	Council Mayfair Ballroom
Monday, Feb 5	8:00am Election of Officers D-1 Groundfish Management D-2 BSAI Crab	8:00am Election of Officers C-4 Charter Halibut Mgmt	
	1:00pm D-3 Salmon Bycatch B-8 Protected species	1:00pm C-4 continued	
Tuesday, Feb 6 9:00 am Enforcement Committee 1:00 pm Ecosystem Committee	8:00am C-6(b) Pacific cod genetics C-4 Charter Halibut Mgmt	8:00am C-3 Seabird Interactions C-5 Trawl LLP Recency	
	1:00pm C-4 continued C-5 Trawl LLP Recency	1:00pm C-5 continued C-6 BS&AI Split for P. cod	
Wednesday, Feb 7	8:00am C-3 Seabird Interactions D-4 Habitat Conservation	8:00am C-7 GOA Sector Split C-8 VMS Requirements	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm C-8 VMS Requirements D-5(b) AI Fishery Ecosystem Plan	1:00pm C-8 continued D-4 Habitat Conservation	1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 PSEIS Workplan
Thursday, Feb 8		8:00am D-4 continued	8:00am C-2 AFA Coop Reports C-3 Seabird Interactions C-4 Charter Halibut Mgmt.
		1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management	1:00pm C-4 continued
Friday, Feb 9		8:00am D-2 BSAI Crab	8:00am C-4 continued C-5 Trawl LLP Recency
		1:00pm D-2 continued D-3 Salmon Bycatch	1:00pm C-5 continued C-6 BS&AI split for P. cod C-7 GOA Sector Split
Saturday, Feb 10		8:00am D-5 Staff Tasking	8:00am C-7 continued C-8 VMS Requirements
		1:00pm continue as necessary	1:00pm C-8 continued D-1 Groundfish Management
Sunday, Feb 11			8:00am D-1 continued D-2 BSAI Crab
			1:00pm D-2 continued
Monday, Feb 12			8:00am D-3 Salmon Bycatch D-4 Habitat Conservation
			1:00pm D-4 continued
Tuesday, Feb 13			8:00am D-5 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.