

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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March 2, 2009

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**192nd Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**April 1 – April 7, 2009**  
**Hilton Hotel**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

March 30 – 8am – Dillingham/Katmai Room  
March 30 – 8am – King Salmon Room  
March 31 – 9am – Iliamna 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 **Wednesday March 25, 2009**. 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.

NOTE: Council may take action as necessary on all matters listed on the Agenda

**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. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. **Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

**COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS**

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
<b>AI</b>	Aleutian Islands	<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>BS</b>	Bering Sea	<b>MRA</b>	Maximum Retainable Amount
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EFP</b>	Exempted Fishing Permit	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota		
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		

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192<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
April 1-7, 2009**

**Estimated Time**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- (a) Approval of Agenda
- (b) Approval of Minutes

**B. REPORTS**

(2 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including review of SOPPs proposed rule)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- B-6 Protected Species Report (including SSL BiOp schedule update; action as necessary)

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

- C-1 GOA Groundfish Management (12 hrs)  
Final action on GOA Fixed Gear recency.
- C-2 Salmon Bycatch (28 hrs)  
Final action on BS Chinook Salmon Bycatch EIS.
- C-3 Groundfish Issues (6 hrs)
  - (a) Review discussion paper on proposed Bristol Bay Trawl Closure and Walrus issues, and receive Council direction.
  - (b) Review discussion paper on GOA Tanner and Chinook Bycatch and receive Council direction.
- C-4 Amendment 80 Cooperatives (4 hrs)
  - (a) Review annual report from cooperative.
  - (b) Final action on Am 80 cooperative formation criteria.
- C-5 MPA Nomination Process (1 hr)  
Review status and discuss next steps. (T)

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

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| D-1 | <u>Other Groundfish Issues</u>  | (1 hrs) |
|     | (a) Review and approve Halibut Sorting EFP. (T)                                 |         |
|     | (b) Review HAPC evaluation criteria and EFH 5-yr review methodology. (SSC only) |         |
| D-2 | <u>Scallop Issues</u>   | (1 hrs) |
|     | Receive Plan Team report and review and approve SAFE report.                    |         |
| D-3 | <u>Staff Tasking</u>  | (2 hrs) |
|     | (a) Review Committees and tasking.  |         |
| D-4 | <u>Other Business</u>   |         |

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (57 hrs)

**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**April 2009**

	<b>SSC King Salmon</b>	<b>AP Dillingham/Katmai</b>	<b>Council Aleutian</b>	
<b>Monday Mar 30</b>	8:00 am C-2 Salmon Bycatch	8:00 am C-1 GOA Fixed Gear Recency		
	1:00 pm C-2 continued	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
<b>Tuesday Mar 31</b>	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-2 continued	8:00 am C-1 continued		
	1:00 pm D-1 Other Groundfish	1:00 pm C-2 Salmon Bycatch		
<b>Wednesday Apr 1</b>	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am D-2 Scallop Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued		8:00 am B Reports C-1 GOA Fixed Gear Recency
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-2 continued		1:00 pm C-1 continued
<b>Thursday Apr 2</b>		8:00 am C-2 continued	8:00 am C-1 continued	
		1:00 pm C-3 Groundfish Issues	1:00 pm C-1 continued C-2 Salmon Bycatch	
<b>Friday Apr 3</b>		8:00 am C-4 Am 80 Cooperatives	8:00 am C-2 continued	
		1:00 pm D-1 Other Groundfish Issues D-2 Scallop Issues D-3 Staff Tasking	<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-2 continued	
<b>Saturday Apr 4</b>		8:00 am D-3 continued	8:00 am C-2 continued	
		1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-2 continued	
<b>Sunday Apr 5</b>			8:00 am C-2 continued	8:00 am C-2 continued
			1:00 pm C-2 continued	
<b>Monday Apr 6</b>	8:00 am C-2 continued C-3 Groundfish Issues			
	1:00 pm C-3 continued			
<b>Tuesday Apr 7</b>	8:00am C-4 Am 80 Cooperatives			
	1:00 pm C-5 MPA Nominations D-1 Other Groundfish Issues D-2 Scallop Issues D-3 Staff Tasking			

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