

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
166th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 31st - April 6, 2004
Anchorage Hilton
Anchorage, AK

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet March 30 through April 6, 2004 at the Anchorage Hilton in Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Joint meeting Council/Board of Fisheries
Enforcement Committee
Public Hearing - EFH EIS

Beginning

Mar. 29, Mon. - Dillingham/Katmai Room
Mar. 29, Mon. - King Salmon Room
Mar. 30, Tue. - 1:00 pm - Aleutian Room
Mar. 30, Tues. - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Aleutian Room
Mar. 31, Wed. - 6:00 pm - Dillingham/Katmai Room

All meetings will be held at the 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 March 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.

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	mt	Metric tons
AP	Advisory Panel	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
CDQ	Community Development Quota	OY	Optimum Yield
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	POP	Pacific ocean perch
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
GOA	Gulf of Alaska		
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota		
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		
MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch		
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Approval of Agenda	
(b) Approval of minutes (T)	•
B. REPORTS	
B-1 Executive Director's Report	(6 hrs)
B-2 NMFS Management Report	
B-3 Enforcement Report	
B-4 Coast Guard Report	
B-5 ADF&G Report	
B-6 USFW Report	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Draft Programmatic Supplemental Environment Impact Statement</u>	(18 hrs)
(a) Final Action on Groundfish PSEIS.	
(b) Final Review of Groundfish FMP Revisions.	
C-2 <u>Habitat Area Particular Concern (HAPC)</u>	(8 hrs)
(a) Receive report from Plan Team on HAPC proposals.	
(b) Develop problem statement and alternatives for analysis.	
C-3 <u>Aleutian Island Pollock</u>	(6 hrs)
Initial Review of analysis to establish Adak pollock allocation.	
C-4 <u>GOA Groundfish Rationalization</u>	(2 hrs)
Discuss State water management issues.	
C-5 <u>GOA Rockfish Pilot Program</u>	(4 hrs)
Develop alternatives and options for analysis	
C-6 <u>IR/IU</u>	(2 hrs)
Receive progress report on Am 80 and provide input as necessary.	
C-7 <u>Observer Program (T)</u>	(2 hrs)
(a) Receive Observer Advisory Committee report.	
(b) Receive update on analysis and provide input as necessary.	

C-8 CDQ Program (2 hrs)
(c) Receive report on status of BSAI Amendment 71.
(d) Discuss fishery management issues.

C-9 National/Regional bycatch plans (1 hr)
Receive update.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Scallop FMP (2 hr)
Review background and develop alternatives to modify the license limitation program and update the FMP.

D-2 Staff Tasking (2 hr)
Review tasking and provide direction to staff.

D-3 Other Business

E. CHAIR'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 54 Hours

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian
Monday, Mar 29	8:00am C-2 HAPC	8:00am C-1 DPSEIS	
	1:00pm C-2 continued C-3 Aleutian Island Pollock	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, Mar 30 Enforcement Committee - Aleutian Room - 8am-12pm	8:00am C-3 continued C-1 DPSEIS	8:00am C-1 continued	1:00 pm Joint meeting Council/Board of Fisheries
	1:00pm C-1 continued D-1 Scallop FMP	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Wednesday, Mar 31 Public Hearing EFH-EIS AP Room - 6:00pm	8:00am D-1 continued C-9 National/Regional bycatch plans	8:00am C-3 Aleutian Island Pollock	8:00am Call to Order B Reports
	1:00pm continue if necessary	1:00pm C-4 GOA Groundfish Rationalization C-5 GOA Rockfish Pilot Program	1:00pm B Report continued C-1 DPSEIS
Thursday, Apr 1		8:00am C-5 continued C-2 HAPC	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-2 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Apr 2		8:00am C-2 continued C-6 IR/IU	8:00am C-1 continued 12:30 Executive Session - Finance Committee
		1:00pm C-7 Observer Program D-1 Scallop FMP D-2 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-1 continued
Saturday, Apr 3			8:00am C-3 Aleutian Island Pollock
			1:00pm C-3 continued C-4 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
Sunday, Apr 4			8:00am C-4 continued C-5 GOA Rockfish Pilot Program
			1:00pm C-5 continued C-2 HAPC
Monday, Apr 5			8:00am C-2 continued
			1:00pm C-6 IR/IU C-7 Observer Program
Tuesday, Apr 6			8:00am C-8 CDQ Program C-9 National/Regional bycatch plans D-1 Scallop FMP D-2 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.