

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
173rd Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 5-11, 2005
Anchorage Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 5-11, 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 (postponed)
Enforcement Committee
MSA Stakeholder Meeting (State)

Beginning

Oct 3, Mon.- Dillingham/Katmai
Oct 3, Mon - King Salmon

Oct 4, Tue. - 1pm-5pm - Room TBA
Oct 4, Tue. - 7:00pm - King Salmon 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, September 28**. 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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Estimated Hours

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - (a) Approval of Agenda
 - (b) Approval of minutes (T) •
 - (c) Election of Officers/Swear in new members

- B. REPORTS (6 hrs)
 - B-1 Executive Director's Report [including report on freezer longliner buyback and report on SSC operations per peer review requirements]
 - B-2 NMFS Management Report (includes update on Amendment 79)
 - B-3 USCG Report
 - B-4 ADF&G Report
 - B-5 USFWS Report
 - B-6 Protected Species Report [Report on Right Whale critical habitat designation; report on BOF/NPFMC pollock fishery subcommittee; update on ESA Salmon consultation; FMP level BiOp discussion/schedule]

- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - C-1 Halibut Charter (8 hrs)
 - (a) GHF Status Report and action as necessary.
 - (b) Review Halibut Charter IFQ letter from Dr. Hogarth.

 - C-2 CDQ Issues (2 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review of EA/RIR on management of CDQ reserves.
 - (b) Report from Blue Ribbon Panel
 - (c) Update on Amendment 71 and status CDQ allocation process, and action as necessary.

 - C-3 IR/IU (8 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review of Amendment 80 EA/RIR/IRFA (H&G Cooperatives)
 - (b) Select Preliminary Preferred Alternative.

 - C-4 BSAI Salmon Bycatch (6 hrs)
 - (a) Final action on EA/RIR for Amendment 84.
 - (b) Discuss Package B; review alternatives and timelines for analysis.

- C-5 BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations (3 hrs)
Review alternatives, components, and options. Action as necessary.
- C-6 GOA Groundfish Rationalization (6 hrs)
 - (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.
- C-7 Bairdi crab split (1 hrs)
Final Action on Amendment

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (8 hrs)
 - (a) Initial review of EA and proposed specifications for 2006/07
 - (b) Review SAFE ecosystem chapter.
 - (c) Rockfish Management: review discussion paper.
 - (d) Review discussion paper on BSAI pollock A-season start date.
 - (e) Review strawman problem statement and discuss alternatives for BS Habitat Conservation/EFH. (T)
- D-2 Ecosystem Approaches (2 hrs)
Status report on AI FEP and EAM.
- D-3 Crab Management (1 hrs)
Review SAFE report for Crab management.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (3 hrs)
- D-5 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 54 Hours

| | SSC King Salmon Room | AP Dillingham/Katmai Room | Council Aleutian Room |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monday, Oct 3 | 8:00am C-3 IR/IU B-1 Operations | 8:00am Elect Officers C-1(a) Halibut GHL | |
| | 1:00pm C-4(a) BSAI Salmon Bycatch C-2 CDQ Issues | 1:00pm C-2 CDQ Issues C-3 IR/IU | |
| Tuesday, Oct 4 Enforcement Committee 1-5 pm State of Alaska MSA Stakeholder Mtg - Dillingham/Katmai Room | 8:00am D-1 (a,b,c) Groundfish Management | 8:00am C-3 continued | |
| | 1:00pm D-1 continued | 1:00pm C-4 BSAI Salmon Bycatch | |
| Wednesday, Oct 5 | 8:00am D-1 continued D-3 Crab Management C-6(b) Groundfish Rationalization | 8:00am C-4 continued C-5 BSAI P. Cod Allocation | 8:00am Elect Officers B Reports |
| | 1:00pm D-2 Ecosystem Approaches Review N.S. One Guidelines Comments | 1:00pm C-6 GOA Groundfish Rationalization | 1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 Halibut Charter |
| Thursday, Oct 6 | | 8:00am C-6 continued C-7 Bairdi Crab Split | 8:00am C-1 continued |
| | | 1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management | 1:00pm C-1 continued C-2 CDQ Issues |
| Friday, Oct 7 | | 8:00am D-1 continued | 8:00am C-3 IR/IU Noon Executive Session |
| | | 1:00pm D-2 Ecosystem Approaches D-3 Crab Management D-4 Staff Tasking | 1:00pm C-3 IR/IU |
| Saturday, Oct 8 | | | 8:00am C-4 BSAI Salmon Bycatch |
| | | | 1:00pm C-4 continued C-5 BSAI P. Cod Allocation |
| Sunday, October 9 | | | 8:00am C-5 continued C-6 GOA Groundfish Rationalization |
| | | | 1:00pm C-6 continued |
| Monday, Oct 10 | | | 8:00am C-7 Bairdi crab split D-1 Groundfish Management |
| | | | 1:00pm D-1 continued |
| Tuesday, Oct 11 | | | 8:00am D-2 Ecosystem Approaches D-3 Crab Management |
| | | | 1:00pm D-4 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.