

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
184th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 3-9, 2007
Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 3-9, 2007 at the 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
Enforcement Committee
Crab Advisory Committee

Beginning

Oct 1-6, Mon – 8:00am - Dillingham/Katmai
Oct 1-3, Mon – 8:00am - King Salmon Room
Oct 2, Tue - 1-4pm - Iliamna Room
Oct 2, Tue - 6-8pm - King Salmon 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 September 26, 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	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
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EAM	Ecosystem Approach to Management	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	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
ESA	Endangered Species Act	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level		
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		
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	•
(a) Oath of Office	
(b) Election of Officers	
(c) Approval of Agenda	
(d) Approval of Minutes	
B. REPORTS	(6 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report (including MSA update)	
B-2 NMFS Management Report	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 ADF&G Report	
B-5 USFWS Report	
B-6 Protected Species Report (SSL Measures EIS: Review Notice of Intent; Draft MMPA List of Fisheries for 2008; SSL Recovery Plan and BiOp Update, action as necessary)	
B-7 NOAA General Counsel (informational handout)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Charter Halibut Management</u>	(16 hrs)
(a) ADF&G report on 2006 data.	
(b) Initial review of Charter Halibut 3A GHM Measures.	
(c) Preliminary review of Charter Halibut Allocation/Compensation.	
(d) SSC review of charter halibut discard mortality information.(SSC only)	
(e) SSC review of estimation procedures for charter halibut, DSR, and shark catch. (SSC only)	
C-2 <u>Halibut Subsistence</u>	(1 hr)
Discuss Alternatives for Halibut Subsistence Rural definition.	
C-3 <u>BSAI Crab Fishery Management</u>	(10 hrs)
(a) Report on Crab data collection quality/confidentiality. (delayed until Dec)	
(b) Committee report-discussion paper on BSAI Crab 'B' Shares. Council Direction	
(c) Initial review BSAI Crab 'C' share 90/10 exemption.	
(d) Initial review BSAI Crab custom processing.	
(e) Initial review BSAI Crab post-delivery transfers.	
C-4 <u>GOA Groundfish Issues</u>	(5 hrs)
(a) Preliminary review GOA P. cod sector split.	
(b) Discussion paper on GOA fixed gear LLP recency; action as necessary.	
(c) Discussion paper on GOA Sideboards; action as necessary.	
(d) Initial review CGOA rockfish post-delivery transfers.	
C-5 <u>LLP Trawl Recency</u>	(3 hrs)
Initial review of EA/RIR/IRFA.	
C-6 <u>Amendment 80</u>	(1 hr)
Review discussion paper on Amendment 80 post-delivery transfers.	
C-7 <u>Socioeconomic Data Collection</u>	(1 hr)
Report on Comprehensive socioeconomic data collection.	

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (4 hr)
- (a) Final action on GOA arrowtooth MRA - Regulatory amendment.
 - (b) Initial review WGOA pollock trip limit- Regulatory amendment.
 - (c) Report on specifications per Amendment 80 and 85; action as necessary.
 - (d) Review new stock assessment information (SSC only)/Initial action on Groundfish specifications.
 - (e) Discussion paper on seabird avoidance measures for Area 4E; action as necessary.
 - (f) Review tasking plans for managing Other Species complex and discussion paper on analytical approach.
- D-2 Salmon Management (2 hr)
- (a) Salmon Bycatch Workgroup report.
 - (b) Refine problem statement and alternatives.
 - (c) Report on Salmon excluder EFP.
- D-3 Crab Management (2 hrs)
- (a) Crab Plan Team Report; Approve BSAI crab SAFE.
 - (b) Initial review BSAI crab overfishing definition.
- D-4 Arctic Fishery Management (1 hr)
- (b) Ecosystem Committee report and action as necessary.
 - (a) Review and approve outreach plan.
- D-5 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
- (a) Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.
 - (b) ~~Review broader (PSEIS) community outreach plan (T)~~ (delayed until December)
 - (c) Remainder of Ecosystem report and action as necessary.
- D-6 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 56 hours

	SSC King Salmon	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Oct 1	8:00am C-1 Charter Halibut	8:00am C-7 Socioeconomic data C-2 Halibut Subsistence	
	1:00pm C-3 BSAI Crab Mgmt C-7 Socioeconomic data	1:00pm C-1 Charter Halibut	
Tuesday, Oct 2 Enforcement Committee - 1pm-5pm - Iliamna Rm Crab Advisory Committee 6-8pm - King Salmon room	8:00am C-4 GOA Groundfish C-5 LLP Trawl Recency	8:00am C-1 continued	WWF Symposium on Fisheries and Climate Change, 5-7 pm - AP room
	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Mgmt	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Wednesday, Oct 3 NOAA Strategic Plan for Habitat: Listening session 5:30 - 7:30pm - Aleutian Room	8:00am D-1 Continued D-2 Salmon Bycatch	8:00am C-1 continued	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm D-3 Crab Overfishing continue as necessary	1:00pm C-3 BSAI Crab Mgmt	1:00pm B Reports continued C-7 Socioeconomic data C-2 Halibut Subsistence C-1 Charter Halibut
Thursday, Oct 4 Greenpeace presentation on Bering Sea submersible cruise - 5:30pm - Aleutian Room		8:00am C-3 continued	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-3 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Oct 5		8:00am D-3 Crab Overfishing C-4 GOA Groundfish C-6 Am 80 issues	8:00am C-1 continued 12:00pm Executive Session
		C-5 LLP Trawl Recency D-1 Groundfish Mgmt Need to break room down by 2pm	1:00pm C-1 continued D-3 Crab Overfishing
Saturday, Oct 6		8:00am D-1 continued D-2 Salmon Bycatch	8:00am C-3 BSAI Crab Mgmt
		1:00pm D-4 Arctic Fisheries Mgmt D-5 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-3 continued
Sunday, Oct 7			8:00am C-3 continued C-4 GOA Groundfish
			1:00pm C-4 continued C-5 LLP Trawl Recency C-6 Am 80 Issues
Monday, Oct 8			8:00am D-1 Groundfish Mgmt
			1:00pm D-2 Salmon Bycatch
Tuesday, Oct 9			8:00am D-4 Arctic Fishery Mgmt. 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.