

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
164th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
December 10-16, 2003
Anchorage Hilton
Anchorage, AK

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet December 8 through December 16, 2003 at the Anchorage Hilton in Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Council/Board of Fisheries Joint Protocol
SSL Panel: Case Study on Negotiated
Funds Distribution (UAA)
Primer on Stock Assess. & OFL/Tier Structure
Fur Seal Committee
Enforcement Committee (T)

Beginning

Dec. 8, Mon. - Dillingham/Katmai Room
Dec. 8, Mon. - King Salmon Room
Dec. 8, Mon. - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Aspen/Spruce Room
Dec. 9, Tue. 6:00 pm - King Salmon Room
Dec. 9, Tue. 7:00 pm - Dillingham/Katmai Room
Dec. 11, Thur. 6:30 pm - King Salmon Room
TBA

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 December 3.** 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	MSFCMA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
AP	Advisory Panel	MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
CDQ	Community Development Quota	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	mt	Metric tons
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	OY	Optimum Yield
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	POP	Pacific ocean perch
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
IRIU	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
ITAC	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
LAMP	Local Area Management Plan		
LLP	License Limitation Program		

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Estimated Hours

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Approval of Agenda •
- (b) Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) •

B. REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report. (2 hrs)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report.
- B-3 Coast Guard Report/NMFS Enforcement Report.
- B-4 ADF&G Report.
- B-5 US Fish & Wildlife Report.

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

- C-1 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Rationalization (20 hrs)
 - (a) Receive report from Joint Protocol Committee.
 - (b) Receive Groundfish Development Authority (Council only).
 - (c) Review and refine alternatives and options.

- C-2 Observer Program (4 hrs)
 - (a) Program overview (AFSA)
 - (b) Preliminary Review of Program Restructuring Analysis.

- C-3 IR/IU (6 hrs)
 - (a) Receive report from NMFS on Amendment 79.
 - (b) Review Committee report.
 - (c) Finalize alternatives and options for Amendments 80a and 80b.

- C-4 Halibut and Sablefish IFQ (4 hrs)
 - Receive report from IFQ Implementation and Cost Recovery Committee, and review IFQ proposals.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (12 hrs)
(a) Final action to adopt final GOA groundfish specifications for 2004.
(b) Final action to adopt final BSAI groundfish specifications for 2004.
(c) Discuss alternatives and schedule for repealing the VIP.

- D-2 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
(a) Review tasking and provide direction to staff.
(b) Discuss direction to committees.

- D-3 Other Business

E. CHAIR'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 52 Hours

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian
Monday, Dec 8 Joint Protocol Committee - 1pm -5pm - Aspen/Spruce Room	8:00am Review Data Quality Act and comment	8:00am C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	
	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Specifications	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, Dec 9 SSL Panel on Negotiated Funds Distribution (UAA) 6:00pm - SSC room Primer on OFL & Stock setting process - 7:00pm - AP room	8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-1 continued	
	1:00pm D-1 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Wednesday, Dec 10	8:00am D-1 continued C-2 Observer Program	8:00am D-1 Groundfish Specifications	8:00am Call to Order B Reports/include Data Quality Act comments
	1:00pm continue as necessary	1:00pm D-1 continued	1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
Thursday, Dec 11 Fur Seal Committee - 6:30 pm - SSC room		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-2 Observer Program	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Dec 12		8:00am C-3 IR/IU	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-3 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued
Saturday, Dec 13		8:00am C-4 IFQ	8:00am C-2 Observer Program
		1:00pm D-2 Staff Tasking	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Specifications
Sunday, Dec 14			8:00am D-1 continued
			1:00pm D-1 continued
Monday, Dec 15			8:00am C-3 IR/IU
			1:00pm C-3 continued C-4 IFQ
Tuesday, Dec 16			8:00am C-4 continued 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.