

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
191st Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 4-10, 2009
Renaissance Hotel, Seattle WA

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet Renaissance Hotel, 515, Madison Street, Seattle, WA. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Comprehensive Data Collection Committee
Enforcement Committee
Ecosystem Committee

Beginning

Feb 2, Mon – 8am – Northwest Room, 3rd Floor
Feb 2, Mon -- 8am – East Room, 3rd Floor
Feb 2, Mon – 5pm – 8pm -- Northwest Room, 3rd Floor
Feb 3, Tue – 1pm – 3pm – Marion Room
Feb 3, Tue – 4pm – 6pm – Marion 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 **Tuesday, January 27, 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. 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 three minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

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

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Estimated Time

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. REPORTS

(6 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 NMFS Management Report/AFSC Report
- B-3 NMFS Enforcement Report
- B-4 ADF&G Report
- B-5 USCG Report
- B-6 USFWS Report
- B-7 IPHC Report
- B-8 Protected Species Report (update on schedule of SSL Draft Status Quo BiOp and EIS;
BS and AI Pacific cod split).

C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS

- C-1 AFA Coop Reports (2 hrs)
Receive reports from BSAI pollock cooperatives.
- C-2 Arctic FMP (4 hrs)
Final Action to adopt FMP for the Arctic region.
- C-3 Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)
Review ICA incentive proposals and Bycatch Committee Report.
- C-4 Amendment 80 (4 hrs)
Initial Review of analysis for Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation.
- C-5 BSAI Fixed Gear (4 hrs)
Initial Review of BSAI fixed gear parallel fisheries analysis.
- C-6 GOA Sideboards (4 hrs)
 - (a) Discussion paper on GOA Sideboards for AFA CVs.
 - (b) Initial Review of GOA P. cod sideboards for crab vessels.
- C-7 BSAI Crab Issues (6 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review of BSAI Crab Regional Delivery Relief.
 - (b) Receive Committee report.
 - (c) Receive proposed workplan & timeline for crab analysis/discussion papers
for changes to the program, and action as necessary.
 - (d) Receive progress report on Crab EDR surveys.
- C-8 MPA Nomination Process (2 hrs)
Review NMFS letter and discuss next steps. (T)

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 Halibut/Sablefish Issues (2 hrs)
(a) Review/Rescind previous action to remove inactive IFQ quota shares.
(b) Review halibut catch sharing plan discussion papers (SSC only).
 (i) Maximum size limit analysis.
 (ii) ADF&G charter halibut harvest projection methodology.
- D-2 Miscellaneous Issues (8 hrs)
(a) Receive Committee report on comprehensive data collection. (T)
(b) Review of Halibut PSC Discard Survival EFP.
(c) ~~Review of Halibut Sorting EFP. (T)~~ [Delayed until April]
(d) Review discussion paper on BS bottom trawl sweeps.
(e) Review discussion paper on GOA Rockfish Program changes.
(f) Review revised discussion paper on AI Pacific cod processing sideboards.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking.
(b) Receive report on Alaska Native/Community outreach.
- D-4 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (50 hrs)

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMENT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

February 2009

	SSC East Room	AP Northwest Room	Council South Room	
Monday Feb 2	8:00 am Election of Officers C-2 Arctic FMP C-3 Salmon Bycatch	8:00 am Election of Officers C-6 GOA Sideboards C-4 Am 80 Coops		
	1:00 pm Trawl sweep research report C-5 BSAI Fixed Gear C-6 (b) GOA Sideboards C-4 Am 80 coops	1:00 pm C-4 continued C-2 Arctic FMP		
Tuesday Feb 3	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-7 BSAI Crab Program D-1 (b) Halibut CSP	8:00 am C-5 BSAI Fixed Gear		
	1:00 pm BSIERP MSE report D-2 (a-b) Misc. Issues	1:00 pm C-3 Salmon Bycatch		
Wednesday Feb 4 Industry Reception 6-9pm Madison Ballroom	8:00 am Science Workshop on Stock Structure for Management	8:00 am C-7 BSAI Crab Program		8:00 am B Reports
	1:00 pm Science Workshop continued	1:00 pm C-7 continued D-2 Misc. Issues		1:00 pm B Reports continued C-1 AFA Coop Reports
Thursday Feb 5		8:00 am D-2 continued		8:00 am C-2 Arctic FMP
		1:00 pm D-2 continued		1:00 pm C-3 Salmon Bycatch
Friday Feb 6		8:00 am D-3 Staff tasking		8:00 am C-4 Am 80 Coops
		1:00 pm continue as necessary		12:00pm Executive Session (T) 1:00 pm C-5 BSAI Fixed Gear
Saturday Feb 7			8:00 am C-6 GOA Sideboards	8:00 am C-7 continued C-8 MPA Nominations
1:00 pm C-7 BSAI Crab			1:00 pm D -1 Halibut/Sablefish D-2 Misc Issues	
Sunday Feb 8			8:00 am D-2 continued	8:00am continue if necessary
			1:00 pm D-3 Staff tasking	1:00 pm
Monday Feb 9				
Tuesday Feb 10				

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.