

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**176th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**April 5 -11, 2006**  
**Anchorage Hilton**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet April 5-11, 2006 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
Ecosystem Committee  
Public Scoping Meeting on the  
Specifications EIS Alternatives

Beginning

Apr 3, Mon – Dillingham/Katmai  
Apr 3, Mon – King Salmon  
Apr 4, Tues – 9:00am-12:00pm - Iliamna Room  
[Cancelled]  
Apr 4, Tues – 7:00pm-9:00pm - Dillingham/Katmai

All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton 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 29.** 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**

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

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Approval of Agenda	•
(b) Approval of minutes (T)	
B. REPORTS	(4 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 NMFS Enforcement Report	
B-5 ADF&G Report (include report on BOF Adak cod action)	
B-6 USFWS Report	
B-7 Protected Species Report	
B-8 PNCFAC Report	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>CDQ</u>	(4 hrs)
(a) Review Governor's CDQ allocation recommendations.	
(b) Status Report on CDQ Cost Recovery program.	
(c) Initial/Final action CDQ community eligibility Reg Amendment.	
(d) Status Report on Amendment 71.	
C-2 <u>IR/IU</u>	(12 hrs)
(a) Final action on Amendment 80. (T)	
(b) Discuss alternatives for MRA adjustments. (T)	
C-3 <u>BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations</u>	(12 hrs)
Final Action on Amendment 85.	
C-4 <u>BSAI Trawl C/V Eligibility</u>	(2 hrs)
Review Discussion Paper, and take action as necessary	
C-5 <u>GOA Groundfish Rationalization</u>	(6 hrs)
(a) Review discussion paper on skipper/crew provisions.	
(b) Review Critical Path analysis.	
(c) Review other information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate.	
C-6 <u>Halibut GHL</u>	(8 hrs)
(a) Final Action on Halibut GHL Regulations.	
(b) Review discussion paper on separate accountability proposal, and take action as necessary.	
(c) Receive Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee report.	
(d) Receive status report on State initiatives.	

## D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (3 hr)  
(a) Initial Review of EA/RIR to defer management of GOA Dark Rockfish.  
(b) Review EFP for testing shrimp fly gear to target rockfish.  
(c) Progress Report on BSAI Salmon Bycatch Amendment Package B.  
(d) Salmon Bycatch Research Workshop. (SSC Only)
- D-2 Crab Management (0.5 hr)  
Crab Overfishing Definitions update. (SSC only).
- D-3 Scallop Management (1 hr)  
Review and approve Scallop SAFE
- D-4 Ecosystem Based Management (1 hr)  
Receive Committee report and take action as necessary.
- D-5 Research Priorities (0.5 hr)  
Review and approve
- D-6 Staff Tasking (2 hr)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking.  
(b) Refine VMS alternatives.
- D-7 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 56 hours

	SSC King Salmon	AP Dillingham/Katmai I	Council Aleutian Room
<b>Monday, Apr 3</b>	8:00am D-2 Crab Management D-3 Scallop SAFE Report	8:00am C-1 CDQ Issues	
	1:00pm D-1 (a,c) Groundfish Mgmt. D-5 Research Priorities	1:00pm C-2 IRIU	
<b>Tuesday, Apr 4</b> Enforcement Committee 9-12 pm - Iliamna Room  Public Scoping/Specifications EIS 7-9pm - AP Room	8:00am D-5 continued 10:00am D-1 (b) Rockfish EFP 11:00am D-1 (d) Salmon Research Workshop	8:00am C-2 continued	
	1:00pm D-1 (d) Salmon Research (continued)	1:00pm C-2 continued	
<b>Wednesday, Apr 5</b>	8:00am continue as necessary	8:00am C-3 BSAI P. Cod Allocation	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm	1:00pm C-3 continued	1:00pm C-1 CDQ Issues
<b>Thursday, Apr 6</b>		8:00am C-3 continued	8:00am C-2 IRIU
		1:00pm C-4 BSAI Trawl CV Eligibility C-5 GOA Rationalization	1:00pm C-2 continued
<b>Friday, Apr 7</b>		8:00am C-5 continued	8:00am C-2 continued
		1:00pm C-6 Halibut GHL	1:00pm C-3 BSAI P. Cod Allocation
<b>Saturday, Apr 8</b>		8:00am C-6 continued	8:00am C-3 continued
		1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management D-6 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-3 continued
<b>Sunday, Apr 9</b>			8:00am C-4 BSAI Trawl CV C-5 GOA Rationalization
			1:00pm C-5 continued
<b>Monday, Apr 10</b>			8:00am C-6 Halibut GHL
			1:00pm C-6 continued
<b>Tuesday, Apr 11</b>			8:00am D-1 Groundfish Mgmt. D-3 Scallop SAFE Report
			1:00pm D-4 Ecosystem Management D-5 Research Priorities D-6 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.			

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