

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
187th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 1-7, 2008
Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, AK

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet April 1-7, 2008 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
~~Ecosystem Committee (T)~~
Joint Mtg. w/AK Board of Fisheries

Beginning

Mar 31, Mon – 8:00am – Dillingham/Katmai Room
Mar 31, Mon – 8:00am – King Salmon Room
Mar 31, Mon – 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Iliamna Room
~~Apr 2, Wed – 5:30pm – 8:00pm – Dillingham/Katmai~~
Apr 8, Tues – 9:00am – 5:00pm – Aleutian 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 **March 26 (Wednesday)**. 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 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
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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Estimated Time

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including permit fees discussion) (4 hrs)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- B-6 Protected Species Report (including AI Pollock EFP report)

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

- C-1 Steller Sea Lion Issues (4 hrs)
 - (a) Report on proposals #8 and #16.
 - (b) Review Final SSL Recovery Plan.
 - (c) SSLMC Report on proposals and preliminary recommendations on measures.
- C-2 BSAI Crab Management (16 hrs)
 - (a) Report from Crab Committee.
 - (b) Refine problem statement and elements/options for analysis of 90/10 modifications.
 - (c) BSAI Crab Arbitrator Immunity status report; action as necessary.
 - (d) Final action on BSAI Crab Arbitration Regulations.
 - (e) Final action on BSAI Crab 'C' Share Active Participation.
 - (f) Final action on St. George protection measures.
- C-3 GOA Groundfish Issues (2 hrs)
 - Initial review of GOA sideboards for BSAI crab vessels.
- C-4 Trawl LLP Recency (6 hrs)
 - Final action to eliminate latent trawl licenses/area endorsements.
- C-5 Observer Program (2 hrs)
 - (a) Receive OAC Report
 - (b) Final Action on Observer Program regulations package.
- C-6 Halibut Charter Management (8 hrs)
 - (a) Report on the Charter Halibut Logbook Program. (SSC only)
 - (b) Initial review of Charter Halibut 2C/3A Catch Sharing Plan analysis.

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D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Bycatch Issues (4 hrs)
(a) Preliminary review of BSAI Salmon Bycatch EIS; receive scoping report; refine problem statement/alternatives.
(b) Discussion paper on GOA Crab and Salmon Bycatch. (SSC only)
- D-2 Groundfish Management (4 hrs)
(a) Review EFP application for Trawl Salmon Excluder.
(b) Review EFP application for CGOA Rockfish Electronic Monitoring (Phase II).
(c) Initial review of VMS Exemption for dinglebar gear.
(d) Final action on GOA 'Other species' ABC/OFL specifications.
(e) Initial Review of 4E Seabird Avoidance measures.
- D-3 AFA Issue (2 hr)
Review action on Amendment 62/62 (single geographic location) and affirm, Revise, or repeal.
- D-4 Scallop Management (1 hrs)
Review SAFE Report.
- D-5 Ecosystem Based Management (2 hrs)
(a) Report from Ecosystem Committee
(b) Preliminary review of Arctic FMP. (Council only)
- D-6 Staff Tasking (2 hrs)
Review Committee and tasking.
- D-7 Other Business

Total Hours: (57 hrs)

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMNT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

April 2008

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room
Monday Mar 31 Enforcement Committee – 1:00pm Iliamna Room	8:00 am C-1 Steller Sea lions C-3 GOA Sideboards D-1 Salmon Bycatch	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab Mgmt	
	1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	1:00 pm C-2 continued	
Tuesday Apr 1 Reception – 5:30 – Chart Room	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am D-2 continued	8:00 am C-2 continued	8:00 am B Report
	1:00 pm C-6 Halibut Charter	1:00 pm D-1 Salmon Bycatch	1:00 pm C-1 Steller Sea Lions
Wednesday Apr 2 Saltwater Logbook Evaluation Workshop – 5:30 – Aleutian Room Ecosystem Committee – 5:30 Dillingham/ Katmai Room Cancelled	8:00 am Review minutes 9:00 am Crab model review (SSC only) D-4 Scallop SAFE D-5 Ecosystem Mgmt (T)	8:00 am C-3 GOA Sideboards C-4 Trawl Recency	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab Mgmt
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-4 continued C-5 Observer Program	1:00 pm C-2 continued
Thursday Apr 3		8:00 am C-6 Charter Halibut	8:00 am C-2 continued
		1:00 pm D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	12:00pm Executive Session 1:00 pm C-2 continued
Friday Apr 4		1:00 am D-4 Scallop Mgmt D-5 Ecosystem Mgmt	8:00 am D-1 Salmon Bycatch
		1:00 pm D-6 Staff Tasking	1:00 pm C-3 GOA Sideboards C-4 Trawl Recency
Saturday Apr 5			8:00 am C-4 continued C-5 Observer Program
			1:00 pm C-6 Halibut Charter
Sunday Apr 6			8:00 am C-6 continued
			1:00 pm D-2 Groundfish Mgmt
Monday Apr 7			8:00 am D-3 AFA Issue (T) D-4 Scallop SAFE
			1:00 pm D-5 Ecosystem Mgmt D-6 Staff Tasking
Tuesday Apr 8			9:00 am Joint Meeting with Alaska Board of Fisheries
			1:00 pm continued

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.