

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
165th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 4-10, 2004
Anchorage Hilton
Anchorage, AK

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet February 4 through February 10, 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
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Feb. 2, Mon. - Dillingham/Katmai Room
Feb. 2, Mon. - King Salmon Room
Feb. 3, Tues. - Aleutian Room 4:30 -6:30 pm

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 January 28.** 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	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
AP	Advisory Panel	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	OY	Optimum Yield
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	POP	Pacific ocean perch
CDQ	Community Development Quota	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
FMP	Fishery Management Plan		
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level		
GOA	Gulf of Alaska		
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota		
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		

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Estimated Hours

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Approval of Agenda

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B. REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (4 hrs)
B-2 NMFS Management Report
B-3 Coast Guard Report
B-4 ADF&G Report
B-5 USFW Report
B-6 IPHC Report

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

- C-1 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Rationalization (16 hrs)
(a) Review Board of Fisheries Workgroup Report.
(b) Review and refine alternatives and options.
(c) Review GOA salmon/crab bycatch discussion paper.
- C-2 Observer Program (2 hrs)
(a) Program Overview (AFSC).
(b) Receive progress report on Program Restructuring Analysis.
- C-3 IR/IU (2 hrs)
(a) Receive update on Amendment 79.
(b) Receive progress report on Amendments 80a and 80b.
- C-4 HAPC (2 hrs)
Receive report on proposals received.
- C-5 Crab EIS (12 hrs)
Initial Review and release for public comment.
- C-6 Congressional legislation (T) (4 hrs)
Discuss and provide direction on AI pollock and GOA rockfish.
- C-7 American Fisheries Act (2 hrs)
Review 2003 co-op reports and 2004 co-op agreements.

- C-8 DPSEIS (4 hrs)
(a) Report on comments received on draft.
(b) Report on ESA Consultation.
(c) Review Groundfish FMP revisions.

- C-9 SSL mitigation adjustments in GOA (2 hrs)
Review NMFS informal consultation.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (2 hrs)
(a) Review National Bycatch Strategy and Alaska Region Report.
(b) Review Crab/Groundfish overfishing definitions and multispecies models. (SSC)
(c) Review Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) request for rockfish fishery.
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- D-2 Scallop Management (2 hrs)
(a) Review SAFE.
(b) Discuss FMP Update.

- D-3 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
Review tasking and provide direction to staff.

- D-4 Other Business

E. CHAIR'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 58 Hours

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian
Monday, Feb 2	8:00am C-2 Observer Program C-4 HAPC	8:00am C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	
	1:00pm C-8 DPSEIS C-9 SSL Mitigation	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, Feb 3 Enforcement Committee 4:30 - 6:30 pm	8:00am D-1 Groundfish	8:00am C-1 continued	
	1:00pm D-1 continued C-5 Crab EIS	1:00pm C-1 continued C-2 Observer Program	
Wednesday, Feb 4	8:00am C-5 continued	8:00am C-3 IRIU Adjustments C-4 HAPC	8:00am Call to Order B Reports C-1 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
	1:00pm D-2 Scallop SAFE	1:00pm C-6 Congressional Legislation C-7 AFA Co-op Reports	1:00pm C-1 continued
Thursday, Feb 5		8:00am C-8 DPSEIS C-9 SSL Mitigation	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm D-1 (a,c) Groundfish D-2 Scallop SAFE	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Feb 6		8:00am C-5 Crab SEIS	8:00am C-2 Observer Program C-3 IRIU 12:30 Executive Session - Finance
		1:00pm C-5 continued AP move to Aspen/Spruce Room	1:00pm C-4 HAPC C-6 Congressional legislation
Saturday, Feb 7		8:00am C-5 continued	8:00am C-6 continued C-5 Crab EIS
		1:00pm D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-5 continued 12:30 Executive Session (PNCIAC)
Sunday, Feb 8			8:00am C-5 continued
			1:00pm C-5 continued C-7 AFA Co-op Reports
Monday, Feb 9			8:00am C-8 DPSEIS
			1:00pm C-9 SSL Mitigations D-1 Groundfish
Tuesday, Feb 10			8:00am D-1 continued D-2 Scallop SAFE
			1:00pm D-3 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.