

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
170th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 9-15, 2005
Renaissance Madison
Seattle, WA

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet February 9-15 at the Renaissance Madison Hotel, 515 Madison Street, Seattle, Washington 98104. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Ecosystem Committee
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Feb 7, Mon. - Northwest Room
Feb 7, Mon. - East Room
Feb 7, Mon. - 2:00-5:00 pm (Room TBA)
Feb 8, Tue. - 2:00-5:00 pm James Room (4th Floor)

All meetings will be held at the Renaissance Madison 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 Tuesday, February 1.** 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	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
AP	Advisory Panel	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	mt	Metric tons
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CDQ	Community Development Quota	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	OY	Optimum Yield
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
ESA	Endangered Species Act	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	USFWS	United State Fish & Wildlife Service
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
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		

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Estimated Hours

- 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 Enforcement Report
 - B-4 Coast Guard Report
 - B-5 ADF&G Report
 - ~~B-6 USFWS Report (April)~~
 - B-7 Protected Species Report (review and comment on MMPA listing proposed rule and review and comment (T) on BOF ACR for AI Pollock)
 - B-8 IPHC Report
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
- C-1 Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) (12)
 - (a) Review changes to EFH EIS.
 - (b) Final action on EFH Preferred Alternative.
 - (c) Final action on HAPC Alternatives and EA/RIR/IRFA.
 - C-2 GOA Groundfish Rationalization (4)
 - (a) Receive report from Community Committee and action as necessary.
 - (b) Review crab/salmon bycatch data and refine alternatives.
 - C-3 GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project (2)
 - Review available information and refine alternatives as appropriate.
 - C-4 IR/IU (2)
 - Review progress on Amendment 80 analysis and legal issues, and provide direction as necessary.
 - C-5 American Fisheries Act (2)
 - Review 2004 co-op reports and 2005 co-op agreements.
 - C-6 Pacific Cod Allocations (4)
 - Review discussion paper/refine alternatives.
 - C-7 BSAI Salmon Bycatch (4)
 - (a) Receive update on salmon excluder EFP.
 - (b) Review Action plan and refine alternatives.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (8)
- (a) Non-Target Species Committee report.
 - (b) Review rockfish management preliminary discussion paper.
 - (c) GOA and BSAI Other Species breakout: Review action plan.
 - (d) AI Special Management Area: Review discussion paper.
 - (e) GOA pollock trip limits: Review discussion paper.
- D-2 Staff Tasking (4)
- (a) Review Seldovia Village request for Amendment 66 eligibility.
 - (b) Review tasking and committees and initiate action as appropriate.
- D-3 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 46 Hours

	SSC East Room	AP Northwest Room	Council South Room
Monday, Feb 7	8:00am Election of Officers EFH/CIE	8:00am Election of Officer C-2 GOA Groundfish Rationalization	
Ecosystem Committee - 2-5pm Room TBA	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Report from Crab Overfishing Workgroup	1:00pm C-1 EFH/HAPC	
Tuesday, Feb 8	8:00am B-7 PSR	8:00am C-1 continued	
Enforcement Committee 2-5 pm - James Room, 4 th Floor	1:00pm SSC Break	1:00pm C-1 continued C-3 GOA Rockfish Demonstration	
Wednesday, Feb 9	8:00am Special Session Modeling workshop	8:00am C-4 IR/IU C-5 AFA	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm Special Session Modeling workshop	1:00pm C-5 continued C-6 Pacific Cod Allocation	1:00pm C-1 EFH/HAPC
Thursday, Feb 10		8:00am C-6 continued C-7 BSAI Salmon Bycatch	8:00am C-1 continued
Observer Overview Mtg 6 pm - AP Room		1:00pm C-7 continued D-1 Groundfish Management	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, Feb 11		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-2 GOA Groundfish Rationalization
		1:00pm D-3 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-3 GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project C-4 IR/IU
Saturday, Feb 12			8:00am C-5 AFA C-6 Pacific Cod Allocation
			1:00pm C-6 continued C-7 BSAI Salmon Bycatch
Sunday, Feb 13			8:00am C-7 continued D-1 Groundfish Management
			1:00pm D-1 continued
Monday, Feb 14			8:00am D-1 continued
			1:00pm D-2 Staff Tasking
Tuesday, Feb 15			8:00am continue if necessary
			1:00pm

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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