

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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February 1, 2008

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**186<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**February 6-12, 2008**  
**Renaissance Hotel**  
**Seattle, WA**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet February 6-12, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison Street, South Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Seattle, WA. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

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

Beginning

Feb 4-8, Mon – 8:00am - Northwest Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Feb 4-6, Mon – 8:00am - East Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Feb 4, Mon - 5pm - 7pm - Northwest Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Feb 5, Tue - 1pm - 5pm - Marion Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Feb 6, Wed - 1pm - 5pm - Marion Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

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 **January 29, (Tuesday)** 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>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
<b>EAM</b>	Ecosystem Approach to Management	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan		
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan		
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level		
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska		
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern		
<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		
<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act		
<b>MRA</b>	Maximum Retainable Amount		
<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield		
<b>mt</b>	Metric tons		
<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	•
(a) Approval of Agenda	
(b) Approval of Minutes	(6 hrs)
B. REPORTS	
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (including issues re: P. cod jig sector State water mgmt; crab overfishing; catch accounting)	
B-3 NMFS Enforcement Report/ NOAA GC Enforcement Report	
B-4 USCG Report	
B-5 ADF&G Report	
B-6 USFWS Report	
B-7 IPHC Report	
B-8 Protected Species Report (including SSL consultation update, SSLMC progress report)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>BSAI Crab Issues</u>	(14 hrs)
(a) Report from Crab Committee.	
(b) Report on BSAI Crab data collection quality and confidentiality.	
(c) Report on proposed economic analysis for program 3-year review.	
(d) Initial review of BSAI 'C' Share active participation.	
(e) Discussion paper on BSAI Crab loan eligibility.	
(f) Initial review of BSAI Crab Arbitration Regulations.	
(g) <del>Discussion paper on BSAI Crab Arbitrator Immunity.</del> (Postponed to April)	
(h) Initial review St. George protection measures.	
C-2 <u>LLP Trawl Recency</u>	(4 hrs)
Initial review of EA/RIR/IRFA on alternatives to address modifications to LLP requirements.	
C-3 <u>Amendment 80 Cooperatives</u>	(2 hrs)
Final action on Amendment 90: post-delivery transfers and rollovers.	
C-4 <u>Observer Program</u>	(2 hrs)
Initial review of Observer Program regulation package.	
C-5 <u>American Fisheries Act</u>	(1 hr)
Review 2007 Co-op reports and 2008 co-op agreements.	
C-6 <u>CGOA Rockfish Program</u>	(2 hrs)
(a) Review 2007 Cooperative reports.	
(b) Review outline for Pilot Program review.	
C-7 <u>Social and Economic Data Collection</u>	(1 hr)
Receive Committee report .	

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**D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

- D-1 Bycatch Issues (4 hrs)  
(a) Review EFP results; Review stream of origin information; Refine BSAI salmon bycatch alternatives.  
(b) Review GOA salmon and crab bycatch discussion paper (SSC only).
- D-2 Groundfish Management (6 hrs)  
(a) Initial review of GOA Other Species catch specifications.  
(b) Review discussion paper 'Other Species' Management; Non-target Committee Report.(Council only)  
(c) Discussion paper on VMS exemption for dinglebar gear.(Council only)  
(d) Report on BS and AI P cod area split.  
(e) Report on flatfish stock assessment CIE Review. (SSC only)  
(f) Initial review of 4E Seabird Avoidance measures.
- D-3 Ecosystem Issues (2 hrs)  
(a) Report from Ecosystem Committee.  
(b) Report from Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum.  
(c) Preliminary review of Arctic FMP.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking.  
(b) Review broader (PSEIS) community outreach plan and actions pursuant to the NMFS Policy on stakeholder participation stemming from GAO report.
- D-5 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 48 hours

	SSC East Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	AP Northwest Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Council South Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
<b>Monday, Feb 4</b>  Social and Economic Data Committee 5pm - 7pm.	8:00am Election of Officers C-1 BSAI Crab Issues	8:00am Election of Officers C-3 Am 80 Rollovers C-5 AFA Reports	
	1:00pm B-8 Protected species D-3 Ecosystem Issues	1:00pm C-1 BSAI Crab Issues	
<b>Tuesday, Feb 5</b>  Enforcement Committee 1pm - 5pm - Marion Room - 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	8:00am Review draft minutes 9:00am C-6 CGOA Rockfish C-7 Data Collection D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	8:00am C-1 continued	
	1:00pm D-2 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued	
<b>Wednesday, Feb 6</b>  Ecosystem Committee 1pm - 5pm - Marion Room, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	8:00am Review draft minutes 9:00am D-1 Bycatch Issues	8:00am C-1 continued C-6 CGOA Rockfish Program C-7 Data Collection	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm continue as necessary	1:00pm D-1 Bycatch Issues	1:00pm B Reports continued C-1 BSAI Crab Issues
<b>Thursday, Feb 7</b> NPFMC Reception 6:00pm - 9:00pm South Room		8:00am D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm D-2 continued	1:00pm C-1 continued Breakdown 5pm
<b>Friday, Feb 8</b>		8:00am D-3 Ecosystem Issues D-4 Staff Tasking	8:00am C-1 continued C-7 Data Collection
		1:00pm continue as necessary	12:00pm Executive Session 1:00pm D-1 Bycatch Issues
<b>Saturday, Feb 9</b>			8:00am C-3 Am 80 Rollovers C-2 LLP Trawl Recency
			1:00pm C-2 continued C-4 Observer Program
<b>Sunday, Feb 10</b>			8:00am C-5 AFA Reports C-6 CGOA Rockfish Program
			1:00pm D-2 Groundfish Mgmt
<b>Monday, Feb 11</b>			8:00am D-2 continued D-3 Ecosystem Issues
			1:00pm D-4 Staff Tasking
<b>Tuesday, Feb 12</b>			8:00am continue as necessary

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