

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**188th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 4-10, 2008**  
**Best Western Kodiak Inn**  
**Kodiak, AK**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 4-10, 2008 At the Kodiak Best Western, Kodiak, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
USFWS Sea Otter Critical Habitat  
MMS Bristol Bay Lease Scoping

Beginning

Jun 2, Mon - 8am - Elks Club, 102 Marine Way  
Jun 2, Mon - 8am Fishermen's Hall, 503 Marine Way  
Jun 3, Tue - 1pm - 5pm - Harbor Room  
Jun 3, Tue - 7pm - 9pm - Harbor Room  
Jun 3, Tue - 7pm - 9pm - Elks Lodge

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 May 27**. 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.

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### 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>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>EAM</b>	Ecosystem Approach to Management	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<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		

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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 (3 hrs)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report (including permit fee discussion paper, NEPA proposed rule and ACL proposed rule).
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- B-6 NMFS Enforcement Report
- B-7 Protected Species Report (including update on the BiOp schedule)

**C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

- C-1 Subsistence Halibut (1 hr)  
Initial Review/Final Action on subsistence halibut rural definition.
- C-2 Salmon Bycatch (8 hrs)  
Initial review of BSAI Salmon Bycatch EIS.
- C-3 BSAI Crab Issues (8 hrs)
  - (a) Initial Review/Final Action on fees for crab loan program.
  - (b) Receive Crab Committee Report (relative to the Western AI GKC underutilization, community ROFR, crew participation, and emergency relief); action as necessary.  
*[Note: Council and AP discussion/action will be limited to the four issues listed above].*
- C-4 GOA Groundfish Issues (8 hrs)
  - (a) Initial review of fixed gear recency.
  - (b) Initial review of Pacific cod sector split.
- C-5 VMS exemption for Dinglebar (2 hrs)  
Final action on VMS exemption for dinglebar gear.
- C-6 Research Priorities (1 hr)  
Review and adopt 5 year research priorities.
- C-7 4E Seabirds (2 hrs)  
Final action on 4E seabird avoidance measures.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

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| D-1 | <u>Ecosystem Based Management</u><br>(a) Receive report from Ecosystem Committee.<br>(b) Preliminary review of Arctic FMP. (Council only)   | (2 hrs) |
| D-2 | <u>GOA Sideboards</u><br>(a) Initial review of GOA sideboards for BSAI crab vessels.<br>(b) Initial review of GOA sideboards regarding GOA rockfish fishery.<br>(c) Initial review of GOA sideboards for AFA CVs.   | (8 hrs) |
| D-3 | <u>Miscellaneous Groundfish Management</u><br>(a) Committee report on other species management.<br>(b) Discussion paper on GOA crab and salmon bycatch. (Council only)<br>(c) Receive report on gear modification research.<br>(d) Review Discussion paper on Am 80 sector cooperative criteria.<br>(e) Report on halibut excluder EFP. | (6 hrs) |
| D-4 | <u>GOA Rockfish Pilot Program</u><br>(a) Receive report which reviews the Rockfish Pilot Program.<br>(b) Receive report on CGOA Rockfish EFP, phase 1.  | (3 hrs) |
| D-5 | <u>BSAI Crab OFL (SSC only)</u><br>(a) Receive Plan Team report on BSAI crab OFLs.<br>(b) Review Preliminary Crab SAFE report.  | (0 hr)  |
| D-6 | <u>Staff Tasking</u><br>(a) Review Committees and tasking.<br>(b) Review PSEIS priorities workplan.<br>(c) Receive report on native/community/stakeholder participation.  | (4 hrs) |
| D-7 | <u>Other Business</u>   |         |

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

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**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**June 2008**

	<b>SSC Fishermen's Hall</b>	<b>AP Elks Club</b>	<b>Council Harbor Room</b>	
<b>Monday Jun 2</b>	8:00 am C-6 Research Priorities C-1 Halibut Subsistence	8:00 am C-1 Halibut Subsistence C-2 Salmon Bycatch	Enforcement Committee 1pm – 5pm – Harbor room	
	1:00 pm C-4 GOA Groundfish	1:00 pm C-2 continued		
<b>Tuesday Jun 3</b>  USFWS Sea Otter Critical Habitat 7-9pm  NMFS Bristol Bay Lease Scoping -7-10pm	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-2 Salmon Bycatch	8:00 am C-3 Crab Issues		
	1:00 pm D-5 Crab OFL	1:00 pm C-3 continued		
<b>Wednesday Jun 4</b>  Council Reception - 6-9pm	8:00 am Review minutes 9:00 am D-2 GOA Sideboards	8:00 am C-4 GOA Groundfish		8:00 am B reports C-1 Halibut Subsistence
	1:00 pm Review PT nominations D-4 GOA Rockfish Pilot B-2 ACLs	1:00 pm C-4 continued		1:00 pm C-2 Salmon Bycatch
<b>Thursday Jun 5</b>  City Reception – Fisheries Research Center - 6-9pm		8:00 am C- 5 VMS C-6 Research Priorities C-7 Seabirds		8:00 am C-2 continued
		1:00 pm D-2 GOA Sideboards		<b>12:00pm Executive Session</b> 1:00 pm C-3 Crab Issues
<b>Friday Jun 6</b>		9:00 am D-2 continued D-3 Misc. Groundfish Mgmt.		8:00 am C-3 continued
		1:00 pm D-3 continued		1:00 pm C-4 GOA Groundfish
<b>Saturday Jun 7</b>		8:00 am D-4 GOA Rockfish Pilot D-6 Staff Tasking	8:00 am C-4 continued	
		1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-5 VMS C-6 Research Priorities C-7 Seabirds	
<b>Sunday Jun 8</b>			8:00 am D-1 Ecosystem D-2 GOA Sideboards	
			1:00 pm D- 2 continued	
<b>Monday Jun 9</b>			8:00 am D-2 continued D-3 Misc. Groundfish Mgmt	
			1:00 pm D-3 continued	
<b>Tuesday Jun 10</b>	8:00am D-4 GOA Rockfish Pilot			
	1:00 pm D-6 Staff Tasking D-7 Other business			

**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.**