

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
178th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 4-10, 2006
Grand Aleutian Hotel
Dutch Harbor, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 4-10, 2006 at the Grand Aleutian Hotel in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Enforcement Committee
Ecosystem Committee (T)
BS/AI Crab Industry Meeting

Beginning

Oct 2, Mon – 8:00am - Unisea Central Building
Oct 2, Mon – 8:00am - Shishaldin Room - Grand Aleutian
Oct 3, Tue – 9:00am - Makushin Room
Oct 3, Tue – 1:00pm - Makushin Room
Oct 4, Wed - 6:00pm - Shishaldin Room

The Council and SSC will meet at the Grand Aleutian; the Advisory Panel will meet at the Unisea Central Building (there will be a shuttle between the two meeting locations). 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 Monday, September 25**. 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	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 Document
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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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Oath of Office/Election of Officers	•
(b) Approval of Agenda	
(c) Approval of minutes	
B. REPORTS	(4 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (Status of the Interagency Electronic Reporting System and Electronic Catcher Vessel Logbook)	
B-3 USCG Report	
B-4 ADF&G Report	
B-5 USFWS Report	
B-6 Department of State Report	
B-7 Protected Species Report (including progress report on ESA consultation and partial draft BiOp)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>Steller Sea Lion Management</u>	(4 hrs)
(a) Review revised SSL proposal ranking tool (SSC only).	
(b) Report from SSL Mitigation Committee (including proposals received).	
C-2 <u>CDQ Program</u>	(4 hrs)
Report on Coast Guard legislation (P.L. 109-241).	
C-3 <u>Trawl LLP Recency</u>	(4 hrs)
Preliminary review of analysis and direction as necessary.	
C-4 <u>BS and AI sector allocation split for Pacific cod</u>	(4 hrs)
Review discussion paper and direction as necessary.	
C-5 <u>MRA Adjustments</u>	(2 hrs)
Final Action on Regulatory Amendment (postponed until December)	
C-6 <u>Socioeconomic data collection (T)</u>	(2 hrs)
Review Discussion paper, and take action as necessary.	

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (10 hr)
(a) Review Ecosystem SAFE report.
(b) Review & comment on draft EIS for Groundfish Harvest Specifications.
(c) Recommend proposed groundfish specifications for 2007/08.
(d) Initial Review VMS Requirements.
(e) Review outline for 'other species' analysis (SSC only). (2 hr)
- D-2 Prohibited Species Bycatch
(a) Initial review of VIP repeal (T).
(b) Update and direction on Salmon Bycatch (B package). (4 hr)
- D-3 BSAI Crab Management
(a) Review discussion paper on BSAI Crab Vessel Use Caps.
(b) Review and approve BSAI Crab SAFE.
(c) Review crab CIE report/overfishing definitions update (SSC only). (4 hr)
- D-4 Essential Fish Habitat
(a) Review BS Habitat Conservation open area boundaries and crab data/plan team report, and revise alternatives as appropriate.
(b) Initial/Final action on EFH Aleutian Island open area adjustments. (1 hr)
- D-5 Ecosystem Approaches
(a) Update on Aleutian Island FEP, action as necessary.
(b) Update on Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum. (3 hr)
- D-6 Staff Tasking
(a) Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.
(b) Review PGSEIS Workplan.
- D-7 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 48 hours

	SSC Shishaldin Room	AP UniSea Central Building	Council Makushin Room
Monday, Oct 2	8:00am C-1 SSL Management	8:00am C-3 Trawl LLP Recency	
	1:00pm D-2 PSC Bycatch D-4 EFH D-5 Ecosystem Approaches	1:00pm C-2 CDQ Program	
Tuesday, Oct 3	8:00am D-6(b) PGSEIS Workplan B-7 Protected Species Report C-6 Socioeconomic Data	8:00am C-1 SSL Management	Enforcement Committee 9:00am
	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management	1:00pm C-4 BS/AI Pcod split	Ecosystem Committee 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 4 BSAI Crab Industry/ADF&G Meeting - 6pm - Shishaldin Room	8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-5 MRA Adjustment C-6 Socioeconomic data collection	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm D-3 BSAI Crab Mgmt.	1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Management	1:00pm C-1 SSL Management
Thursday, Oct 5 Unalaska welcome reception 6-8 pm.		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-2 CDQ Program
		1:00pm D-3 BSAI Crab Mgmt.	1:00pm C-3 Trawl LLP Recency
Friday, Oct 6		8:00am D-2 PSC Bycatch D-4 EFH	8:00am C-3 continued C-4 BS/AI Pcod Split
		1:00pm D-4 continued D-5 Ecosystem Approaches	1:00pm C-4 continued D-3 BSAI Crab Mgmt.
Saturday, Oct 7		8:00am D-5 continued D-6 Staff Tasking	8:00am D-3 continued C-5 MRA Adjustments
			1:00pm C-6 Socioeconomic data collection D-1 Groundfish Mgmt.
Sunday, Oct 8			8:00am D-1 continued
			1:00pm D-2 PSC Bycatch D-4 EFH
Monday, Oct 9			8:00am D-4 continued D-5 Ecosystem Approaches
			1:00pm D-6 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.

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