

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**211th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 5-11, 2012**  
**Anchorage Hilton Hotel**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Advisory Panel  
Enforcement Committee  
Halibut Charter Committee

Beginning

Dec. 3 - 5, 2012 – King Salmon/Illiamna  
Dec. 4 - 8, 2012 – Dillingham/Katmai  
Dec. 4, 2012 – 1:00 pm – Fireweed room  
Dec. 4, 2012 – 3:00 pm – Council Conference room 205

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 November 27, 2012**. 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, fax or email. **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.

Submission of EMAIL Comments: The Council is accepting email comments at one email address: [npfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

The Comments must identify the submitter by legal name, affiliation, and date, and must also identify the specific agenda item by number (C-1(a) for example), and must be submitted by the comment deadline. Comments received under these conditions, will be sorted, copied, and included in the Council notebooks. PDF attachments will be accepted, as long as the above criteria are met. Comment received after the deadline will not be copied and distributed, but will be treated the same as written late comments. Emails

submitted for the comments must be to the above address, and not to specific Council staff or Council members. Additionally, email comments will only be accepted on items that are on the scheduled agenda. A return receipt will be issued automatically upon opening the electronic comment

### **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. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. **Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

#### **Commonly used Acronyms**

AI - Aleutian Islands	GKC - Golden King Crab
AFA - American Fisheries Act	GHL - Guideline Harvest Level
BBRKC - Bristol Bay Red King Crab	HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
BiOp - Biological Opinion	IBA - Individual Bycatch Accounting
BKC - Blue King Crab	IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	ICA - Inter-cooperative Agreements
BSFRF - Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation	IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota
BSIERP - Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program	IPQ - Individual Processor Quotas
AK BOF - Alaska Board of Fisheries	IPA - Incentive Program Agreements
CDQ - Community Development Quota	MPA - Marine Protected Area
CIE - Center for Independent Experts	NOI - Notice of Intent
CGOA - Central Gulf of Alaska	PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement
CQE - Community Quota Entity	PSC - Prohibited Species Catch
EDR - Economic Data Reporting	RKC - Red King Crab
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit	ROFR - Right of First Refusal
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement	SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat	SSL - Steller Sea Lion
FLL - Freezer longliners	TAC - Total Allowable Catch
GOA - Gulf of Alaska	VMS - Vessel Monitoring System

NOTE: Council may take action as necessary on all matters listed on the Agenda

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211<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session  
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- | <b>A.</b> | <b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>   | <b>Estimated Time</b> |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
|           | (a) Approval of Agenda<br>(b) Approval of Minutes  |                       |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>REPORTS</b>   | (6 hrs)               |
|           | B-1 Executive Director's Report  |                       |
|           | B-2 NMFS Management Report (including report on observer deployment and implementation, report on EFH consultations, update on response to halibut subsistence proposal) |                       |
|           | B-3 ADF&G Report (including report on Chinook salmon conference; and update on halibut subsistence)  |                       |
|           | B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report  |                       |
|           | B-5 USCG Report  |                       |
|           | B-6 USFWS Report   |                       |
|           | B-7 IPHC Report (including a report on the IPHC closed area) (T)   |                       |
|           | B-8 Protected Species Report   |                       |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS</b>   |                       |
|           | C-1 <u>Groundfish Specifications</u>   | (6 hrs)               |
|           | (a) Review Salmon Excluder EFP application.  |                       |
|           | (b) Adopt final harvest specifications for GOA groundfish.   |                       |
|           | (c) Adopt final harvest specifications for BSAI groundfish.  |                       |
|           | C-2 <u>Salmon PSC</u>  | (24 hrs)              |
|           | (a) <del>Update on salmon genetics.</del> Postponed  |                       |
|           | (b) Initial review of BSAI chum salmon bycatch measures.   |                       |
|           | (c) Initial review of GOA chinook bycatch measures for all trawl fisheries.  |                       |
|           | C-3 <u>Halibut Issues</u>  | (6 hrs)               |
|           | (a) Recommendations for 2013 Charter Halibut management measures.  |                       |
|           | (b) Review discussion paper on CQE small block restrictions.   |                       |
|           | (c) Review discussion paper on retention of 4A halibut in sablefish pots.  |                       |
|           | C-4 <u>Steller Sea Lion Mitigation</u>   | (6 hrs)               |
|           | Identify Alternatives for SSL EIS Analysis.  |                       |

**D. OTHER ISSUES**

D-1 Miscellaneous Groundfish (4 hrs)  
(a) Progress report on PSEIS/SIR.  
(b) Review discussion paper on VMS use and requirements.

D-2 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking.  
(b) Review halibut and sablefish issues for priority tasking.  
(c) Provide direction on Round Island Transit analysis scope, purpose and need.

D-3 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

**February Council meeting – Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon**

Important to call by January 12, 2013 and identify yourself at NPFMC group to get Council rate of \$144.00.  
Call 888-523-6766 or 503-228-2000, or email your reservation to: [reservations@bensonhotel.com](mailto:reservations@bensonhotel.com).

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**DECEMBER 2012**

	SSC King Salmon/Iliamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian	
<b>Monday Dec 3</b>	8:00 am C-1 Groundfish Specifications			
	1:00 pm C-1 continued			
<b>Tuesday Dec 4</b>	8:00 am C-1 continued	8:00 am C-1 Groundfish Specifications		
	1:00 pm C-2(b) BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
<b>Wednesday Dec 5</b> ASLC presentation* 5:30-7pm – Aleutian Room	8:00 am C-2(c) GOA Chinook Bycatch ASLC Report	8:00 am C-2(b) BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch ACLA Report		8:00 am B report
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-2 (b) continued		1:00 pm B reports continued C-1 Groundfish Specifications
<b>Thursday Dec 6</b> IPHC presentation* – 7pm – Aleutian Room		8:00 am C-2(b) continued		8:00 am C-1 continued
		1:00 pm C-2 (c) GOA Chinook Bycatch		1:00 pm C-2 Salmon PSC
<b>Friday Dec 7</b>		8:00 am C-3 Halibut Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued	
		1:00 pm C-4 SSL Mitigations	<b>12:00pm Executive Session</b> 1:00 pm C-2 continued	
<b>Saturday Dec 8</b>		8:00 am D-1 Miscellaneous Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued	
		1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking	1:00 pm C-2 continued	
<b>Sunday Dec 9</b>				8:00 am C-2 continued
				1:00 pm C-3 Halibut Issues
<b>Monday Dec 10</b>	8:00 am C-3 continued C-4 SSL Mitigations			
	1:00 pm C-4 continued			
<b>Tuesday Dec 11</b>	8:00 am D-1 Miscellaneous Groundfish			
	1:00 pm D-2 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.**

\*ASLC presentation – “Steller sea lion research relevant to fisheries management”

\*IPHC meeting -“Review of 2012 Halibut Stock Assessment and Yield Decision Table”