

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**210th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**October 3 - 9, 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

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
2013 EM Pilot Project Workshop

Beginning

October 2 – 6, 2012 – Dillingham/Katmai  
October 1 – 4, 2012 – King Salmon/Illiamna  
October 2, 2012 - 1 pm – 5 pm – Birch Room  
October 4, 2012 – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – AP Room

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 September 25, 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. While a return receipt will be issued automatically upon receipt of the electronic comment, as always, submitters may always call the office to confirm.

### **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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**DRAFT AGENDA  
210<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
October 3-9, 2012**

- | <b>A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>  | <b>Estimated Time</b> |
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| (a) Swearing in of newly appointed members<br>(b) Election of Officers<br>(c) Approval of Agenda<br>(d) Approval of Minutes  |                       |
| <b>B. REPORTS</b>  | (6 hrs)               |
| B-1 Executive Director's Report<br>B-2 NMFS Management Report (Including update on the Habitat Blueprint)<br>B-3 ADF&G Report<br>B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report<br>B-5 USCG Report<br>B-6 USFWS Report<br>B-7 Protected Species Report (including CBD coral petition and CIE reviews of SSL BiOP) |                       |
| <b>C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS</b>  |                       |
| C-1 <u>Halibut Fisheries Issues</u><br>(a) ADF&G report on final 2011 sport halibut removals.<br>(b) Final Action on Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.<br>(c) Charter Halibut: Review Methodology for 2013 limits (SSC only).  | (16 hrs)              |
| C-2 <u>Groundfish Specifications</u><br>(a) Receive Groundfish Plan Team reports.<br>(b) Adopt proposed groundfish catch specifications.   | (2 hrs)               |
| C-3 <u>Observer Program</u><br>(a) Receive NMFS report on Observer Deployment Plan.<br>(b) Receive OAC Report.<br>(c) EM presentation (ALFA project).  | (4 hrs)               |
| C-4 <u>Steller Sea Lion Issues</u><br>(a) SSL EIS scoping (Oct 2); report from SSLMC.<br>(b) SSC review of SSL EIS analytical approach.  | (4 hrs)               |
| C-5 <u>Vessel Replacement Issues</u><br>(a) Discussion paper on Am 80 vessel replacement with AFA vessels.<br>(b) Initial review of AFA Vessel Replacement GOA Sideboards.<br>(c) Final Action on FLL Vessel Replacement (MLOA adjustment).  | (6 hrs)               |

- C-6 BSAI Crab Management (12 hrs)
- (a) Initial Review of BSAI Crab ROFR.
  - (b) Initial Review of BSAI Crab active participation requirements.
  - (c) Discussion paper on BSAI Crab Cooperative Provisions for Crew.
  - (d) Workgroup report on BSAI Crab Binding Arbitration – GKC.
  - (e) Discussion paper on Binding Arbitration Issues (lengthy season, publishing decisions, IPQ Initiation).
  - (f) Crab Economic Data Reporting – Review forms and draft regulations.
  - (g) Final OFL/ABC specifications for 6 stocks in the BSAI Crab SAFE.
  - (h) Revise alternatives for BSAI Tanner crab rebuilding plan.

**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Groundfish Issues (6 hrs)
- (a) Feedback on goals and objectives on CGOA trawl PSC tools.
  - (b) Expanded discussion paper on VMS Use and Requirements.
  - (c) Review the Bering Sea Habitat Conservation Area Boundary.
  - (d) Discussion paper on Northern Bering Sea Research.
- D-2 Staff Tasking (2 hrs)  
Review Committees and tasking.
- D-3 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**OCTOBER 2012**

	SSC King Salmon/Iliamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian
<b>Monday Oct 1</b>	8:00 am C-1 Halibut Issues C-6 C (g) OFL/ABC Crab SAFE, (h) Tanner Crab rebuilding		
	1:00 pm C-6 (a) ROFR, (b) Active Participation		
<b>Tuesday Oct 2</b> SSL EIS Scoping Meeting – 5:30-7:30 – AP Room	8:00 am C-2 (a, b) Groundfish Specifications	8:00 am C-1 Halibut Fisheries Issues	
	1:00 pm C-3(a) Observer Program C-4(b) SSL EIS Review Plan Team nominations	1:00 pm C-1 continued	
<b>Wednesday Oct 3</b>	8:00 am C-5(b) AFA Vessel replacement GOA Sideboards	8:00 am C-2 Groundfish Specifications	8:00 am B report
	1:00 pm D-1(d) Northern Bering Sea Research	1:00 pm C-3 Observer Program	1:00 pm B reports continued C-1 Halibut Fisheries Issues
<b>Thursday Oct 4</b>  2013 EM Pilot Project Workshop – AP room – 5:30-7:00		8:00 am C-4 Steller Sea Lion issues	8:00 am C-1 continued
		1:00 pm C-5 Vessel Replacement Issues	1:00 pm C-1 continued
<b>Friday Oct 5</b>		8:00 am C-6 BSAI Crab Management	8:00 am C-1 continued C-2 Groundfish Specifications
		1:00 pm D-1 Groundfish Issues	<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-3 Observer Program
<b>Saturday Oct 6</b>		<b>Meeting to continue am - 15<sup>th</sup> Floor - Chart Room if needed</b>	8:00 am C-4 Steller Sea Lion Issues
		8:00 am D-1 continued	
<b>Sunday Oct 7</b>			8:00 am C-5 continued C-6 BSAI Crab Mgmt.
			1:00 pm C-6 continued
<b>Monday Oct 8</b>			8:00 am C-6 continued
			1:00 pm D-1 Groundfish Issues
<b>Tuesday Oct 9</b>			8:00 am D-2 Staff Tasking
			1:00 pm continue as necessary

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