

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**215th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**October 2-8, 2013 2013**  
**Hilton Hotel**  
**Anchorage, AK**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Advisory Panel  
Sablefish Gear Committee

Beginning

September 30-October 2 – King Salmon/Illiamna Room  
October 1-5 – Dillingham/Katmai Room  
September 30 – 10:00am - Council Office, 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 September 24, 2013**. 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	IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota
AFA - American Fisheries Act	ICA - Inter-cooperative Agreements
BBRKC - Bristol Bay Red King Crab	IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota
BiOp - Biological Opinion	IPQ - Individual Processor Quotas
BKC - Blue King Crab	IPA - Incentive Program Agreements
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MPA - Marine Protected Area
BSFRF - Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation	NOI - Notice of Intent
BSIERP - Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program	PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement
AK BOF - Alaska Board of Fisheries	PSC - Prohibited Species Catch
CDQ - Community Development Quota	RKC - Red King Crab
CIE - Center for Independent Experts	ROFR - Right of First Refusal
CGOA - Central Gulf of Alaska	SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
CQE - Community Quota Entity	SSL - Steller Sea Lion
EDR - Economic Data Reporting	TAC - Total Allowable Catch
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit	VMS - Vessel Monitoring System
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement	
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat	
FLL - Freezer longliners	
GOA - Gulf of Alaska	
GKC - Golden King Crab	
GHL - Guideline Harvest Level	
HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	
IBA - Individual Bycatch Accounting	

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

September 2, 2013

**DRAFT AGENDA  
215<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
October 2-8, 2013**

- | <b>A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>   | <b>Estimated Time</b> |
|---|-----------------------|
| (a) Approval of Agenda<br>(b) Approval of Minutes   |                       |
| <b>B. REPORTS</b>   | (6 hrs)               |
| B-1 Executive Director's Report   |                       |
| B-2 NMFS Management Report (including Update on LAPP Cost Recovery, Flow Scale analysis/regulations update) |                       |
| B-3 ADF&G Report (including review of BOF Statewide Pacific cod proposals)                                  |                       |
| B-4 USCG Report   |                       |
| B-5 USFWS Report  |                       |
| B-6 Protected Species Report  |                       |
| <b>C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS</b>   |                       |
| C-1 <u>Observer Program</u>   | (8 hrs)               |
| (a) Report from NMFS on information requests.   |                       |
| (b) Observer Program: 2014 year deployment plan.  |                       |
| (c) Receive OAC report and take action as necessary.  |                       |
| (d) EM discussion <del>and possible review of EFP (T).</del>  |                       |
| C-2 <u>Steller Sea Lion Measures</u>  | (6 hrs)               |
| Final action on the SSL EIS.  |                       |
| C-3 <u>BSAI Crab Management</u>   | (2 hrs)               |
| (a) Receive Plan Team report.   |                       |
| (b) Final OFL/ABC specifications for 6 stocks.  |                       |
| C-4 <u>Groundfish Specifications</u>  | (4 hrs)               |
| (a) Stock Structure Workshop Report.  |                       |
| (b) Report on BS Sablefish TAC Apportionment.   |                       |
| (c) Groundfish Harvest Specifications: Adopt proposed specifications.                                       |                       |
| C-5 <u>GOA Trawl Issues</u>   | (12 hrs)              |
| (a) Updated discussion paper on GOA Trawl Bycatch Management.   |                       |
| (b) Final action on GOA Trawl Data Collection.  |                       |
| (c) Initial review of GOA Rockfish Chinook Cap rollover.  |                       |
| C-6 <u>BSAI Salmon Bycatch</u>  | (8 hrs)               |
| (a) Seashare report on the Salmon Donation Program  |                       |
| (b) Review BSAI Chinook Salmon Report (and industry Chinook IPA reports)                                    |                       |
| (c) Industry IPA reports for BSAI chum salmon   |                       |

**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Miscellaneous Issues (2 hrs)
  - (a) Discussion paper on AI Pacific cod processing.
  - (b) GOA Gear Committee Report on implementing a sablefish pot fishery.
  
- D-2 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
  - (a) Review Committees and tasking.
  - (b) Ecosystem Committee Report on EBFM Workplan.

((T) = tentative)

Total Hours: (52 hrs)

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**OCTOBER 2013**

	<b>SSC King Salmon/Illiamna</b>	<b>AP Dillingham/Katmai</b>	<b>Council Aleutian Room</b>
<b>Monday Sept 30</b>	8:00 am C-3(a, b) BSAI Crab		
	1:00 pm C-3(a, b) continued		
<b>Tuesday Oct 1</b>	8:00 am C-4 Groundfish Specifications	8:00 am C-1 Observer Program	
	1:00 pm C-4 continued C-1(b, d) Observer Program	1:00 pm C-2 SSL Issues	
<b>Wednesday Oct 2</b>	8:00 am C-5(a, c) GOA Trawl Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued	8:00 am B report
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-3 BSAI Crab Management	1:00 pm B reports continued C-1 Observer program
<b>Thursday Oct 3</b>		8:00 am C-4 Groundfish Specifications	8:00 am C-1 continued
		1:00 pm C-4 continued	1:00 pm C-1 continued C-2 SSL Issues
<b>Friday Oct 4</b>		8:00 am C-5 GOA Trawl Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued
		1:00 pm C-5 continued	<b>12:00pm Executive Session</b> 1:00 pm C-3 BSAI crab Management
<b>Saturday Oct 5</b>		8:00 am C-6 BSAI Salmon	8:00 am C-4 Groundfish Specifications
		1:00 pm D-1 Miscellaneous Issues D-2 Staff Tasking	12:00 pm EFP Presentation (Gauvin) 1:00 pm C-5 GOA Trawl Issues
<b>Sunday Oct 6</b> Industry presentation on salmon bycatch – Aleutian room – 5:30 to 7:30			8:00 am C-5 continued
<b>Monday Oct 7</b>			1:00 pm C-5 continued
			8:00 am C-6 BSAI Salmon
<b>Tuesday Oct 8</b>			1:00 pm C-6 continued
			8:00 am D-1 Miscellaneous Issues D-2 Staff Tasking
			1:00 pm continue as necessary

**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.**