

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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December 4, 2008

DRAFT AGENDA
190th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
December 10-16, 2008
Hilton Hotel

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet December 10-16, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK Other meetings to be held during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Advisory Panel	Dec 8 - 8am – Dillingham/Katmai Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee	Dec 8, Mon - 8am – King Salmon Room
Ecosystem Committee	Dec 9, Tue 9am – 12pm – Iliamna Room
Enforcement Committee	Dec 9, Tue – 1pm – 5pm – Iliamna Room
Arctic Presentation by USCG	Dec 10, Wed – 6pm – Aleutian 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 **Wednesday, December 3, 2008**. 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.

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

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

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Estimated Time

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Approval of Agenda
- (b) Approval of Minutes

B. REPORTS

(4 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 NMFS Management Report (includes Draft plan for EFH 5yr review)
- B-3 ADF&G Report (includes report on BOF proposals)
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- ~~B-6 Protected Species Report (T)~~

C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS

- C-1 Report of MPA Nomination Process (2 hrs)
- C-2 GOA Groundfish Management (6 hrs)
 - (a) Initial review GOA fixed gear LLP recency.
 - (b) Initial review of GOA Pacific cod sector split.
- C-3 Groundfish Catch Specifications (8 hrs)
 - (a) Approve final BSAI groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.
 - (b) Approve final GOA groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.
 - (c) Review discussion papers on Pacific cod area split (BS and AI)
- C-4 BSAI Crab Issues (16 hrs)
 - (a) Receive BSAI Crab Program 3-Year Review Report.
 - (b) Receive Crab Committee Report/Crew Proposals.
 - (c) Review of BSAI Crab 90/10 Amendment alternatives and analysis outline.
 - (d) Receive Report on Crab EDR Metadata.
- C-5 Observer Program (4 hrs)
 - (a) Review discussion paper on program restructuring.
 - (b) Review NMFS letter on Level 2 observer issues.

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 AI Sideboards (2 hrs)
(a) Discussion paper on sideboards for AI Cod Processing.
(b) Discussion paper on sideboards for AI POP/Atka Mackerel Processing.
- D-2 Miscellaneous Groundfish Management (6 hrs)
(a) Committee report on comprehensive data collection. (T)
(b) Discussion paper on changes to GOA Rockfish Program.
(c) Discussion paper on BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch alternatives. (Council only)
(d) Discussion paper on GOA salmon and crab bycatch.
- D-3 Arctic FMP (0 hrs)
Progress report to SSC on Arctic FMP; Council action if necessary.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking (including NMFS letters on Amendment 80 analysis and parallel waters analysis).
(b) Receive report on AK Native/Community Outreach.
- D-5 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (52 hrs)

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANGEMENT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

December 2008

	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian	
Monday Dec 8	8:00 am C-3(a-c) Groundfish Specs	8:00 am C-2 GOA Groundfish		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued	1:00 pm C-2 continued C-5 Observer Program		
Tuesday Dec 9 Industry Presentation on Incentive Program for Salmon Bycatch – AP room 6pm-8pm	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-3(a-c) continued	8:00 am C-5 continued		
	1:00 pm C-3(a-c) continued D-3 Arctic FMP	1:00 pm D-1 AI Sideboards C-3(a-c) Groundfish Specs		
Wednesday Dec 10 Arctic Presentation by USCG – 6pm – Aleutian Room	8:00 am Review minutes 9:00 am C-4(d) Crab EDR D-2(a) Data collection (T)	8:00 am C-3(a-c) continued		8:00 am B reports
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-3(a-c) continued		1:00 pm C-1 MPA Nominations C-2 GOA Groundfish
Thursday Dec 11		8:00 am C-3(a-c) continued D-2 Groundfish Mgmt	8:00 am C-2 continued C-3 Groundfish Specs	
		1:00 pm D-2 continued	1:00 pm C-3 continued	
Friday Dec 12		8:00 am D-2 continued	8:00 am C-3 continued C-4 BSAI Crab	
		1:00 pm D-4 Staff Tasking	12:00pm Executive Session 1:00 pm C-4 continued Breakdown 5pm	
Saturday Dec 13				8:00 am C-4 continued
				1:00 pm C-4 continued Breakdown 5pm
Sunday Dec 14	8:00 am C-4 continued C-5 Observer Program			
	1:00 pm C-5 continued D-1 AI Sideboards			
Monday Dec 15	8:00 am D-2 Groundfish Management			
	1:00 pm D-2 continued D-3 Arctic FMP (T)			
Tuesday Dec 16	8:00am D-4 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.