

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**195th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 9-15, 2009**  
**Anchorage Hilton Hotel**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
Ecosystem Committee  
Joint meeting with AK BOF  
Non-Target Committee  
SSL Mitigation Committee

Beginning

Dec 7 – 8am – Alaska Ballroom  
Dec 7 – 8am – Birch/Willow Room  
Dec 7 – 1pm – 5pm – Fireweed Room  
Dec 7 – 10am – 5pm Aspen/Spruce Room  
Dec 8 – 10am – 5pm – Aleutian Room  
Dec 6 – 2pm – 6pm – Dillingham Room  
Dec 8 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm

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 2, 2009**. 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.

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**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**

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
<b>AI</b>	Aleutian Islands	<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>BS</b>	Bering Sea	<b>MRA</b>	Maximum Retainable Amount
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EFP</b>	Exempted Fishing Permit	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota		
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		

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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 (including report on Catch Shares Task Force, Arrowtooth MRA report, Chinook Salmon genetic sampling report)
- B-3 ADF&G Report (including report on Halibut Charter logbook)
- B-4 NOAA OLE Report
- B-5 USCG Report
- B-6 USFWS Report
- B-7 Protected Species Report (including 2009 SSL survey results)

**C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

- C-1 GOA Pacific Cod Allocation (14 hrs)  
Final action on GOA P. cod sector split.
- C-2 GOA Rockfish Program (2 hrs)  
Refine alternatives for analysis.
- C-3 Groundfish Final Catch Specifications (4 hrs)  
Approve 2010/2011 groundfish specifications.
- C-4 Salmon Bycatch (6 hrs)
  - (a) Final action on Salmon Bycatch Data Collection
  - (b) Committee report/discussion paper on BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch; review and revise alternatives for analysis.
  - (c) Report on Rural Community Outreach Committee.
- C-5 Amendment 80 Cooperative (4 hrs)
  - (a) Initial review of Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation.
- C-6 Bering Sea Crab Issues (8 hrs)
  - (a) Review progress on BSAI Crab amendment package/refine alternatives.
  - (b) Discussion paper on BSAI Crab WAG Emergency Rule.
  - (c) Review alternatives for BSAI Snow/Tanner Crab Rebuilding Plans.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Groundfish Management Issues (8 hrs)  
(a) Review alternatives for Groundfish ACL requirements.  
(b) Discussion paper on Bristol Bay Trawl Closure and Walrus.  
(c) Discussion paper on Heigermeister Island Walrus protection.  
(d) AI Processing Sideboards – Initial Review (T)
- D-2 Other Management Issues (4 hrs)  
(a) Discuss MPA Nomination Process and action as necessary.  
(b) Review EFH 5-year Evaluation/HAPC Priorities.  
(c) Receive report on halibut deck sorting EFP.  
(d) CQE Permits from Recency action: Report and action as necessary.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (2 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking.
- D-4 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**December 2009**

	<b>SSC Birch/Willow Room</b>	<b>AP Alaska Ballroom</b>	<b>Council Aleutian Ballroom</b>	
<b>Monday Dec 7</b> Northern Fiber Optic undersea cable system presentation 5pm AP room	8:00 am C-3 Groundfish Specs	8:00 am Fiber Optic Cable Project C-1 GOA P. cod split	<b>JOINT MEETING with the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Tuesday 10 am- 5 pm.</b>	
	1:00 pm C-3 continued	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
<b>Tuesday Dec 8</b> SSL Mitigation Committee 5:30pm  Young Fishermen's Summit Reception 6-8pm – Chart Room	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-3 continued	8:00 am C-1 continued		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued C-6(c) Crab Rebuilding Plans	1:00 pm C-2 CGOA Rockfish		
<b>Wednesday Dec 9</b>	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-5 Am 80 Cooperatives C-4(a) Salmon Bycatch Data	8:00 am C-4 Salmon Bycatch		8:00 am B Reports C-1 GOA P. cod split
	1:00 pm D-1 Groundfish Mgmt D-2 Other Issues	1:00 pm C-3 Groundfish Specs		1:00 pm C-1 continued
<b>Thursday Dec 10</b> Industry Chinook IPA presentation. 6pm.		8:00 am C-5 Am 80 Cooperatives C-6 BSAI Crab Program		8:00 am C-1 continued
		1:00 pm C-6 continued		1:00 pm C-1 continued
<b>Friday Dec 11</b>		8:00 am D-1 Groundfish Mgmt	8:00 am C-2 CGOA Rockfish	
		1:00 pm D-2 Other Issues D-3 Staff Tasking	<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-3 Groundfish Specs <b>Breakdown room – 5pm</b>	
<b>Saturday Dec 12</b>				8:00 am C-4 BSAI Salmon Bycatch
				1:00 pm C-4 continued C-5 Am 80 Cooperatives <b>Breakdown room – 5pm</b>
<b>Sunday Dec 13</b>				8:00 am C-5 continued C-6 BSAI Crab Program
				1:00 pm C-6 continued
<b>Monday Dec 14</b>			8:00 am D-1 Groundfish Mgmt	
			1:00 pm D-1 continued	
<b>Tuesday Dec 15</b>			8:00am D-2 Other Issues	
			1:00 pm D-3 Staff Tasking	

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