

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**201st Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 8-14, 2010**  
**Hilton Hotel**

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

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

December 6 – 8am – 5pm – Dillingham/Katmai  
December 6 – 8am – 5pm – King Salmon/Iliamna  
December 7 – 1pm – 5pm – Fireweed 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 November 30, 2010**. 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 October Minutes
- B. REPORTS** (4 hrs)
- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including SOPPs revisions; report on Regional Ocean Partnerships/MSP; and US Coast Guard Bill)
  - B-2 NMFS Management Report
  - B-3 ADF&G Report
  - B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report
  - B-5 USCG Report
  - B-6 USFWS Report
  - B-7 Protected Species Report
- C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**
- C-1 Steller Sea Lion Issues (2 hrs)  
Receive report on final BiOp/RPA; discuss CIE review; discuss comprehensive science review options.
  - C-2 BSAI Crab Management (14 hrs)
    - (a) Initial Review/Final Action on BSAI Crab Emergency Relief.
    - (b) Initial Review on BSAI Crab ROFR.
    - (c) Receive report on BSAI Crab Rationalization 5-year review.
    - (d) Initial review of Pribilof BKC Rebuilding Plan.
    - (e) NOAA-BSFRF survey snow crab selectivity analysis (SSC Only).
  - C-3 Salmon FMP (2 hrs)  
Review Discussion paper on status of FMP.
  - C-4 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program (6 hrs)
    - (a) Initial review of CQE Area 3A purchase of D category halibut quota.
    - (b) Review discussion paper on CQE in Area 4B.
    - (c) Initial review/Final action to add up to four new eligible CQE communities.
    - (d) Initial review/Final action on Area 4B D shares on C vessels.
  - C-5 GOA Chinook Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)  
Review discussion paper and take action as necessary.
  - C-6 Am 80 GRS Program Changes (4 hrs)  
Initial Review of analysis.
  - C-7 Groundfish Specifications (6 hrs)
    - (a) Approve final BSAI groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.
    - (b) Approve final GOA groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 Groundfish Management (8 hrs)  
(a) Review discussion paper on GOA Pacific cod jig fishery.  
(b) Review discussion paper on GOA halibut PSC.  
(c) Initial review of Hagemester Island closures for walrus.
- D-2 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
Review Committees and tasking (including charter permit leasing discussion).
- D-3 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (54 hrs)

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**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**December 2010**

	SSC King Salmon/Iliamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room	
<b>Monday Dec 6</b>	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab Mgmt.	8:00 am C-4 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs		
	1:00 pm C-2 continued C-7 Groundfish Specs	1:00 pm C-4 continued C-2 BSAI Crab Mgmt.		
<b>Tuesday Dec 7</b> Dr. James Murphy – Fish Demo – AP Room – 5:30	8:00 am C-7 continued	8:00 am C-2 continued		
	1:00 pm C-7 continued	1:00 pm C-2 continued		
<b>Wednesday Dec 8</b>	8:00 am C-7 continued	8:00 am C-3 Salmon FMP C-5 GOA Chinook Salmon		8:00 am B Reports
	1:00 pm C-6 AM 80 GRS D-1(c) Hagemeister	1:00 pm C-7 Groundfish Specs		1:00 pm C-1 SSL C-2 BSAI Crab Mgmt.
<b>Thursday Dec 9</b>		8:00 am C-7 continued		8:00 am C-2 continued
		1:00 pm C-6 Am 80 GRS		1:00 pm C-2 continued
<b>Move to Aspen/Spruce room</b>				
<b>Friday Dec 10</b>		8:00 am D-1 Groundfish Mgmt.	8:00 am C-3 Salmon FMP C-4 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs	
		1:00 pm D-1 continued	1:00 pm C-4 continued C-5 GOA Chinook Salmon	
<b>Saturday Dec 11</b>			8:00 am C-5 continued C-6 Am 80 GRS	8:00 am C-5 continued C-6 Am 80 GRS
			<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-6 continued C-7 Groundfish specs	1:00 pm C-6 continued C-7 Groundfish specs
<b>Sunday Dec 12</b>			8:00 am C-7 continued	8:00 am C-7 continued
	1:00 pm D-1 Groundfish Mgmt.		1:00 pm D-1 Groundfish Mgmt.	
<b>Monday Dec 13</b>	8:00 am D-1 continued		8:00 am D-1 continued	
	1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking		1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking	
<b>Tuesday Dec 14</b>	8:00am Continue as necessary		8:00am 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.**