

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**206th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 7-13, 2011**  
**Anchorage 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  
Halibut Charter Implementation  
Committee

Beginning

December 5-8 – Dillingham/Katmai  
December 5-7 – King Salmon/Illiamna  
  
December 6 - 4pm – Lupine 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 29, 2011**. 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. 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.**

**The Council has a room block at the Hilton Hotel, please call 907-272-7411 or 1-800-hiltons and ask for NPF room block.**

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**Estimated Time**

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- (a) Approval of Agenda
  - (b) Approval of Minutes
- B. REPORTS** (6 hrs)
- B-1 Executive Director's Report
  - B-2 NMFS Management Report
  - B-3 ADF&G Report (including halibut subsistence update)
  - B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report
  - B-5 USCG Report
  - B-6 USFWS Report
  - B-7 Protected Species Report (including SSL CIE Terms of Reference)
- C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**
- C-1 Pacific Cod Jig Fishery Management (2 hrs)  
Report on Board of Fisheries action and discuss next steps.
  - C-2 Salmon FMP (6 hrs)  
Final Action to approve updated Salmon FMP.
  - C-3 Groundfish Harvest Specifications (8 hrs)
    - (a) Approve final GOA groundfish specifications and SAFE report.
    - (b) Approve final BSAI groundfish specifications and SAFE report.
  - C-4 BSAI Crab Stakeholder reports (5-year review issues) (8 hrs)
    - (a) Crew compensation/active participation/excessive lease rates.
    - (b) Binding arbitration.
    - (c) Community issues/ROFR.
  - C-5 FLL Vessel Replacement (2 hrs)  
Initial review of analysis to allow replacement of freezer longline vessels.
  - C-6 Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (12 hrs)
    - (a) IPHC report on 2012 staff recommendations; ADFG report on 2010/2011 sport catch estimates, and logbook vs. statewide harvest survey comparison; Council guidance to IPHC for 2012 management measures.
    - (b) Review Charter Halibut Committee report on revising CSP Tier 1 management measures.
    - (c) Review NMFS report on CSP deficiencies and provide Council direction.

**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Groundfish Issues/Miscellaneous (8 hrs)  
(a) Review Bering Sea Habitat Conservation Area boundary.  
(b) Discussion paper on GOA Chinook salmon bycatch in all fisheries.  
(c) Discussion paper on GOA Pacific Cod A-season opening dates.  
(d) Review/approve halibut mortality on trawlers EFP.  
(e) Establishing a CQE Program in Area 4b; final action.

- D-2 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
Review Committees and tasking.

- D-3 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**DECEMBER 2011**

	SSC King Salmon/Illiamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room	
<b>Monday Dec 5</b>	8:00 am C-3 Groundfish Specs	8:00 am C-1 Pcod Jig Mgmt. C-4 BSAI Crab Issues		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued	1:00 pm C-4 continued		
<b>Tuesday Dec 6</b>	8:00 am C-3 continued	8:00 am C-5 FLL Vessel Rep. C-2 Salmon FMP		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued C-5 FLL vessel replacement	1:00 pm C-2 continued C-3 Groundfish Specs		
<b>Wednesday Dec 7</b>	8:00 am D-1 (d) Halibut EFP	8:00 am C-3 continued		8:00 am B report
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-3 continued		1:00 pm B reports continued C-1 Pcod Jig Fishery
<b>Thursday Dec 8</b>		8:00 am D-1 Misc. Groundfish	8:00 am C-2 Salmon FMP	
		1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Staff Tasking	<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-3 Groundfish Specs	
<b>Friday Dec 9</b>		8:00 am C-3 continued		
		1:00 pm C-3 continued C-4 BSAI Crab Issues		
<b>Saturday Dec 10</b>		8:00 am C-4 continued		
		1:00 pm C-5 FFL Vessel replacement C-6 Halibut CSP		
<b>Sunday Dec 11</b>		8:00 am C-6 continued		
		1:00 pm C-6 continued		
<b>Monday Dec 12</b>		8:00 are C-6 continued		
		1:00 pm D-1 Misc. Groundfish		
<b>Tuesday Dec 13</b>	8:00 am D-1 continued			
	1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking			

**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.**