

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**196th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**February 10-16, 2010**  
**Benson Hotel**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Feb 8 – 8am – Crystal Ballroom (Lobby)  
Feb 8 – 8am – Cambridge/Oxford (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Feb 9 – 1pm – 5pm – Parliament 3-4 (Lower Level)

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 February 2, 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.

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.**

**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**

(6 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including reports on catch shares and marine spatial planning)
- B-2 NMFS Management Report/AFSC report
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 IPHC Report
- B-5 USCG Report
- B-6 NMFS Enforcement Report
- B-7 USFWS Report
- B-8 Protected Species Report (including update on BiOp schedule and CIE review and sea bird update)

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

- C-1 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program (6 hrs)
  - (a) Review proposals, receive committee report, and take action as necessary.
  - (b) Review discussion paper on CQE Program.
- C-2 Observer Program (4 hrs)
  - (a) Progress on Implementation Plan.
  - (b) OAC Report.
- C-3 Bering Sea Crab Issues (4 hrs)
  - (a) Initial Review BSAI Crab ROFR.
  - (b) Initial Review WAG King Crab Regional Delivery (T).
  - (c) NOAA/Bering Sea Fisheries Foundation report.
  - (d) Review methodology for ACL analysis and performance measures for rebuilding. (SSC only)
- C-4 Groundfish Annual Catch Limits (2 hrs)
  - Initial review of Groundfish ACL requirements.
- C-5 Amendment 80 Cooperative (6 hrs)
  - (a) Initial review of Amendment 80 Lost Vessel Replacement.
  - (b) Final Action Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation.
- C-6 GOA Rockfish Program (4 hrs)
  - (a) Receive 2009 Cooperative Report.
  - (b) Refine alternatives for analysis.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 American Fisheries Act (2 hrs)  
Review 2009 Co-op reports and 2010 co-op agreements.
- D-2 Data Collection Discussion paper (2 hrs)  
Review discussion paper and take action as necessary.
- D-3 Miscellaneous Issues (8 hrs)  
(a) Review of analytical methods for BSAI Chum salmon bycatch (SSC only).  
(b) Review new area closure options for chum bycatch alternative.  
(c) Review preliminary EFH report (SSC only).  
(d) Review and adopt HAPC criteria and schedule.  
(e) Report and action as necessary on AI FEP addendum.  
(f) Review discussion paper on stranding of BSAI Pacific cod TAC.  
(g) Review discussion paper on halibut PSC limits.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
Review Committees and tasking.
- D-5 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (48 hrs)

**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**February 2010**

	<b>SSC Cambridge/Oxford</b>	<b>AP Crystal Ballroom</b>	<b>Council Mayfair Ballroom</b>	
<b>Monday Feb 8</b>	8:00 am Election of Officers C-5(a) Amendment 80 Lost Vessel Replacement D-3 (a, b) Miscellaneous Issues	8:00 am Election of Officers C-1 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs		
	1:00 pm C-3 (b) Bering Sea Crab Issues C-6(b) GOA Rockfish Program CIE TOR review Review NS2 Guidelines	1:00 pm C-1 continued C-2 Observer Program		
<b>Tuesday Feb 9</b>	8:00 am C-4 Groundfish ACLs D-2 Data collection D-3 (c, d, e) Miscellaneous Issues	8:00 am C-2 continued C-3 Bering Sea Crab Issues		
	1:00 pm C-3(c, d) BS Crab Issues Data weighting review	1:00 pm C-3 continued C-4 Groundfish ACLs		
<b>Wednesday Feb 10</b>	8:00 am Catch-in-areas database Workshop on Ecosystem Indicators	8:00 am C-4 continued C-5 Am 80 Cooperative		8:00 am B Reports
	1:00 pm Continued as necessary	1:00 pm C-5 continued		1:00 pm B-1 continued C-3(c) NOAA/BS Fisheries Foundation Report C-1 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs
<b>Thursday Feb 11</b>		8:00 am C-6 GOA Rockfish Program		8:00 am C-1 continued
		1:00 pm D-1 AFA D-2 Data Collection		<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-2 Observer Program
<b>Friday Feb 12</b>		8:00 am D-3 Miscellaneous Issues		8:00 am C-3 Bering Sea Crab Issues
		1:00 pm D-3 continued D-4 Staff Tasking		1:00 pm C-4 Groundfish ACLs C-5 Am 80 Cooperative
<b>Saturday Feb 13</b>			8:00 am C-5 continued	
1:00 pm C-6 GOA Rockfish Program				
<b>Sunday Feb 14</b>			8:00 am D-1 AFA D-2 Data Collection	
			1:00 pm D-3(g) Halibut PSC D-3 (a-f) Misc Issues	
<b>Monday Feb 15</b>			8:00 am D-3 continued	
			1:00 pm D-4 Staff Tasking	
<b>Tuesday Feb 16</b>	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.**