

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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March 20, 2012

DRAFT AGENDA
208th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 28 – April 3, 2012
Hilton Hotel

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

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
IFQ Implementation Committee
Halibut Charter Implementation Committee
Ecosystem Committee
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

March 26 – 30 – Dillingham/Katmai Room
March 26 – 28 – King Salmon/Iliamna Room
March 26 – 6pm – SSC Room
March 27 – 4pm – 8pm – Fireweed Room
March 27 – 9am by teleconference and/or Room 205
March 27 – 1pm – 4pm – Council Office, Room 205

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 March 20, 2012**. 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. **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.

Submission of EMAIL Comments: The Council will begin accepting email comments at one email address: npfmc.comments@noaa.gov.

The comments must identify the submitter by legal name, affiliation, and date, and must also identify the specific agenda item by number (C-1(a) for example), and must be submitted by the comment deadline. Comments received under these conditions will be sorted, copied, and included in the Council notebooks.

PDF attachments will be accepted, as long as the above criteria are met. Comments received after the deadline will not be copied and distributed, but will be treated the same as written late comments. Emails submitted for the comments must be to the above address, and not to specific Council staff or Council members. Additionally, email comments will only be accepted on items that are on the scheduled agenda. While a return receipt will be issued automatically upon receipt of the electronic comment, as always, submitters may always call the office to confirm.

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

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| AI - Aleutian Islands | GHL - Guideline Harvest Level |
| AFA - American Fisheries Act | HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern |
| BBRKC - Bristol Bay Red King Crab | IBA - Individual Bycatch Accounting |
| BiOp - Biological Opinion | IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota |
| BKC - Blue King Crab | ICA - Inter-cooperative Agreements |
| BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands | IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota |
| BSFRF - Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation | IPQ - Individual Processor Quotas |
| BSIERP - Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program | IPA - Incentive Program Agreements |
| AK BOF - Alaska Board of Fisheries | MPA - Marine Protected Area |
| CDQ - Community Development Quota | NOI - Notice of Intent |
| CIE - Center for Independent Experts | PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement |
| CGOA - Central Gulf of Alaska | PSC - Prohibited Species Catch |
| CQE - Community Quota Entity | RKC - Red King Crab |
| EDR - Economic Data Reporting | ROFR - Right of First Refusal |
| EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit | SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation |
| EIS - Environmental Impact Statement | SSL - Steller Sea Lion |
| EFH - Essential Fish Habitat | TAC - Total Allowable Catch |
| FLL - Freezer longliners | VMS - Vessel Monitoring System |
| GOA - Gulf of Alaska | |
| GKC - Golden King Crab | |

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

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| | Estimated Time |
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| 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 (incl. report on observer program implementation; and overview of regulatory review process) | |
| B-3 ADF&G Report | |
| B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report (including IFQ Enforcement Report) | |
| B-5 USCG Report (will be taken following B-1) | |
| B-6 USFWS Report | |
| B-7 Protected Species Report (including review of SSL NOI for EIS) | |
| C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS | |
| C-1 <u>Cooperative Reports</u> | (2 hrs) |
| (a) Receive Amendment 80 Cooperative Reports. | |
| (b) Receive CGOA Rockfish Cooperative Reports. | |
| (c) Receive AFA Pollock Cooperative and IPA Reports. | |
| C-2 <u>BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch</u> | (12 hrs) |
| (a) Update on salmon genetics. (T) | |
| (b) Initial review of chum salmon bycatch measures. | |
| C-3 <u>Habitat Conservation Issues</u> | (10 hrs) |
| (a) Initial Review of HAPC skate sites. | |
| (b) Final action on GOA Flatfish Trawl Sweep Modification. | |
| (c) Review BS Habitat Conservation Area boundary. | |
| (d) EFH consultation criteria: Ecosystem Committee Report. | |
| C-4 <u>Halibut Issues</u> | (8 hrs) |
| (a) Final action to allow Area 4B fish-up. | |
| (b) Review CSP and action as necessary. | |
| C-5 <u>Scallop SAFE</u> | (2 hrs) |
| Approve 2012/13 ABC and OFL harvest specifications. | |
| C-6 <u>GOA Pacific Cod</u> | (6 hrs) |
| (a) Updated discussion paper on Pacific Cod jig management (reverse parallel). | |
| (b) Discussion paper on limiting other gear on jig vessels. | |
| (c) Discussion paper on GOA Pacific cod A-season opening dates. | |

D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 Miscellaneous Issues (6 hrs)
- (a) BSIERP Management Strategy Evaluation report.
 - (b) Discussion paper on VMS use and requirements.
 - (c) Programmatic Groundfish SEIS. (Public workshop and SSC evaluation only)
 - (d) Report from the BSAI Crab ROFR Workgroup.
 - (e) Tanner crab model review. (SSC only)
 - (f) ~~Review GOA pollock EFP. (T)~~ Delayed
- D-2 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
Review Committees and tasking.
- D-3 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

Draft Agenda and Schedule

MARCH-APRIL 2012

| | SSC King Salmon/Iliamna | AP Dillingham/Katmai | Council Aleutian Room | |
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| Monday Mar 26 IFQ Implementation Committee – 6pm – SSC room | 8:00 am C-2 BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch | 8:00 am C-6 (a, b) | Greenpeace ‘Canyons’ presentation – AP Room – 5:30pm | |
| | 1:00 pm C-5 Scallop SAFE | 1:00 pm C-4(a) Area 4B Fish-up C-1 Coop Reports | | |
| Tuesday Mar 27 Halibut Charter Implementation Committee – 4pm-8pm, Hilton Fireweed Room | 8:00 am D-1 (a, c, e, f) Miscellaneous Issues | 8:00 am C-2 BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch | | |
| | 1:00 pm D-1 continued | 1:00 pm C-2 continued | | |
| Wednesday Mar 28 USCG Command Center Tour | 8:00 am C-3 (a) HAPC skate sites | 8:00 am C-2 continued C-5 Scallop SAFE | | 8:00 am B report |
| | 1:00 pm continued as necessary | 1:00 pm C-3 Habitat Conservation Issues | | 1:00 pm B reports continued C-1 Cooperative Reports |
| Thursday Mar 29 Stakeholders listening session on Groundfish PSEIS 5:30- 8pm – AP Room | | 8:00 am C-3 continued | | 8:00 am C-2 BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch |
| | | 1:00 pm C-4(b) CSP | | 12:00pm Executive Session (T) 1:00 pm C-2 continued |
| Friday Mar 30 | | 8:00 am D-1 Miscellaneous Issues | 8:00 am C-2 continued | |
| | | 1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking | 1:00 pm C-6 GOA Pacific Cod | |
| Saturday Mar 31 | | | | 8:00 am C-6 continued |
| | | | | 1:00 pm C-3 Habitat Conservation Issues |
| Sunday Apr 1 | | | | 8:00 am C-3 continued C-4 Halibut Issues |
| | | | | 1:00 pm C-4 continued |
| Monday Apr 2 | | | 8:00 am C-5 Scallop SAFE | |
| | | | 1:00 pm D-1 Miscellaneous Issues | |
| Tuesday Apr 3 | | | 8:00 am D-1 continue | |
| | | | 1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking | |

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