

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**213th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**April 3 - 9, 2013**  
**Anchorage Hilton Hotel**

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

Committee/Panel

Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Observer Advisory Committee  
Advisory Panel  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

April 1- 3, 2013 – King Salmon/Illiamna Room  
April 1, 2013 – 3pm - 8pm – Dillingham/Katmai  
April 2 – 6, 2013 – Dillingham/Katmai  
April 2, 2013 – 1pm-4pm – 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 March 26, 2013**. 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, fax or email. **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 is accepting email comments at one email address: [npfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto: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. Comment 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. A return receipt will be issued automatically upon opening the electronic comment

### **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**

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

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

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213<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session  
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<b>A.</b>	<b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>	<b>Estimated Time</b>
	(a) Approval of Agenda (b) Approval of Minutes	
<b>B.</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	(4 hrs)
	B-1 Executive Director's Report B-2 NMFS Management Report B-3 ADF&G Report B-4 USCG Report B-5 USFWS Report B-6 Protected Species Report	
<b>C.</b>	<b>MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS</b>	
C-1	<u>Observer Program (Council only)</u> (a) Report from NMFS: Outlines of first year report and EM strategic plan. (b) Report from OAC.	(2 hrs)
C-2	<u>Groundfish Issues</u> (a) Final action on BSAI Flatfish Specification Flexibility. (b) Final action on AFA Vessel replacement GOA sideboards.	(6 hrs)
C-3	<u>Steller Sea Lion EIS</u> (a) Initial review of the SSL EIS; select PPA. (b) Update on BiOp analytical methods. (SSC only) (c) Review discussion paper on BS and AI Pacific cod ABC/TAC split.	(16 hrs)
C-4	<u>Scallop SAFE</u> Review and approve Scallop SAFE and harvest specifications.	(2 hrs)
C-5	<u>CQE Issues</u> Initial Review/Final Action on CQE halibut/sablefish block restrictions.	(2 hrs)
C-6	<u>Cooperative Reports and Salmon PSC (Council Only)</u> (a) Receive Amendment 80 Cooperative Reports. (b) Receive CGOA Rockfish Cooperative Reports. (c) Receive AFA Pollock Cooperative Reports. (d) Industry Progress report on BSAI Salmon Bycatch (Chinook IPA, Chum progress, and A-84 RHS). (e) Update on salmon genetics research.	(6 hrs)

**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Miscellaneous Issues (6 hrs)
- (a) Preliminary review of analysis to create vessel transit lane near Round Island.
  - (b) Discussion paper on Bering Sea sablefish TAC specifications.
  - (c) Expanded discussion paper on Retention of 4A halibut in BSAI sablefish pots.
  - (d) Crab modeling report. (SSC only)
  - (e) Research Priorities. (SSC only)

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

((T) = tentative)

Total Hours: (48 hrs)

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**APRIL 2013**

	SSC King Salmon/Illiamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room
<b>Monday Apr 1</b> OAC – AP Room – 3pm – 8pm	8:00 am D-1(d) Crab Modeling Report C-3 Steller Sea Lions		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued		
<b>Tuesday Apr 2</b> MCA presentation on Canyon – 6pm – AP room	8:00 am D-1(a) Round Island C-4 Scallop SAFE	8:00 am C-2 Groundfish Issues C-1 Observer Program report	
	1:00 pm C-5 CQE block limits D-1 (e) Research Priorities	1:00 pm C-3 Steller Sea Lions	
<b>Wednesday Apr 3</b> Pictures – Fireweed Room SSC 11:55, AP 12:15, staff 12:30, Council 12:45  University of Alaska Foundation – Reception 5:30-7pm Chart Room	8:00 am C-6 (e) Salmon genetics	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 C-1 Observer Program C-2 Groundfish Issues
<b>Thursday Apr 4</b>		8:00 am C-3 continued C-4 Scallop SAFE	8:00 am C-2 continued
		1:00 pm C-5 CQE block limits	1:00 pm C-3 SSL EIS
<b>Friday Apr 5</b>		8:00 am D-1 Misc. Issues	8:00 am C-3 continued
		1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Staff Tasking	<b>12:00pm Executive Session</b> 1:00 pm C-3 continued
<b>Saturday Apr 6</b>			8:00 am C-3 continued
			1:00 pm C-4 Scallop SAFE C-5 CQE Issues
<b>Sunday Apr 7</b>			8:00 am C-6 Cooperative Reports
			1:00 pm C-6 continued D-1 Misc. Issues
<b>Monday Apr 8</b>			8:00 am D-1 Misc. Issues
			1:00 pm D-2 Staff Tasking
<b>Tuesday Apr 9</b>			8:00 am 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.**