

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
193rd Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
June 3-9, 2009
Anchorage Hilton Hotel

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee

Beginning

June 1 – 8am – Dillingham/Katmai Room
June 1 – 8am – King Salmon 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 **Wednesday May 27, 2009**. 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

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
AI	Aleutian Islands	LLP	License Limitation Program
AP	Advisory Panel	MSFCMA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
BS	Bering Sea	MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
CDQ	Community Development Quota	mt	Metric tons
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
EFP	Exempted Fishing Permit	OY	Optimum Yield
ESA	Endangered Species Act	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota		
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission		

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Estimated Time

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Approval of Agenda
- (b) Approval of Minutes

B. REPORTS

(4 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including review of SOPPs proposed rule)
- 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 (including update of SSL BiOp schedule)

C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS

- C-1 GOA Groundfish Issues (8 hrs)
 - (a) Review alternatives for CGOA Rockfish Program.
 - (b) Review alternatives for parallel waters issue in P.cod Sector Split.
 - (c) Review Discussion paper on GOA vessel capacity. (T)
- C-2 BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries (4 hrs)

Final Action on amendment to limit access in P. cod parallel waters fishery.
- C-3 BSAI Crab Program (12 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review of Emergency Delivery Relief analysis.
 - (b) Review discussion papers:
 - 1) Right of first refusal
 - 2) Western AI golden king crab regionalization and PQ issues
 - 3) Extinguishing crab PQ
 - 4) Leasing restrictions
 - (c) Discuss plan for 5-year review of the program and provide direction.
 - (d) Review Crab Plan Team report, draft SAFE and approve OFLs, rebuilding plan alternatives.
- C-4 Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch (6 hrs)
 - (a) Refine alternatives and purpose/need statement for the chum salmon bycatch analysis.
 - (b) Receive discussion paper and committee report on salmon bycatch data collection.
- C-5 MPA Nomination Process (2 hrs)

Review status and discuss next steps.

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 National Issues (4 hrs)
(a) Initial Review of analysis to establish permit fees for all fisheries.
(b) Discuss workplan to meet ACL requirements and take action as Necessary and salmon FMP withdrawal.
- D-2 Groundfish Issues (4 hrs)
(a) Initial Review of analysis of bottom trawl gear sweep requirements.
(b) Initial Review of analysis to set catch specifications for the BSAI skate complex.
- D-3 Ecosystem Issues (4 hrs)
(a) Status report on the HAPC process and take action as necessary.
(b) Review of Northern BS Research Plan.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking.
(b) Discuss Rural Outreach Committee activities.
(c) Review groundfish policy objectives and workplan.
- D-5 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (52 hrs)

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

June 2009

	SSC King Salmon/Iliamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian	
Monday Jun 1	8:00 am C-3 BSAI Crab Program	8:00 am C-1 GOA Groundfish Issues		
	1:00 pm C-3 continued	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
Tuesday Jun 2	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-4(b) Salmon Bycatch Data Collection Cmte Rpt D-1 National Issues	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries C-3 BSAI Crab Program		
	1:00 pm D-2 Groundfish Issues	1:00 pm C-3 continued		
Wednesday Jun 3	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am D-3 Ecosystem Issues	8:00 am C-3 continued		8:00 am B Reports
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm C-4 BS Salmon Bycatch D-1 National Issues		1:00 pm C-1 (a) GOA Groundfish Issues (only (a))
Thursday Jun 4		8:00 am D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries	
		1:00 pm D-2 continued	1:00 pm C-1(b, c) GOA Groundfish Issues	
Friday Jun 5 Reception – 6pm		8:00 am D-3 Ecosystem Issues	8:00 am C-4(b) Salmon Bycatch (only (b)) C-3 BSAI Crab Program	
		1:00 pm D-4 Staff Tasking	12:00pm Executive Session 1:00 pm C-3 cont.	
Saturday Jun 6			8:00 am C-3 cont.	8:00 am C-3 cont.
			1:00 pm C-4(a) Salmon Bycatch	1:00 pm C-4(a) Salmon Bycatch
Sunday Jun 7	8:00 am C-5 MPA Nominations D-1 National Issues		8:00 am C-5 MPA Nominations D-1 National Issues	
	1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues		1:00 pm D-1 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues	
Monday Jun 8	8:00 am D-2 continued		8:00 am D-2 continued	
	1:00 pm D-3 Ecosystem Issues		1:00 pm D-3 Ecosystem Issues	
Tuesday Jun 9	8:00am D-4 Staff Tasking	8:00am D-4 Staff Tasking		
	1:00 pm continue as necessary	1:00 pm continue as necessary		

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