

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
177th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
June 7-13, 2006
Kodiak Inn

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 7-13, 2006 at the Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Enforcement Committee
Gulf Groundfish Rationalization
Public Hearing

Beginning

Jun 5, Mon – Elks Club, 102 Marine Way
Jun 5, Mon – Fishermen’s Hall, 503 Marine Way
Jun 5, Mon – Harbor Room - 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Jun 6, Tue – Kodiak High School - Common A-B -
9:00am - 5:00pm

All meetings will be held at the Kodiak Inn unless otherwise noted. 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, May 30**. 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.

**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. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	MRA	Maximum Retainable Amount
AP	Advisory Panel	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	mt	Metric tons
CDQ	Community Development Quota	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
EAM	Ecosystem Approach to Management	OY	Optimum Yield
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	POP	Pacific ocean perch
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
ESA	Endangered Species Act	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
FEP	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	SSL	Steller Sea Lion
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	USFWS	United State Fish & Wildlife Service
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota		
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota		
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
IRIU	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
ITAC	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
LAMP	Local Area Management Plan		
LLP	License Limitation Program		
MSFCMA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act		
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Approval of Agenda	•
(b) Approval of minutes (T)	
B. REPORTS	(6 hrs)
B-1 Executive Director's Report	
B-2 NMFS Management Report (including report on TAC setting EIS alternatives and potential comment)	
B-3 NMFS Enforcement Report	
B-4 USCG Report	
B-5 ADF&G Report	
B-6 USFWS Report	
B-7 Protected Species Report (seabird report, SSL compendium, SSL recovery plan, Right whale CH, FMP BiOp)	
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>IR/IU</u>	(12 hrs)
(a) Final action on Amendment 80.	
(b) Review proposed data collection program, and take action as necessary.	
(c) Initial Review of MRA adjustments. (T)	
C-2 <u>CDQ</u>	(2 hrs)
Status Report on legislation and implication for Am 71. (T)	
C-3 <u>Trawl C/V Eligibility</u>	(4 hrs)
Progress Report on analysis.	
C-4 <u>Halibut Charter</u>	(8 hrs)
(a) Review and refine moratorium alternatives.	
(b) Receive stakeholder committee report and determine direction.	
(c) NMFS report on enforcement of GHIL preferred alternative (5-fish annual limit).	
C-5 <u>Observer Program</u>	(4 hrs)
(a) Final Action on Observer Program analysis.	
(b) Review discussion paper on video monitoring.	
C-6 <u>Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program</u>	(6 hrs)
Final Action on IFQ Omnibus 5 amendments.	

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (2 hr)
(a) Review EFP to test a halibut excluder for GOA cod trawl fishery (T).
(b) Receive progress report on trawl salmon excluder research.
- D-2 Essential Fish Habitat (4 hr)
(a) Review discussion paper on Bering Sea habitat conservation alternatives, and take action as necessary.
(b) Review discussion paper on Bering Sea crab habitat and fishery interactions, and take action as necessary.
- D-3 Crab Management (1 hr)
(a) Preliminary Review of Crab Overfishing Definitions (SSC only).
(b) Receive report from Crab Plan Team.
(c) Review State/Federal Action Plan.
- D-4 Ecosystem Based Management (1 hr)
Receive Committee report and take action as necessary.
- D-5 Staff Tasking (2 hr)
Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary.
- D-6 Other Business

Total Agenda Hours: 52 hours

	SSC Fishermen's Hall	AP Elks Club	Council Harbor Room
Monday, June 5 Industry workshop on Am 80 data collection (6-8pm - Fishermen's Hall)	8:00am D-3 Crab Management	8:00am C-1 IR/IU	
	1:00pm B-6 Protected Species Report C-3 CV eligibility C-5 Observer Program	1:00pm C-1 continued	
Tuesday, June 6	8:00am C-1 (b, c) IR/IU data, MRA D-1 Groundfish Management	8:00am C-1 continued C-2 CDQ Issues	9:00am Gulf Groundfish Rationalization Public Hearing
	1:00pm D-2 EFH D-4 Ecosystem Management	1:00pm C-2 continued B-6 Protected Species Briefing	
Wednesday, June 7 USCG Fishery Training Center Dedication/Reception - Council members and agency staff (6-8 pm)	8:00am Seabird report [continue as necessary]	8:00am C-4 Halibut Charter	8:00am B Reports
	1:00pm	1:00pm C-4 continued	1:00pm B Report continued C-1 IR/IU
Thursday, June 8 Video monitoring presentation (Mark Buckley) - Harbor Room - 5:30pm		8:00am C-4 continued C-3 Trawl CV Eligibility	8:00am C-1 continued
		1:00pm C-3 continued C-5 Observer Program	1:00pm C-1 continued
Friday, June 9		8:00am C-5 continued C-6 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ	8:00am C-1 continued D-3 (b, c) Crab C-2 CDQ
		1:00pm C-6 continued D-1 Groundfish Mgmt	1:00pm C-4 Halibut Charter
Saturday, June 10		8:00am D--2 EFH	8:00am C-4 continued
		1:00pm D-4 Ecosystem Management D-5 Staff Tasking	1:00pm C-3 Trawl CV Eligibility
Sunday, June 11			8:00am C-5 Observer Program
			1:00pm C-6 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ
Monday, Jun 12			8:00am C-6 continued D-1 Groundfish Mgmt
			1:00pm D-2 EFH
Tuesday, June 13			8:00am D-4 Ecosystem D-5 Staff Tasking
			1:00pm continued 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.