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# News & Notes

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## Council Elections and Appointments

The Council re-elected Eric Olson as Chairman, and John Henderschedt as vice-chair. Dr. Jim Balsiger administered the Oath of Office for new Council member Dave Long of Wasilla, AK, and for re-appointed member Duncan Fields, of Kodiak, AK. Long has participated in Alaska fisheries in a variety of gear types. Fields is serving his third 3 year term on the Council and is a fisherman and natural resources consultant.

## Other Appointments

The Council announced two new additions to the Charter Halibut Management Implementation Committee, which will meet twice before the December Council meeting: Steve Zernia and Daniel Donich.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Charter Halibut Management Implementation Committee:** October 25, 2013 1 pm teleconference (907 271-2986) with optional in-person meeting room: Council Conference Room 205, 605 W 4th Ave, Anchorage. December 9, 1 pm in-person meeting, Council Conference Room

**Groundfish Plan Team:** November 18-22, 2013, AFSC, Seattle

### IFQ Implementation

**Committee:** December 9, 2013, 8:30 am – noon (T), Council Conference Room 205, 605 W 4th, Anchorage

**Crab Modeling Workshop** January 14-17, 2014 Anchorage (Place TBD)

**Scallop Plan Team:** Teleconference in December, TBD; February 25-26, 2014 Homer (Place TBD)

**Crab Plan Team** May 5-7, 2014 Anchorage (Place TBD)



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## Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch

The Council received several reports related to salmon bycatch management measures in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. A report provided by the SeaShare food donation program describes the operation of the program and the voluntary donations of salmon and halibut PSC from the BSAI and GOA fisheries. The Council reviewed a staff discussion paper on the status of Alaskan Chinook salmon stocks, and an analysis of the impact of Chinook salmon adult equivalent (AEQ) bycatch on regional stocks of origin and vessel bycatch rates by sector in the pollock fishery. This was the first comprehensive analysis of impacts since the Council took action on the Amendment 91 Chinook salmon PSC management program in 2009. The Council's primary motivation in requesting this report (as well as separate reports from the IPAs on their incentive programs) was to consider bycatch management performance measures in the context of the ongoing actions to minimize salmon bycatch, and to evaluate this issue with updated information on directed salmon fisheries and with the most recent genetic information, AEQ analysis, and examination of individual vessel performance.

AEQ is a more accurate representation of the true impact to spawning salmon than the mortality in numbers of fish recorded in any one year due to the lagged effects of bycatch as salmon taken in the pollock fishery range in ages from 3-7 years and are not all returning to natal streams in that year. Results indicate that overall AEQ has declined considerably from the peak value in 2007. Furthermore, the estimated impact rates to western Alaska have declined in recent years from peaks in 2008 (for CWAK) and 2010 (for Upper Yukon). Currently aggregate impacts only can be estimated for western Alaska at the resolution of coastal

western Alaska and Upper Yukon. Using these recent genetic data results in estimated AEQ to coastal western Alaska that is similar to previous estimates (considered by the Council in 2009). Estimated AEQ attributed to the Upper Yukon is higher than previously estimated.

Overall, the pollock fleet bycatch rate (in Chinook salmon per ton of pollock) has declined annually, although some sectors continue to have disproportionately higher rates in some months. Data suggest some consistency in the worst bycatch vessels across all years.

The Council also received reports from each sector's Incentive Program Agreement (IPA) representative on their incentive mechanisms in place and program results to date. Program representatives also provided the Council with a proposal for incorporation of chum salmon into the existing IPAs to better manage chum and Chinook bycatch concurrently.

Following extensive reports and discussion, the Council requested a discussion paper that evaluates the regulatory changes needed to incorporate Bering Sea chum salmon bycatch avoidance into the Chinook salmon IPAs, and to evaluate possible measures to refine Chinook salmon bycatch controls in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The Council requested consideration of explicit measures (either in regulation or within the IPAs) such as restrictions on vessels with consistently high Chinook bycatch rates, consideration of additional management measures in September and October, and requiring the use of salmon excluders when Chinook encounter rates are high.

To the extent possible, the Council will also consider additional outreach efforts as consideration of modifications to the program move forward in development. The full Council motion as well as the staff discussion paper are posted on the Council's website. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

# Call for SSC Nominations

At its October meeting the Council reviewed nominations to replace Dr. Jim Murphy (UAA) whose other obligations precluded his continued participation on the SSC. The Council received two excellent nominations in the field of fisheries/resource economics, and decided to appoint both Dr. Matt Reimer (UAA) and Dr. Chris Anderson (UW) for 2014, as well as for the December 2013 SSC meeting. Because SSC appointments are for one year for all SSC members, the Council is also accepting nominations for all other areas of expertise (biology/stock assessment, marine mammals, statistics, sociology/anthropology, or other relevant disciplines). SSC members shall be federal employees, state employees, academicians, or independent experts not employed by advocacy or interest groups. SSC members serve one year terms but may be reappointed indefinitely. The SSC advises the Council on all aspects of the decision making process, including stock assessments and annual specifications, protected species interactions, and adequacy of analyses supporting various management actions. For consideration, please submit resume and cover letter to the Council offices, ATTENTION: Chris Oliver, by **December 4**. Any additional SSC appointments for 2014 will be determined by the Council at its December 2013 meeting in Anchorage.

## GOA Trawl Bycatch Management

The Council reviewed a discussion paper that described the eight proposals presented during the June meeting, provided a literature review of recent work on catch share programs, described issues associated with linkages between State and Federal waters fisheries, and discussion of decision points that were considered as part of Community Fishing Association discussions in other regions. The Council proposed a general catch share program structure that provides a starting point for further stakeholder input. The motion requested that staff develop a new discussion paper reviewing that program framework. The specific feedback requested includes a discussion of how the fishery would operate under that design, how it meets the Council's stated goals and objectives, and identification of other decisions that may be needed to transform this concept into alternatives for analysis. The forthcoming paper will also include information on bycatch reductions that were achieved in other trawl catch share programs in the North Pacific and other regions. This discussion will focus on the magnitude of the reductions that were achieved, the structure of the fishery, and whether the reductions were mandated or achieved for other reasons.

The Council noted that, by focusing the discussion on this program design, it was not eliminating other program structures from consideration. Therefore, all proposals that have been presented to the Council are still available for consideration when it develops alternatives for analysis. Updated proposals are available on the Council's website.

The Council noted that its motion does not include a program structure for the trawl catcher/processor sector, as it did for the catcher vessels. A catcher/processor structure was not included because the proposal for that sector was just presented to the Council at this meeting, and the sector has not had time to determine if all members support that approach.

The Council's motion is available on the NPFMC website. The motion contains all the elements that staff are requested to consider in the discussion paper. That paper is scheduled to be presented at the April 2014 Council meeting in Anchorage.

The Council indicated an interest in holding a workshop session on Community Fishing Associations prior to the release of the requested discussion paper. Experts from other regions who have worked to develop CFA structures would be invited to share their experience with the public and the Council. This session is tentatively scheduled to take place during the February 2014 Council meeting in Seattle, WA. The final date, agenda, and list of presenters are yet to be determined. Staff contact is Sam Cunningham.

## GOA Trawl Data Collection

The Council took final action on its preferred alternative to collect baseline economic and employment data to better understand the fishery before a catch share program is implemented. This action would collect employment data from catcher vessels and catcher/processors that harvest GOA groundfish using trawl gear. Catcher vessels would be required to submit annual data for the aggregate payments to harvesting crew and the aggregate payments to the captain(s). They would also be required to provide a list of the crew license numbers or CFEC permit numbers for each harvesting crew member that worked on the vessel. Cost data would be collected on fuel usage and cost, gear costs, and excluder purchases. Catcher/processors would be required to continue to submit the Amendment 80 EDR as well as crew identifiers for the harvesting crew on the vessel. Crew identifiers would not be required for employees that only work as processors. The Amendment 80 EDR would be required to be completed by all trawl catcher/processors that operate in the GOA. Finally, processors that take deliveries of trawl caught groundfish would be required to submit monthly data on the average number of groundfish processing positions, processing employee man-hours, and total processing labor payments. Annual aggregate data would be required for the payments to foremen, managers, and other non-processing employees at the plant. Processors would also be required to submit monthly data on water and electric utilities purchased from the community provider in Kodiak.

The Council also requested to be updated on the voluntary data collection program proposed by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center staff. This data collection program focuses on obtaining data that will help describe the impacts of the "Trawl Bycatch Management Program" on communities.

Staff contact is Sam Cunningham.

The BSAI commercial crab fisheries will be delayed from the October 15th opening due to the government shutdown. CDQ fisheries will open as scheduled. Please check our website for updated information as it becomes available.

# BSAI Crab Specifications

The Council received the final 2013 Crab Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report and the SSC's OFL and ABC recommendations on 6 crab stocks for 2013/14 fishing year. The SSC had previously recommended OFLs and ABCs for 4 other stocks in the spring. There are 10 crab stocks in the BSAI Crab FMP and all 10 must have annually established OFLs and ABCs. Four stocks (AI golden king crab, Norton Sound red king crab, Pribilof Island golden king crab and Adak red king crab) had OFLs and ABCs recommended in the spring. The remaining stocks have OFLs and ABCs recommended in the fall. While the intent was to shift the timing of the Norton Sound red king crab assessment to the fall for better alignment with fishery timing, due to issues with the assessment model the SSC did not recommend the use of that model for 2013/14 specifications in order to move the assessment cycle for that stock to coincide with the other 6 fall assessments. Instead the model will be revised to address concerns with weighting and data issues and will be presented again in June for specifications. Pending model evaluations at that time the assessment may be further revised to coincide with the fall 2014/15 assessment cycle. Stocks with current biomass levels estimated above the  $B_{MSY}$  target include EBS snow crab and Tanner crab while stocks below  $B_{MSY}$  (but above  $\frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$ ) are Bristol Bay red king crab, Pribilof Island red king crab, St. Matthew blue king crab and Norton Sound red king crab. The Pribilof Island blue king crab stock biomass remains well below its minimum stock size threshold (MSST, defined as  $\frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$ ) and is still considered overfished. Stocks for which information is insufficient to determine their status include Aleutian Islands golden king crab, Pribilof Island golden king crab and Aleutian Island red king crab. Final specifications and the 2013 Crab SAFE report are posted on the Council's website. A technical modeling workshop will be held in January 2014 to further evaluate the future use of a generic modeling framework for BSAI crab models using Bristol Bay red king crab and Norton Sound red king crab models as candidates for comparison. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

## AI Pacific cod Regional Delivery

The Council reviewed a discussion paper on a catcher vessel apportionment of AI Pacific cod (area 541/542) with a regionalized delivery requirement to AI shoreplants. The paper also provided information on a potential waiver to the delivery requirement along with some of the challenges of a waiver program. The paper also explored measures to prevent stranding of AI Pacific cod due to insufficient harvesting capacity, as well as some of the difficulties with those measures. Finally, the paper provided historical catch and processing distribution across the various sectors and provided information on the current processing capacity of the Adak and Atka facilities.

After reviewing the discussion paper, receiving recommendations from the Advisory Panel and testimony from the public, the Council postponed further action on this given the uncertainty regarding: 1) establishing separate OFLs and ABCs for Pacific cod in the BS and AI during the 2014 fishing season; 2) changes to the AI Pacific cod fishery from the Steller sea lion mitigation measures; and 3) Board of Fish proposal that would increase the State water GHL Pacific cod fishery from 3% to 4.5% of the federal harvest. By postponing further action on this issue until February 2014, the Council will likely have a better indication of the available Federal harvest of AI Pacific cod, as well as catch restrictions in the AI Pacific cod fishery that are the result of the Steller sea lion mitigation measures. Staff contact is Jon McCracken.

## Policy on Spatial Management

The Council recommended a process for determining spatial management of stocks and stock assemblages for groundfish, crabs and scallops.

1. As soon as preliminary scientific information indicates that further stock structure separation or other spatial management measures may be considered, the stock assessment authors, plan teams (groundfish, crab, scallop), and SSC should advise the Council of their findings and any associated conservation concerns.
2. With input from the agency, the public, and its advisory bodies, the Council (and NMFS) should identify the economic and management implications and potential options for management response to these findings and identify the suite of tools that could be used to achieve conservation and management goals. In the case of crab and scallop management, ADF&G needs to be part of this process.
3. To the extent practicable, further refinement of stock structure or other spatial conservation concerns and potential management responses should be discussed through the process described in recommendations 1 and 2 above.
4. Based on the best information available provided through this process, the SSC should continue to recommend OFLs and ABCs that prevent overfishing of stocks.

The Council motion is posted on the website. Contact Jane DiCosimo (BSAI groundfish) and Diana Stram (GOA groundfish, BSAI crab and Alaska Scallop) for more information.

## Call for AP Nominations

The Council is calling for nominations to the Council's **Advisory Panel (AP)**. The AP is composed of representatives of the fishing industry and others interested in the management of the North Pacific fisheries, and provides advice from those perspectives. Members of these panels are expected to attend up to five meetings, three to six days in length, each year. There are 6 AP seats which serve three-year terms, and one special one-year appointment for charter halibut issues. AP members whose terms expire at the end of this year include: Ruth Christiansen, Kurt Cochran, Tom Enlow, Alexis Kwachka, Brian Lynch, and Neil Rodriguez. Tim Evers served a one-year appointment, and nominations are being accepted for that seat.

Letters of interest or nomination, along with a resume of experience, for persons wishing to be considered for the AP should be sent to the NPFMC, 605 W. 4th Avenue, #306, Anchorage, AK 99501, by 5:00 pm on **December 4**.

Appointments will be announced at the end of the next Council meeting the week of December 3 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage and will become effective in January 2014. For more information, contact the Council office.



## Steller Sea Lion EIS

Because NMFS staff were unavailable at this meeting due to the partial government shutdown, a presentation prepared by NMFS staff was presented by Council staff. The presentation included NMFS summary of their evaluation of the PPA forwarded by the Council in April, 2013, and a summary of the draft Comment Analysis Report (CAR). After the staff presentation and public comment, the Council approved a motion reiterating the selection of Alternative 5 (the PPA in the Draft EIS) as their Preferred Alternative for the final EIS. The motion also recommended that NMFS provide a draft Biological Opinion to the Council and the SSC for review and comment. The motion is available on the Council's website. Staff contact is Steve MacLean.

## Ecosystem Committee Workshop

The Council received a report on the Ecosystem Committee's recent workshop. The Council concurred with the Committee recommendation to develop an ecosystem vision statement, and tasked the Committee with further work to consider the relative merits of two options. The Council will consider either refining its current management practice into a cohesive ecosystem-based fishery management policy statement, or developing a more comprehensive ecosystem-based management statement, and the Committee will identify potential implementation plans for each approach. The Ecosystem Committee workshop report, and the Council motion, are posted on the website. Staff contact is Diana Evans.

## Proposed Groundfish Harvest Specifications

The Council recommended proposed harvest specifications for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish fisheries for 2014 and 2015. NMFS will publish proposed overfishing levels (OFLs), acceptable biological catches (ABCs), total allowable catches (TACs), and prohibited species catch (PSC) limits. The purpose of the proposed specifications is to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on potential final specifications for those years that will be decided during the December 2013 meeting. The proposed harvest specifications for the next two years are based on rollovers of the harvest specifications currently in effect for the start of 2014, as no new information was available, with two exceptions for the BSAI. For Pacific cod, separate BS and AI specifications were recommended. For the EBS, 93 percent of the combined 2014 BSAI OFL and ABC published last year was used. For the AI, a Tier 5 estimate from last year's preliminary assessment was used as a placeholder, noting that a revised model will be considered in November 2013. For Kamchatka flounder the proposed 2014 OFL and ABC were obtained from the assessment author, using results from the preliminary Tier 3 assessment that was approved for use last year. In the GOA, changes to the apportionments for the Central and Western GOA other rockfish category as well as consideration of opening directed fisheries for octopus and skate species will be considered at final specifications. The Council also received numerous reports from the GOA and BSAI Groundfish Plan Teams on the results of research surveys, four working group reports, other research initiatives in support of stock assessments, and a plan for providing 5-year research priorities each year.

The Council also considered a proposal to revise management of sablefish quotas in order to harvest more of currently unharvested trawl apportionment. Recognizing this as primarily an IFQ use cap issue, the Council deferred consideration of this to the IFQ Implementation Committee.

The Groundfish Plan Team reports and Council recommendations for proposed harvest specifications for the BSAI and GOA are posted on the Council website. Contact Jane DiCosimo (BSAI) and Diana Stram (GOA) for more information.

## 2014 Observer Annual Deployment Plan

Following review, the Council expressed its support for the agency's draft 2014 Observer Annual Deployment Plan (ADP). As in 2013, the draft ADP sets a higher selection rate in the trip selection than the vessel selection pool, as a proxy for having a higher selection rate for PSC-limited fisheries; includes a provision to allow partial coverage vessels in the BSAI Pacific cod fishery to make an annual selection to have observers 100% of the time; and continues to reflect the Council's preferred policy of not requiring an observer to displace an IFQ crew member. The Council also endorses the alternative Chinook salmon sampling protocol that is proposed for 2014. The draft ADP is posted on the Council website.

The Council also received preliminary catch data under the new program (through August 30, 2013), and data on observer coverage. The Council requested that these tables be updated for the whole of 2013, and included in the June 2014 annual performance review with additional information. The Council discussed the need for a regulatory amendment to address tender activity in the GOA. This will be added to the previously-tasked regulatory amendment discussion paper, to scope out the main issues for analysis, including potential options and data quality implications. In addition, the Council is requesting further analysis of a proposal to exclude vessels from coverage if they have only a de minimus amount of IFQ quota remaining onboard, a) if they are going into a State fishery (ideally to be considered for the 2014 ADP), and/or b) as an overall tool to improve cost efficiency (to be reviewed as part of the annual performance review). Finally, the Council recognizes that the actual sampling rate in the vessel selection pool is a concern, and encourages further consideration of ways to redress the sampling rate.

The Council also reviewed a letter about the proposed design of the 2014 NMFS electronic monitoring (EM) pilot program, where NMFS intends to incentivize participation by moving fourteen participating vessels into the zero selection observer pool. The Council provided suggestions for the agency to consider regarding how to prioritize deployment of the fourteen cameras available. The Council's motion is available on the website. Staff contact is Diana Evans.

# Pot Gear in GOA Sablefish IFQ Fishery

The Council reviewed recommendations from its Gulf of Alaska Sablefish Gear Committee on a range of issues to allow the use of pot gear in the GOA sablefish IFQ fishery. Options for area management (entire GOA or Southeast area only) and pot gear restrictions (single pots or pot longlines; gear configurations; gear markings) are under consideration. While many committee recommendations were unanimous (allow pot longline gear only in entire GOA), whether to require pot gear to be removed from the fishing grounds when not being fished requires additional consideration. The committee comments and recommendations will be incorporated into an expanded version of a May 2013 discussion paper, which also will address the status of the sablefish stock, halibut bycatch issues, whale depredation, acoustic deterrent devices, social/economic effects in the context of the original design of the program, and lessons learned from the use of pot gear in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, British Columbia, and the west coast. The Council requested that the expanded discussion paper be scheduled for review during its December 2013 meeting, after which the Council may identify a problem statement and alternatives for analysis.

## Halibut Issues

The Council scheduled the next meeting of the **IFQ Implementation Committee** on Monday, December 9, 2013 (T) to 1) review a May 2013 discussion paper on increasing the use caps for sablefish "A" (freezer vessel) QS and identify other approaches to maximize use of all sablefish IFQs; 2) review two proposals previously submitted to the

Council to revise Federal regulations to a) calculate maximum retainable allowances at the time of offload rather than during a fishing trip, as currently required, (submitted by the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association) and b) increase the halibut and sablefish IFQ vessel caps, as the amount of IFQs each vessel may harvest has declined over time under lower catch limits (submitted by Kodiak Vessel Owners Association); and 3) review a proposal to allow clean-up of IFQ trips in multiple regulatory areas as regulatory amendment to the observer program or the IFQ program based on NMFS advice.

The **Charter Halibut Management Implementation Committee** will convene on October 25 by teleconference to identify a range of management measures for analysis for implementation for 2014, under two management scenarios: 1) status quo Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) Program and 2) proposed Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP).

A second in-person committee meeting in the Council conference room is scheduled for December 9, 2013 to 1) review an analysis of the proposed management measures from its October meeting and 2) make final recommendations for consideration. The Council recommendations would be considered by the IPHC in January 2014 for implementation under the IPHC annual management measures. It is uncertain at this date whether the GHL Program will remain in place in 2014 or be replaced by the CSP (the government shutdown makes implementation of the CSP more uncertain). The Council may recommend management measures for both scenarios.

Steve Zernia and Daniel Donich have been appointed to the committee to represent Area 3A. Also, the Council will seek nominations for a 1-year charter halibut sector seat for 2014. Tim Evers has stepped down from both Committees. The Council thanks him for his years of service. Contact Jane DiCosimo on halibut and sablefish issues.

## GOA Rockfish Chinook Cap Rollover

The Council received an initial review of a trailing action to refine the preferred alternative for management of Chinook salmon PSC in the GOA non-pollock trawl fisheries. In June 2013, the Council considered (but did not advance) an option to allow unused Chinook salmon PSC apportioned to the CV sector of the Central GOA Rockfish Program to "roll over" to support other GOA CV fisheries in the fall. Staff analyzed three alternatives, focusing on whether or not a rollover might hinder the achievement of the objectives expressed in the existing preferred alternative. The Council also considered a No Action alternative for the trailing action, which would leave the preferred alternative unaltered.

The Council selected a preliminary preferred alternative, which combines elements of two of the analyzed alternatives. Under the PPA, either 50 or 100 of the unused Chinook salmon PSC in the Rockfish Program CV sector would roll over to other non-pollock CV fisheries on October 1. Any Chinook PSC remaining in the Rockfish Program sector would roll over when the Rockfish Program closes on November 15. The Rockfish Program CV sector would not be included in the Uncertainty Pool incentive program, as defined in the Council's preferred alternative from the June meeting. Upon final action, any alternative selected by the Council would be included with the existing preferred alternative for the final rulemaking package. Staff contact is Sam Cunningham.

## Staff Tasking

In addition to discussing the relative priority of previously tasked projects, the Council initiated several new projects and clarified direction and tasking for its various committees. The Council tasked staff to do the following:

- hold a workshop, or set time during the February Council meeting, to receive presentations from other regions with experience working to develop Community Fishing Associations (CFAs);
- send a comment letter on the confidentiality of data collected by federal data collection programs, noting that the council is concerned with data quality and a cooperative approach to data collection, and potential ramifications relative to State laws on data confidentiality;
- prepare background materials on the license limitation program and participation in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery to evaluate the need for a recency requirement and elimination of the <32' exemption from the LLP program; and
- prepare a discussion paper on regulatory changes to encourage development of the CDQ Pacific cod fisheries in western Alaska.
- Prepare data tables showing participation in the GOA Pacific cod pot fishery in recent years.

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Dec 9 - 17, 2013 Anchorage, AK	Feb 2 - 10, 2014 Seattle, WA	April 7-15, 2014 Anchorage, AK
Safety report from NIOSH	Community Fishing Association 'workshop'	
Review IFQ proposals: <b>IFQ Implementation Committee report</b>	VMS: Discussion paper/ <b>Enf. Committee Recommendations</b>	
Observer Electronic Monitoring EFP: <b>Review (T)</b> Final 2014 annual deployment plan: Report	Observer Program Regulatory Amendments: <b>Discussion paper</b> SSL EIS: <b>Action as necessary</b>	
GOA Pot Gear for Sablefish: <b>Expanded Discussion Paper</b>	GOA Pcod pot sector participation: <b>Discussion paper (T)</b> Review BOF groundfish proposals	GOA Trawl Bycatch Management: <b>Discussion paper</b>
Review BOF scallop and pollock proposals	AI P.cod CV allocation/delivery: <b>Update/Discussion Paper</b>	
Amendment 80 program 5-Year review: <b>Develop Workplan</b>	BSAI Halibut PSC: <b>Updated discussion paper</b>	
GOA Rockfish Chinook Cap rollover: <b>Final Action</b>	PSEIS SIR: <b>Review Draft (T)</b>	
Charter Halibut Measures: <b>Cttee report and action as necessary</b>	BSAI Crab bycatch limits: <b>Expanded discussion paper (T)</b>	
Definition of fishing guide: <b>Final Action (T)</b>	Round Island Transit: <b>Final Action (T)</b>	Bering Sea Chinook/chum salmon bycatch: <b>Discussion paper (T)</b>
Round Island Transit: <b>Initial Review</b>	BS Canyons: <b>AFSC report; Discussion Paper (T)</b>	Scallop SAFE: <b>Plan Team report and OFL/ABC specifications</b>
Co-op Reporting Requirements: <b>Discussion Paper</b>	CDQ Pacific cod fishery development: <b>Discussion paper (T)</b>	
BSAI Crab Cooperative reports; crew provisions, etc. BSAI Crab ROFR contract clarification: <b>Discussion Paper</b>	GOA Tending: Update/Discussion Paper	Salmon EFH revisions: <b>Initial Review (T)</b>
Ecosystem Committee report on EBFM/EBM Grenadier management: <b>Initial Review</b>	Grenadier management: <b>Final Action</b>	
EGOA skate fishery: <b>Discussion paper; PT recommendation</b> GOA octopus fishery: <b>Discussion paper; PT recommendaiton</b> Groundfish Harvest Specifications: <b>Adopt final specifications</b>	Bering Sea FEP: <b>Discussion Paper</b>  Crab modeling workshop: <b>Report (SSC Only)</b> Chinook Salmon EDR: <b>Report from AFSC (T)</b>  Groundfish and Crab Economic SAFE reports: <b>SSC Review</b>	<b>ITEMS BELOW FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</b> BSAI Crab PSC numbers to weight: <b>Discussion paper</b> ROFR Aleutia PQS: <b>Final Action</b> Greenland Turbot allocation: <b>Initial Review</b> Electronic Monitoring Workgroup Report Charter Halibut Compensated Reallocation Pool: <b>Disc Paper</b> Norton Sound RKC LLPs: <b>Discussion paper (June)</b>

AI - Aleutian Islands  
AFA - American Fisheries Act  
BiOp - Biological Opinion  
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands  
BKC - Blue King Crab  
BOF - Board of Fisheries  
CQE - Community Quota Entity  
CDQ - Community Development Quota  
EDR - Economic Data Reporting  
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat  
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit  
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement  
FLL - Freezer longliners  
GOA - Gulf of Alaska

GKC - Golden King Crab  
GHL - Guideline Harvest Level  
HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern  
IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota  
IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota  
MPA - Marine Protected Area  
PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement  
PSC - Prohibited Species Catch  
RKC - Red King Crab  
ROFR - Right of First Refusal  
SSC - Scientific and Statistical Committee  
SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation  
SSL - Steller Sea Lion  
TAC - Total Allowable Catch

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations**

December 9-17, 2013, Anchorage  
February 2-10, 2014, Seattle  
April 7-15, 2014, Anchorage  
June 2-10, 2014, Nome  
October 6-14, 2014 Anchorage  
December 8-16, 2014, Anchorage  
February 2-10, 2015, Seattle  
April 6-14, 2015, Anchorage  
June 1-9, 2015, Sitka  
October 5-13, 2015 Anchorage  
December 7-15, 2015, Anchorage

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