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News & Notes

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Steller Sea Lion EIS

The Council received presentations from NMFS Alaska Region on several chapters of the Preliminary Draft EIS, including errata, Alternatives, RIR, Community Impacts, and Steller sea lion impacts, and received a presentation from the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee that summarized the discussion from the SSLMC meeting on March 21-22, 2013 and outlined the recommended PPA from the SSLMC. The Preliminary Preferred Alternative recommended by the Council is available on the Council's website. The motion passed by the Council to identify a PPA also requested NMFS to provide additional information and analysis prior to releasing the DEIS for public review, particularly to include key metrics which the Council will need in order to make an informed decision. Specifically the analysis was found lacking in its ability to differentiate impacts to Steller sea lions among the alternatives, and does not specify which criteria and methodologies will be used to determine jeopardy or adverse modification. The Council will receive an update on these issues at our June meeting. Final action by the Council is currently scheduled for October of this year. Staff contact is Steve MacLean.



Photo: Peggy Kircher

Observers and Electronic Monitoring

The Council received a presentation from NMFS on a draft EM strategic plan, as well as updates on implementation of the restructured program to date, and an outline of the type of information that will be presented to the Council in June for the first year performance evaluation. The agency cautioned that the June evaluation will be based on approximately three months of data, but will cover dockside and at sea implementation in all coverage categories, and will include information on the sampling rate and cost trajectories to date for vessels in the partial coverage fleet.

The Council requested that the agency complete the EM strategic plan for June, and asked for specific additions. The matrix on pages 4-7 that describes whether EM, as it is currently available, can meet observer monitoring activities, should be revised to include a broad list of tools, and a relative ranking of the ability of those tools to meet monitoring objectives. The Council also requests that the implementation section (page 13) be expanded to include funding options, timelines and implementation schedules, and a description of the EFP process.

The Council also approved the formation of an EM working group following the June Council meeting. The workgroup will be guided by the goals and objectives adopted by the Council in the strategic plan in June, but will help to design processes or proposals to inform the strategies and actions that

will implement those objectives for the Council's identified EM priority of the small boat (40'-57.5') fixed gear and Pacific cod fleets. The working group will likely include members of the Observer Advisory Committee (OAC), but may also include a broader membership as needed (for example, it may also include agency staff, stock assessment authors, or Plan Team members.) The group would report its proposals to the OAC, which in turn reports to the Council. The Council requested the agency to include, in its implementation section of the strategic plan, a description how the working group could most effectively collaborate with the agency with respect to the design of pilot EM programs (including the 2014 EM program), and the evaluation of alternative EM approaches. This description will allow the Council chair, in June, to best determine the appropriate membership of the working group, and the timing and scope of its meetings. The motion is posted on the Council website.

The Council chose to schedule an OAC meeting just prior to the June Council meeting, for the following purposes: (1) receive the report on the 2013 performance evaluation; (2) review the EM strategic plan; and (3) review regulatory amendment proposals already submitted for consideration, and develop recommended criteria for Council consideration of additional proposals under Staff Tasking. The Council also noted that the OAC will also meet in September to review the 2014 Annual Deployment Plan, and the Council will discuss any further tasking for that meeting in June.

Staff contact is Chris Oliver.

Walrus Islands Area Transit

The Council reviewed a preliminary review draft of an Environmental Assessment/RIR/IRFA analyzing impacts of establishing areas through walrus protection areas around Round Island and Cape Peirce walrus haulouts. After public comment and Council discussion the Council passed a motion authorizing staff, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop additions to the existing alternatives to facilitate passage through the walrus protection areas. Staff contact is Steve MacLean.

Crab Modeling

The SSC reviewed a report of a technical crab modeling workshop held in February to review developing models for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab and Norton Sound red king crab stocks. This is the 3rd NPFMC-sponsored crab modeling workshop in recent years and was attended by members of the Crab Plan Team, members of the SSC, the authors of crab and groundfish stock assessment models, outside technical stock assessment experts, and the general public. The SSC endorsed a number of recommendations in the report for moving forward in the development of those models. Revisions and further analyses to the Norton Sound red king crab model will be presented at the May Crab Plan Team meeting for use in specifications for the 2013/14 fishing year. The Aleutian Islands golden king crab model will not be used in this specifications cycle. The report from the modeling workshop is posted on the Council's website. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

AFA Vessel Replacement

The Council took final action on the analysis of allowing vessel replacement of American Fisheries Act (AFA) vessels. The purpose of this action is to clarify AFA vessel replacement provisions of the Coast Authorization Act of 2010 (Coast Guard Act) and to prevent AFA vessels that are replaced from increasing fishing effort beyond historical catch levels in the Gulf of Alaska.

At this meeting, the Council selected Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative. This alternative would allow an owner of an AFA catcher processors, catcher vessel, or mothership to rebuild or replace its vessel for improved vessel safety and operational efficiencies. An AFA rebuilt or replacement vessel would be subject to no limitations on length, size or horsepower while participating in the BSAI. In the GOA, AFA replacement or rebuilt vessels can participate in this area as long as the replacement or rebuilt vessel does not exceed the MLOA specified on the GOA LLP groundfish license assigned to the vessel at the time of fishing. A replacement vessel will be eligible to participate in the BSAI and GOA in the same manner as the replaced vessel. If the replaced vessel was exempt from sideboard limitations, the replacement vessel will be exempt. If the replaced vessel was subject to sideboard limitations, the replacement vessel will be subject to the same limitations.

The Council also included the vessel removal provision in its preferred action. This provision clarifies that the sideboard exemption status will be extinguished upon removal of an exempt vessel. Specifically, the Coast Guard Act enables an owner of an AFA catcher vessel that delivers to a shoreside processor to remove the vessel from the BS pollock fishery and assign the vessel's directed pollock fishing allowance to other vessels in the cooperative.

Staff contact is Jon McCracken.

BSAI Flatfish Specifications Flexibility

The Council adopted a preferred alternative (Alternative 3) for a proposed amendment that would allocate the ABC reserve (i.e., the difference between acceptable biological catch (ABC) and total allowable catch (TAC), minus a discretionary buffer amount that the Council could determine based on social, economic, or ecological considerations) for flathead sole, rock sole, and/or yellowfin sole, among the Amendment 80 cooperatives and CDQ groups, using the same formulas that are used in the annual harvest specifications process. These entities would be able to exchange their flathead sole, rock sole, or yellowfin sole quota share for an equivalent amount of their allocation of the ABC reserve for these three species. The Council also included Option 1 in their preferred alternative, which limits the number of exchanges that each entity can make to three per calendar year.

Additionally, the Council requested that Amendment 80 cooperatives provide draft annual reports to the Council no later than December 1st, each year, to include information on their use of ABC reserve exchanges and quota share transfers, actual harvest, and annual changes in catch capacity (for example, measured by a change in the number of harvesting platforms). The Council requested December drafts of the annual reports so that the current year's information could inform the Council's decision, during the harvest specifications process, as to whether to establish a buffer reducing the amount of the ABC reserve available to be exchanged by eligible entities. In their rationale supporting the preferred alternative, the Council identified different examples of how the discretionary buffer included in Alternative 3 will allow them to address any potential adverse impacts to other sectors, or environmental concerns, should they arise. With respect to implementation, NMFS noted that due to the changes that will be required to the catch accounting system, if the amendment is approved, it is unlikely to be effective before 2016. Staff contact is Diana Evans.

Ecosystem Committee

The Council endorsed the Committee's proposed plan for upcoming meetings to develop a draft workplan of next steps with respect to ecosystem-based management planning, as requested by the Council in February. The workplan will encompass the next year to two years, identifying opportunities for further work, both with respect to the integration of emerging ecosystem science with management, and responding to changing environmental conditions, in order to allow the Council to continue its leadership role in the evolution of ecosystem-based management. The Committee will convene a workshop at the AFSC in the early fall.

The Council also opted to comment to the Corps of Engineers about proposed permitting of gold mining activity in waters deeper than 30 feet in Norton Sound, and express its concern about EFH implications for Norton Sound red king crab. The Ecosystem Committee forwarded the recommendation after hearing from both NMFS and ADFG staff about concerns about habitat disturbance from mining activity in deeper waters. The Council also requested that the Crab Plan Team review the issue at their upcoming meeting.

The Ecosystem Committee will meet during the Council meeting in June to review the AFSC report and staff discussion paper on Bering Sea canyons, and discuss plans for the ecosystem-based management workshop. Ecosystem Committee minutes on this issue are available on the Council website. Staff contact is Steve MacLean.

Pacific cod Sector Split and AI Processing Sideboards

At this meeting, the Council reviewed a discussion paper on the implications of pending SSC action to set separate ABCs in 2014 for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Pacific cod. The discussion paper clarified that the combined BSAI sector allocations was the approach the Council determined most feasible in October 2011. This approach provides the greatest flexibility for sectors and is the simplest for NMFS to monitor relative to previous alternatives considered in the past. Under this approach, a sector's allocation could be fished in either the BS or AI, as long as ITAC was available in that area. Once the Pacific cod ITAC for either the BS or AI was reached, NMFS would issue a closure notice and all non-CDQ sectors would be required to stop directed fishing for Pacific cod in the closed area. The sectors with remaining allocation would then be allowed to continue directed fishing for Pacific cod in the remaining open area. The CDQ Program would have a specific allocation of the TAC in each area, managed separately.

The Council, concerned with shoreside processing protections in the context of the Steller sea lion EIS, had also requested an updated discussion paper of the Aleutian Islands (AI) Pacific cod processing sidebar analysis. After reviewing the discussion paper, the Council tasked staff to prepare a new discussion paper to evaluate the impacts of allocating a Pacific cod directed fishing allowance (TAC minus CDQ and ICA) in Area 541/542 to the catcher vessel sector, with a regionalized delivery requirement to shoreplants in the AI. Included in the discussion paper will be a discussion of a potential waiver to the delivery requirement in the event that there is insufficient shoreside processing capacity in the AI. The discussion paper will draw on the Western Aleutian Island golden king crab regional delivery requirements implemented in the BSAI crab rationalization program. The paper will also explore the need for and impacts of measures to avoid stranding AI ITAC, such as allowing catcher processor activity after a certain date or at higher ITAC levels. Finally, the Council requested the paper provide historical catch and processing distribution across the various sectors (gear and operational type) in Areas 541, 542, and 543, as well as a discussion of current processing capacity and activities in Adak and Atka.

Staff contact is Jon McCracken.

Staff Tasking

During its Staff Tasking agenda item, the Council discussed several issues and took action on the following items (in addition to those noted elsewhere in the newsletter): (1) tasked staff to prepare a report on Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea Pollock fishery, including the status of stocks and fisheries, impacts of new genetic information, information on bycatch by sector, and mechanisms of the incentive plan; (2) requested letters be sent to the legislators and others who commented on salmon bycatch, informing them of the Council's action at this meeting; (3) tasked staff to prepare a discussion paper on requirements for cooperative reports, including a review of the types of information presented and suggestions for improvement; (4) outlined specific items to be addressed by the Observer Advisory Committee and the Ecosystem Committee; (5) provided direction on research priorities; (6) tasked BSAI crab plan team to review the proposal from the Adak Community Development Corporation to remove Adak red king crab (Area O east of 179 W) from the FMP; (7) and tasked staff to prepare a report on tendering in the GOA.

June in Juneau!

As a reminder, the Council will be meeting in Juneau, Alaska for its next meeting, June 3-11, 2013. The meetings will be held at the Centennial Hall. For accommodation information, contact www.traveljuneau.com.

Public Workshop on Stock Structure

The Council is sponsoring a public workshop on conservation, management, and policy in spatial management of catch limits on April 16, 2013. The identification of unique spatial structure within the broader distribution of a marine species raises the question of the appropriate spatial scale at which to establish harvest limits for that species. This decision making process assumes a tolerance for risk that reflects a fundamental balance of managing for both conservation and yield. This workshop is intended to:

- clarify the process by which stock structure determinations are made in the context of risk, costs, and benefits;
- explore existing and potential management tools that are responsive to discrete spatial catch limits or which can mitigate risk associated with broader stock management; and
- identify a process of incorporating considerations of policy, management, and fishery yield in future stock structure considerations.

The public is invited to attend in person at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Building 3, in Seattle or via webex. See the Council website for more information. Contact Jane DiCosimo or Diana Stram.

Bering Sea Chinook Salmon Bycatch

The Council reviewed reports from the Bering Sea pollock industry on their current Incentive Program Agreements (IPAs) for Chinook salmon bycatch reduction as required under Amendment 91 as well as reports from the Inter-cooperative Agreement (ICA) for chum salmon bycatch rolling hotspot (RHS) management. The Council also reviewed genetic results for the 2011 pollock fisheries for Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea and GOA, as well as for chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea. This is the second year of Chinook salmon PSC management under this program in the Bering Sea. In conjunction with forthcoming chum PSC management measures, the Council also requested an update from the IPAs on progress towards including chum management in their existing program.

The Council discussed the information included in the IPA reports currently per the reporting requirements, as well as the need for additional information that would be relevant to understanding the efficacy of the Council's Chinook PSC management program. The Council also received public testimony regarding the status of Chinook stocks statewide and the recent subsistence and commercial restrictions.

Given the Council's responsibility to monitor whether its current bycatch reduction program is working as intended, the Council moved to evaluate the issue in relation to the most recent context of the directed salmon fisheries and the most recent genetic information and adult-equivalency (AEQ) analysis, similar to what was analyzed prior to the new program. As such the Council requested a report by staff on Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery which would provide additional information to best evaluate the efficacy of the current program. Information to be included in this report includes:

- A review of the status of Alaska Chinook salmon stocks, including subsistence, sport, and commercial fishery restrictions and whether escapement goals have been met
- A report of genetic stock identification (2011) along with stock-based adult-equivalency (AEQ), run reconstruction, and PSC harvest rate analyses for Chinook salmon stocks. The AEQ analysis should include an estimate of the impacts to each specific stock grouping of

bycatch at the current cap levels (47,591 and 60,000) and actual bycatch levels in 2011 and 2012.

- Information to evaluate fishing and bycatch performance under Amendment 91:
 - Numbers and rates of bycatch taken by month, by sector (2003-2013 to date)
 - Use of salmon excluders, by sector and season (or month if available)
 - Variability between bycatch rates per vessel within each sector (2011 – 2012),

The Council indicated that evaluation of the efficacy of this program remains a very high priority and that this report is to be reviewed no later than the October Council meeting in Anchorage. In conjunction with this report the Council also requested that industry provide a description of incentive measures contained within their IPAs.

The Council further intends to send responses to the Alaska state legislature to indicate the importance of this issue and the direction of the Council's review and schedule on this item. The Council also intends to consider additional outreach activities in rural Alaska communities on Chinook salmon bycatch through its Rural Community Outreach Committee. The full Council motion is posted on the website. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

Upcoming Meetings

Spatial Management workshop: April 16, 2013 AFSC Seattle. 9-5pm. To participate via webex: npfmc.webex.com

Crab Plan Team: April 30-May 3, 2013. Clarion Suites, downtown Anchorage. Agenda posted on the Council's website. September 17-20, location TBA

Pacific Cod Modeling Workshop: May 13, via webex. 2:30 pm

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries: May 7-9, 2013, Washington DC

Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee: TBA

Groundfish Plan Teams: September 10-13 and November 18-22, 2013

Fishing Cooperatives Report Review

The Council received reports from the BSAI and GOA fishing industry cooperatives on the 2012 fisheries overview as required by regulations. These included reports from the representatives of the Amendment 80 cooperatives which are allocated a portion of total allowance catches (TACs) for Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and 3 flatfish species (yellow sole, rock sole, and flathead sole), along with an allocation of prohibited species catch (PSC) quota for halibut and crab in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands,; from the cooperatives participating in the Central GOA of Alaska Rockfish Program; and from the AFA Bering Sea Pollock fishery cooperatives (including IPA reports on Chinook salmon bycatch avoidance measures). Throughout the course of this review the Council noted the variability in information being reported by each entity, both in written and oral reports. The Council requested that staff provide a discussion paper listing the regulatory requirements for cooperative reports, as well as a summary of what is usually reported, and some suggested additions based on comments and concerns noted by the Council during the report review. The Council intends to provide the industry further direction on what additional information would be most useful to include in written and verbal reports in order to best understand the function and results of each program. This would ideally provide a non-regulatory means to enhance these reports to better meet the needs of the Council and stakeholders in annually reviewing them. Staff contact is Chris Oliver or Jon McCracken.

Scallop Management

The Council reviewed the annual stock assessment fishery evaluation (SAFE) report providing an overview of scallop management, scallop harvests and the status of the regional weathervane scallop stocks. Scallop stocks are neither overfished nor approaching an overfished condition. The SSC recommended an acceptable biological catch (ABC) level of 1.161 million pounds shucked scallop meats for the 2013/14 fishery. This ABC level is established statewide for the fishery and presents the maximum permissible ABC control rule.

The SSC noted some concerns with declining harvests following a decrease in guideline harvest levels for several regions due to indications of low recruitment, declining catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) and other indications of management concern by the State. The SSC endorsed the Scallop Plan Team's recommendation to hold a workshop for discussing the management of data-poor stocks such as weathervane scallops, which are managed using primarily fishery-dependent data. The goal of the workshop would be to move forward on other techniques for estimating biological reference points (such as productivity-susceptibility analysis, depletion-corrected average catch) as well as additional management strategies employed elsewhere for scallop stocks such as rotational closures. The Council indicated its support for such a workshop. The Scallop SAFE report and Scallop Plan Team report are posted on the Council's website. Staff contact is Diana Stram.



Research Priorities

The SSC reviewed research priorities submitted by the Joint Groundfish Plan teams and the Scallop Plan team and received reports from staff on a new process for reviewing, organizing and prioritizing research priorities on an annual basis. The SSC provided input to staff on the development of a relational database for organizing information relevant to research priorities and will continue to provide input to staff prior to the June Council meeting when research priorities are annually recommended to the Council for their review. Per SSC request, the Council moved to agenda a discussion of the Council's management priorities in conjunction with the June meeting to begin the process of annually defining these for use in both Council discussions of priority items as well as annual advice to the SSC. This would assist the SSC in their ability to highlight research which best meets the Council's current priority objectives for management. The Council requested that staff assemble information to assist the Council in their review, such as available policy-level tools like the groundfish workplan, compilation of recent council actions and other information that would assist them indicating their current management objectives. Additional research priorities from the Crab Plan Team will be available for review in June. At that time the SSC will combine and prioritize research priorities to forward to the Council for their review and recommendations. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

CQE Small Block Restriction

The Council took final action on an amendment to remove a limitation that restricts community quota entities (CQEs) from purchasing small blocks of halibut and sablefish quota share (QS) in the Gulf of Alaska. The Council selected a preferred alternative that would allow CQEs to purchase any size block of quota share. The Council also adopted a modified problem statement emphasizing that removing the small block restriction is an incremental step in addressing the continued decline in the number of IFQ holders in small GOA fishery dependent coastal communities. During discussion, the Council highlighted the importance of providing a mechanism that allows former residents of CQE communities to sell their small blocks of QS to the CQEs that exist to preserve fishing opportunities for the residents of their home community.

The Council took into account the potential for this action to impact halibut and sablefish participants who do not live in CQE-eligible communities, particularly new entrants and small-vessel operators who did not receive large initial quota allocations. The Council noted that halibut quota for the smallest vessel class (Category D shares) would remain largely restricted from CQE purchase in Area 3A, and completely restricted in Area 2C. In addition, CQEs will remain limited to owning no more than 10 blocks of halibut quota and 5 blocks of sablefish quota in any one management area, which effectively preserves an amount of catcher vessel QS for purchase by individuals. Finally, discussion reflected a low likelihood that removing the small block restriction would have a direct impact on the price of quota share. Staff contact is Sam Cunningham.

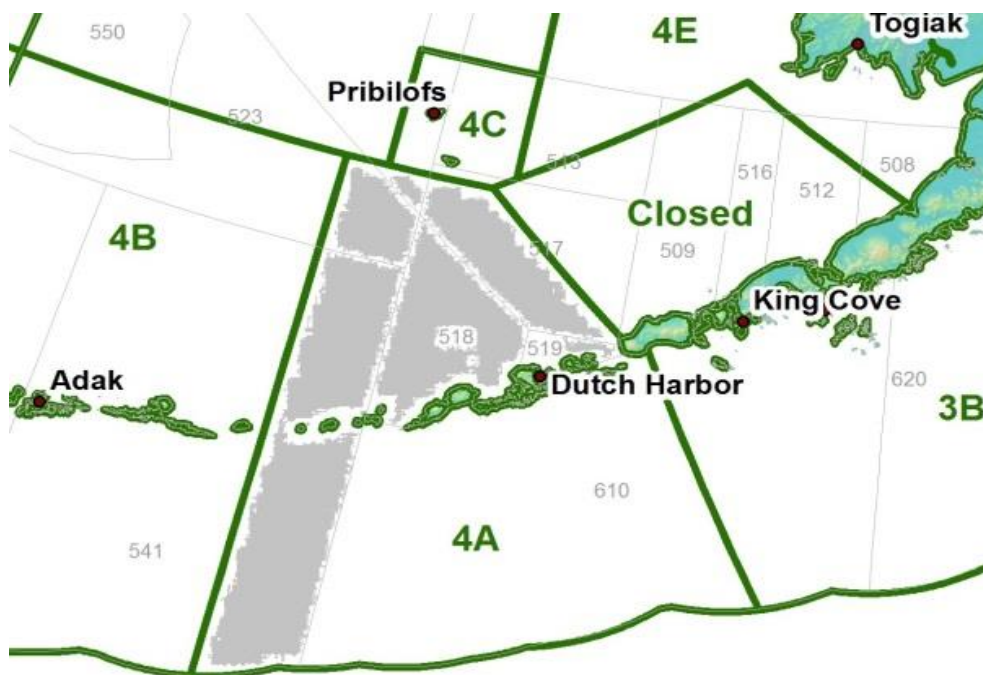
Legal Gear for Halibut in 4A

The Council reviewed an expanded discussion paper on issues pertinent to a proposal to allow Area 4A halibut IFQ harvests to be retained in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands sablefish IFQ pots (in the area of overlap between the halibut and sablefish regulatory areas – see map) and decided to recommend the proposed action to the International Pacific Halibut Commission. The Council noted the conservation benefit to the Pacific halibut resource by decreasing halibut mortality associated with current mandatory discards. The IPHC likely will schedule action on the proposal in January 2014, as regulating legal gear for halibut retention is under its management authority. Federal (and State of Alaska) regulations also would need to be revised to identify pots as legal gear, which requires a regulatory analysis and proposed and final rulemaking. Both sets of regulations would be timed to become effective simultaneously (2015 at the earliest). The Council noted it may consider adding management tools if the IPHC adopts the proposed action; possible tools include a discard mortality rate for the sablefish IFQ fishery and/or a maximum retainable

allowance (MRA), with a range between not implementing a MRA to 100% retention of halibut in the affected fishery. Two papers that were reviewed by the Council on this issue are posted on the Council website. Contact Jane DiCosimo for more information.

Bering Sea Sablefish Quota

The Council reviewed a discussion paper on potential action to revise management of sablefish in order to attain higher optimum yield under the 2 million metric ton cap on BSAI Groundfish TACs. The Council reviewed two potential approaches to reapportion BS sablefish trawl TAC, which is allocated 50% of the total BS sablefish TAC under the FMP. The trawl fisheries take less than 10 percent of that allocation. A commercial fishing representative requested that the Council consider industry guidance at its October meeting. The Council took no action but will schedule an industry report under the proposed groundfish harvest specification agenda item in October 2013. Jane DiCosimo is the staff contact for BSAI groundfish issues.



Shaded area considered in proposal to allow Area 4A halibut IFQ harvests to be retained in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands sablefish IFQ pots.

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June 3-11, 2013 Juneau, AK	Sept 30 - Oct 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK	Dec 9 - 17, 2013 Anchorage, AK
BOF/Council joint protocol meeting - June 12	BS Sablefish Apportionment: Industry Report	
Observer Program: 3rd Party discussion paper; First year report; EM strategic plan; OAC report	Observer Program: 2nd year deployment plan	
SSL EIS: Progress Report; BiOp analytical approach	AI P. cod processing: Discussion Paper SSL EIS: Final Action (T)	
GOA Trawl Bycatch Management: Discussion Papers; roadmap GOA Trawl Data Collection: Initial Review	GOA Trawl Bycatch Management: action as necessary GOA Trawl Data Collection: Final Action	GOA Trawl Bycatch Management: action as necessary
H/S IFQ Disc papers (GOA sablefish pots, sablefish A-share caps) Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Leasing prohibition: Update Definition of fishing guide: Initial Review	BSAI Halibut PSC: Updated discussion paper (T) Definition of fishing guide: Final Action	Charter Halibut Measures: Cttee report and action as necessary
GOA Chinook Bycatch non-pollock trawl fisheries: Final Action	Co-op Reporting Requirements: Discussion Paper Industry IPA report for BSAI chum salmon BSAI Chinook Salmon Discussion Paper: Review	
BSAI Crab: CPT report; OFL/ABC specifications for 4 stocks	BSAI Crab: CPT report; OFL/ABC specifications for 6 stocks BSAI Crab Cooperative reports; crew provisions, etc.	PSEIS and SIR: Review Draft (T)
BS Canyons: Updated AFSC report; Fishing activities and management discussion paper	Groundfish Harvest Specifications: Adopt proposed specifications EGOA skate fishery: Discussion paper; PT recommendation	Groundfish Harvest Specifications: Adopt final specifications
GOA P cod sideboards for FLL: Final Action	Grenadier management: Initial Review (T)	Grenadier management: Final Action (T)
GOA Groundfish Tendering: Report (T)	Round Island Transit: Initial Review	Round Island Transit: Final Action (T)
Stock Structure Workshop Report	Ecosystem Committee Report on EBFM Workplan	
LAPP Cost Recovery: Council recommendations	Amendment 80 program 5-Year review: Develop Workplan	
Industry update on turbot fishery negotiations		
Research Priorities		
		ITEMS BELOW FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
		BSAI Crab PSC numbers to weight: Discussion paper BSAI Crab bycatch limit evaluations: Expanded discussion paper Salmon EFH revisions: Initial Review ROFR Aleutia PQS: Final Action Greenland Turbot allocation: Initial Review
		Charter Halibut Compensated Reallocation Pool: Disc Paper MPA Nominations: Discuss and consider nominations

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

June 3-11, 2013, Juneau
September 30-Oct 8, 2013 Anchorage
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

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