

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
196th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 10-16, 2010
Benson Hotel

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

Feb 8 – 8am – Crystal Ballroom (Lobby)
Feb 8 – 8am – Cambridge/Oxford (2nd Floor)
Feb 9 – 1pm – 5pm – Parliament 3-4 (Lower Level)

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 February 2, 2010**. 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 October Minutes
- B. REPORTS** (6 hrs)
- B-1 Executive Director's Report (including reports on catch shares and marine spatial planning)
 - B-2 NMFS Management Report/AFSC report
 - B-3 ADF&G Report
 - B-4 IPHC Report
 - B-5 USCG Report
 - B-6 NMFS Enforcement Report
 - B-7 USFWS Report
 - B-8 Protected Species Report (including update on BiOp schedule and CIE review and sea bird update)
- C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**
- C-1 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program (6 hrs)
 - (a) Review proposals, receive committee report, and take action as necessary.
 - (b) Review discussion paper on CQE Program.
 - C-2 Observer Program (4 hrs)
 - (a) Progress on Implementation Plan.
 - (b) OAC Report.
 - C-3 Bering Sea Crab Issues (4 hrs)
 - (a) Initial Review BSAI Crab ROFR.
 - (b) Initial Review WAG King Crab Regional Delivery (T).
 - (c) NOAA/Bering Sea Fisheries Foundation report.
 - (d) Review methodology for ACL analysis and performance measures for rebuilding. (SSC only)
 - C-4 Groundfish Annual Catch Limits (2 hrs)
 - Initial review of Groundfish ACL requirements.
 - C-5 Amendment 80 Cooperative (6 hrs)
 - (a) Initial review of Amendment 80 Lost Vessel Replacement.
 - (b) Final Action Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation.
 - C-6 GOA Rockfish Program (4 hrs)
 - (a) Receive 2009 Cooperative Report.
 - (b) Refine alternatives for analysis.

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 American Fisheries Act (2 hrs)
Review 2009 Co-op reports and 2010 co-op agreements.
- D-2 Data Collection Discussion paper (T) (2 hrs)
Review discussion paper and take action as necessary.
- D-3 Miscellaneous Issues (8 hrs)
(a) Review of analytical methods for BSAI Chum salmon bycatch (SSC only).
(b) Review new area closure options for chum bycatch alternative.
(c) Review preliminary EFH report (SSC only).
(d) Review and adopt HAPC criteria and schedule.
(e) Report and action as necessary on AI FEP addendum.
(f) Review discussion paper on stranding of BSAI Pacific cod TAC (T).
(g) Review discussion paper on halibut PSC limits (T).
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)
Review Committees and tasking.
- D-5 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (48 hrs)

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

February 2010

	SSC Cambridge/Oxford	AP Crystal Ballroom	Council Mayfair Ballroom	
Monday Feb 8	8:00 am C-5(a) Amendment 80 Lost Vessel Replacement D-3 (a, b) Miscellaneous Issues	8:00 am C-1 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs		
	1:00 pm C-3 (a, b, d) Bering Sea Crab Issues	1:00 pm C-1 continued C-2 Observer Program		
Tuesday Feb 9	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-4 Groundfish ACLs Review NS2 Guidelines	8:00 am C-2 continued C-3 Bering Sea Crab Issues		
	1:00 pm C-3(c) BS Crab Issues D-2 Data Collection D-3 (c, d, e) Miscellaneous Issues	1:00 pm C-3 continued C-4 Groundfish ACLs		
Wednesday Feb 10	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am Workshop on Ecosystem Indicators	8:00 am C-4 continued C-5 Am 80 Cooperative		8:00 am B Reports
	1:00 pm Continued as necessary	1:00 pm C-5 continued		1:00 pm B-1 continued C-3(c) NOAA/BS Fisheries Foundation Report C-1 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs
Thursday Feb 11		8:00 am C-6 GOA Rockfish Program	8:00 am C-1 continued	
		1:00 pm D-1 AFA D-2 Data Collection	1:00 pm C-2 Observer Program	
Friday Feb 12		8:00 am D-3 Miscellaneous Issues	8:00 am C-3 Bering Sea Crab Issues	
		1:00 pm D-3 continued D-4 Staff Tasking	12:00pm Executive Session (T) 1:00 pm C-4 Groundfish ACLs C-5 Am 80 Cooperative	
Saturday Feb 13		8:00 am C-5 continued		
		1:00 pm C-6 GOA Rockfish Program		
Sunday Feb 14		8:00 am D-1 AFA D-2 Data Collection		
		1:00 pm D-3 Miscellaneous Issues		
Monday Feb 15		8:00 am D-3 continued		
		1:00 pm D-4 Staff Tasking		
Tuesday Feb 16	8:00am Continue as necessar			

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.