

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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September 4, 2009

DRAFT AGENDA
194th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 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
Enforcement Committee (T)
IFQ Implementation Team
Interpreting Stock Assessments – by Dr. Low

Beginning

Oct 1 – 8am – Dillingham/Katmai Room
Oct 1 – 8am – King Salmon Room
Oct 2 – 1-4pm – Illiamna Room
September 30 – 9am-5pm – Chart Room
October 3 – 6pm – Dillingham/Katmai

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 **Monday September 28, 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) Election of Officers
- (b) Approval of Agenda
- (c) Approval of Minutes

B. REPORTS

(4 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 NMFS Management Report
- B-3 ADF&G Report (including report on BOF proposals)
- B-4 USCG Report
- B-5 USFWS Report
- B-6 Protected Species Report

C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS

- C-1 GOA Pacific Cod Allocation (8 hrs)
Initial review GOA P. cod sector split.
- C-2 GOA Rockfish Program (6 hrs)
Discussion paper and action as necessary.
- C-3 Observer Program (6 hrs)
 - (a) Receive report on electronic monitoring EFP Phase 2.
 - (b) Review implementation analysis; Receive OAC report and action as necessary.
- C-4 Bering Sea Crab Issues (10 hrs)
 - (a) BSAI Crab Regional Delivery Relief, identify preliminary preferred alternative.
 - (b) Initial Review of Crab ROFR provisions.
 - (c) Review proposals to address western AI golden king crab fishery.
 - (d) Review outline for 5-year review of the program.
 - (e) Approve BSAI Crab SAFE and OFLs; receive discussion paper on PSC limits.
 - (f) Review status of St Matthew & Pribilof BKC and Opilio rebuilding plans.
- C-5 Groundfish Final Actions (6 hrs)
 - (a) Final action on trawl sweep requirements for flatfish trawl fishery.
 - (b) Final Action on management of BSAI Skates complex.
 - (c) Receive Plan Team reports; Approve proposed catch specifications.
- C-6 Permit Fees (2 hrs)
Final action on permit fees.

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D. OTHER ISSUES

- D-1 Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)
(a) Initial Review of salmon bycatch data collection.
(b) Receive Geiger/Pella report on salmon bycatch sampling. (SSC only/and NMFS salmon sampling protocol)
- D-2 Groundfish Issues (6 hrs)
(a) Review progress on ACL requirements.
(b) Review discussion paper on GOA Tanner and Chinook bycatch.
(c) ~~Initial review of Al Cod Processing Sideboards (T)~~ (postponed)
(d) Approve 5-year Research Priorities.
(e) HAPC evaluation criteria (SSC only)
- D-3 Halibut Issues (2 hrs)
(a) 3-year charter halibut logbook review
- D-4 Staff Tasking (2 hrs)
(a) Review Committees and tasking.
(b) Review Rural Community Outreach Committee report.
(c) Consider additional alternative for Amendment 93 per NMFS request.
- D-5 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Draft Agenda and Schedule

October 2009

	SSC King Salmon	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian	
Thursday Oct 1	8:00 am C-3 Observer program D-1 Salmon Bycatch	8:00 am C-2 GOA Rockfish		
	1:00 pm C-4 Bering Sea crab	1:00 pm C-2 continued C-1 GOA P. cod split		
Friday Oct 2	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am C-4 continued C-5(c) Groundfish Actions	8:00 am C-1 continued C-3 Observer Program		
	1:00 pm C-5 continued D-2 Groundfish Issues	1:00 pm C-3 continued D-1 Salmon Bycatch		
Saturday Oct 3 Interpreting Stock Assessments: A presentation by Dr. Loh-lee Low. 6pm	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am D-2 continued	8:00 am C-4 BSAI crab		8:00 am B Reports C-1 GOA P. cod split
	1:00 pm D-3 Halibut Logbook	1:00 pm C-4 continued C-5 Groundfish Actions		1:00 pm C-1 continued
Sunday Oct 4		8:00 am C-5 continued	8:00 am D-1(a) Salmon Bycatch Data C-2 GOA Rockfish	
		1:00 pm C-6 Permit Fees D-2 Groundfish Issues	1:00 pm C-2 continued	
Monday Oct 5		8:00 am D-2 continued	8:00 am C-3 Observer Program	
		1:00 pm D-3 Halibut Logbook D-4 Staff tasking	12:00pm Executive Session (T) 1:00 pm C-3 continued D-1(b) NMFS report C-4 BSAI Crab Issues	
Tuesday Oct 6				8:00 am C-4 continued
				1:00 pm C-4 continued
Wednesday Oct 7	8:00 am C-5 Groundfish Actions			
	1:00 pm C-5 continued C-6 Permit Fees			
Thursday Oct 8	8:00 am D-2 Groundfish Issues			
	1:00 pm D-2 continued			
Friday Oct 9	8:00am D-3 Halibut Logbook D-4 Staff tasking			
	1:00 pm continue 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.