

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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September 8, 2010

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**200th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**October 6-12, 2010**  
**Hotel Captain Cook**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Hotel Captain Cook, 939 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
Joint Protocol meeting

Beginning

October 4 – 8am – 5pm – Aft Deck  
October 4 – 8am – 5pm - Endeavor  
October 5 – 1pm – 5pm – Club Room  
October 5 – 1pm – 5pm – Quarterdeck

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 September 28, 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**

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
<b>AI</b>	Aleutian Islands	<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>BS</b>	Bering Sea	<b>MRA</b>	Maximum Retainable Amount
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EFP</b>	Exempted Fishing Permit	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota		
<b>IPHC</b>	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 June/August Minutes

**B. REPORTS**

(8 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 NMFS Management Report (including review of the draft regulations to implement the Council's (1) halibut catch sharing plan and (2) GOA rockfish catch share program for consistency with Council intent when it adopted these programs in October 2008 and June 2010)
- B-3 ADF&G Report (including final estimates of 2009 charter halibut catches in 2C and 3A)
- B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report
- B-5 USCG Report
- B-6 USFWS Report
- B-7 Protected Species Report (Report from NMFS on SSL RPA measures; Council discussion of next steps)

**C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

- C-1 Observer Program Restructuring (16 hrs)
  - (a) Receive report from Observer Committee.
  - (b) Final action on program restructuring.
- C-2 BSAI Crab SAFE/OFLs (2 hrs)  
Review and approve SAFE and annual catch specifications.
- C-3 BSAI Crab ACLs/snow crab rebuilding (6 hrs)  
Final action on amendment to establish ACLs and rebuilding plan.
- C-4 Scallop ACLs (2 hrs)  
Final action to establish scallop ACLs.
- C-5 GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch (6 hrs)  
Final action to close areas to minimize bycatch of Tanner crabs.
- C-6 Arrowtooth Flounder MRA (2 hrs)  
Final action to revise MRAs of groundfish in BSAI arrowtooth fishery.
- C-7 Research Priorities (1 hr)  
Finalize 5 year research priorities.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 BSAI Crab Issues (3 hrs)  
(a) Initial review Pribilof BKC rebuilding plan.  
(b) Review discussion paper on Economic Data Collection, action as necessary.
- D-2 Groundfish Specifications (2 hrs)  
(a) Receive Plan Team report.  
(b) Adopt proposed catch limits.
- D-3 Miscellaneous Issues (4 hrs)  
(a) Review discussion paper on GOA Halibut PSC. (T)  
(b) Review regulations and forms - BSAI Chinook Salmon Bycatch EDR  
(c) Annual review of Groundfish Workplan.  
(d) Preliminary screening of HAPC proposals.
- D-4 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
Review Committees and tasking.
- D-5 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

**Draft Agenda and Schedule**

**October 2010**

	<b>SSC Endeavor</b>	<b>AP Aft Deck</b>	<b>Council Mid Deck</b>	
<b>Monday Oct 4</b>	8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab SAFE/OFLs C-3 BSAI Crab ACLs	8:00 am C-1 Observer Program	Joint Protocol Committee 1pm-5pm Quarterdeck (Tower 1 – 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor)	
	1:00 pm C-3 continued C-4 Scallop ACLs	1:00 pm C-1 continued		
<b>Tuesday Oct 5</b>	8:00 am D-1 BSAI Crab Issues (T) C-7 Research Priorities	8:00 am C-1 continued		
	1:00 pm D-2 Groundfish Specs	1:00 pm C-2 BSAI Crab SAFE/OFLs C-3 BSAI Crab ACLs		
<b>Wednesday Oct 6</b>	8:00 am D-2 continued	8:00 am C-4 Scallop ACLs		8:00 am B Report
	1:00 pm continue if necessary	1:00 pm C-5 GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch		1:00 pm B Reports continued
<b>Thursday Oct 7</b>		8:00 am C-6 Arrowtooth MRA D-1 BSAI Crab Issues	8:00 am C-1 Observer	
		1:00 pm D-1 continued	<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-1 continued	
<b>Friday Oct 8</b>		8:00 am D-2 Groundfish Specs D-3 Miscellaneous Issues	8:00 am C-1 continued	
		1:00 pm continue if necessary	1:00 pm C-1 continued	
<b>Saturday Oct 9</b>			8:00 am C-2 BSAI Crab SAFE/OFLs C-3 BSAI Crab ACLs	
1:00 pm C-3 continued				
<b>Sunday Oct 10</b>			8:00 am C-4 Scallop ACLs C-5 GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch	
			1:00 pm C-5 continued C-6 Arrowtooth MRA	
<b>Monday Oct 11</b>			8:00 am C-7 Research Priorities D-1 BSAI Crab Issues	
			1:00 pm D-2 Groundfish Specs D-3 Miscellaneous Issues	
<b>Tuesday Oct 12</b>	8:00am D-3 continued D-4 Staff Tasking			
	1:00pm D-4 continued			

**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.**