

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**197th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**April 8-14, 2010**  
**Hilton Hotel**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
Ecosystem Committee

Beginning

April 6 – 8am – Dillingham/Katmai  
April 6 – 8am – King Salmon/Illiamna  
April 7 – 9am – 12pm  
April 7 – 1pm – 5pm

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 March 30, 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) Approval of Agenda
  - (b) Approval of February Minutes
- B. REPORTS** (4 hrs)
- B-1 Executive Director's Report (incl. comments on NOAA catch share policy)
  - B-2 NMFS Management Report (incl. update on observer program outreach; freezer longliner catch monitoring discussion)
  - B-3 ADF&G Report
  - B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report
  - B-5 USCG Report
  - B-6 USFWS Report
  - B-7 Protected Species Report
- C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**
- C-1 Steller Sea Lion Biological Opinion (T) (12 hrs)
    - (a) Review BiOp/schedule/ process, and take action as necessary.
  - C-2 Charter Halibut Permit Endorsements (Council only) (4 hrs)
    - Review analysis and take final action to clarify permit endorsements.
  - C-3 Groundfish Annual Catch Limits (2 hrs)
    - (a) Receive report from Non-Target Species Committee.
    - (b) Final action on Groundfish ACL requirements.
  - C-4 GOA Rockfish Program (8 hrs)
    - Initial Review of Analysis for CGOA Limited Access rockfish program.
  - C-5 Bering Sea Crab Rationalization Program Issues (4 hrs)
    - (a) Emergency Exemptions from Regionalization – Stakeholder proposals.
    - (b) Final action on WAG King Crab Regional Delivery.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Crab Management (4 hrs)  
(a) Preliminary Review of BSAI Crab Annual Catch Limit Analysis and BSAI Snow/Tanner crab rebuilding plans.  
(b) Preliminary Review of Pribilof BKC rebuilding plan.  
(c) Design of 2010 NOAA/BSFRF field research (SSC Only)
- D-2 Scallop Management (2 hrs)  
(a) Review SAFE report.  
(b) Preliminary Review of Scallop Annual Catch Limit Analysis.
- D-3 Miscellaneous Groundfish Issues (6 hrs)  
(a) Initial Review of analysis for controlling GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch.  
(b) Review discussion paper on GOA Chinook Salmon Bycatch.  
(c) Review progress on Northern Bering Sea Research Plan.  
(d) Receive Amendment 80 Coop report; action as necessary.  
(e) Receive report of EFP testing of Chinook salmon excluder.
- D-4 Miscellaneous Issues (6 hrs)  
(a) EFH 5 Year Review, action as necessary.  
(b) Review and adopt HAPC criteria and priorities.  
(c) Report and action as necessary on AI Team TOR  
(d) Rural Community Outreach Report; action as necessary.
- D-5 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking  
(b) Review process and timing for king crab EDRs.
- D-6 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (56 hrs)

## NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### Draft Agenda and Schedule

**April 2010**

	SSC King Salmon/Iliamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian Room	
<b>Tuesday Apr 6</b>	8:00 am C-1 SSL BiOp (T)	8:00 am C-4 GOA Rockfish		
	1:00 pm D-3 Misc Groundfish D-4 Misc Issues	1:00 pm C-4 continued		
<b>Wednesday Apr 7</b> Enforcement Cmte 9-12 Ecosystem Cmte 1-5 pm	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00am C-4 GOA Rockfish	8:00 am C-1 SSL BiOp (T)		
	1:00 pm D-1 Crab Mgmt	1:00 pm C-3 Groundfish ACLs C-5 BSAI Crab Issues		
<b>Thursday Apr 8</b>	8:00 am Review draft minutes 9:00 am D-2 Scallop Management	8:00 am D-1 Crab Mgmt		8:00 am B Reports
	1:00 pm Continued as necessary	1:00 pm D-2 Scallop Mgmt		1:00 pm C-1 SSL BiOp (T)
<b>Friday Apr 9</b>		8:00 am D-3 Misc Groundfish	8:00 am C-1 continued	
		1:00 pm D-4 Misc Issues	<b>12:00pm Executive Session (T)</b> 1:00 pm C-1 continued	
<b>Saturday Apr 10</b>		8:00 am D-5 Staff Tasking	8:00 am C-1 continued C-2 Charter Halibut	
<b>Sunday Apr 11</b>		1:00 pm C-3 Groundfish ACLs C-4 GOA Rockfish		
		8:00 am C-4 continued		
		1:00 pm C-5 BSAI Crab Issues		
<b>Monday Apr 12</b>	8:00 am D-1 Crab Mgmt			
	1:00 pm D-2 Scallop Mgmt D-3 Misc Groundfish			
<b>Tuesday Apr 13</b>	8:00 am D-3 continued			
	1:00 pm D-4 Misc. Issues			
<b>Wednesday Apr 14</b>	8:00am D-5 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.**