

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

* 51st Plenary Session NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

December 7-9, 1982
Anchorage Westward Hilton
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 1982, in the Alaska Room of the Westward Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska, and will adjourn about 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 1982. The Council will meet with the Alaska Board of Fisheries on Tuesday to discuss the western Alaska herring and Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. There may be preliminary discussions on Southeast salmon in preparation for the main discussions between the Board and Council in January 1983.

The Council will meet alone on Wednesday and Thursday to conduct its business. The Council will review the question of banning the use of pot gear for sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska from Cape Addington to 140°W longitude, may approve the revised Bering-Chukchi Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan for resubmission to the Secretary of Commerce, and will consider final adoption of a Pacific Council/North Pacific Council coastwide natural chinook stock policy. They will review and make recommendations on permit applications for 1983 from ships from Japan, Republic of Korea, Poland, Taiwan, Norway, and West Germany for direct allocations of fish and from Japan, West Germany, and Korea to buy fresh fish from U.S. fishermen in joint ventures.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 1982, in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room 284 at 605 West Fourth Avenue (the old Federal Court Building), Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting may continue on Tuesday, December 7.

The Advisory Panel will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 1982, in the Kenai Room at the Anchorage Westward Hilton.

All meetings are open to the public.

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report

B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by Alaska Department of Fish and Game

B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by National Marine Fisheries Service

B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard

B-5 Joint Venture Operations

B-6 NMFS Observer Program

(a) Preliminary report on activities in 1982

(b) Estimates of incidental catches of crabs, salmon, and halibut in 1982

(c) Plans for 1983

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 Confirmation of AP Appointments

Appointments to the 25-member Advisory Panel should be made at this meeting for 2-year terms effective January 1, 1983.

C-2 Confirmation of SSC Membership

Appointments to the 11-member Scientific and Statistical Committee should be made for 2-year terms effective January 1, 1983.

C-3 Coast Guard Report on Disposition of Violations

Final disposition of foreign fishing vessel violations in the Alaska FCZ will be discussed.

C-4 Review of Permit Applications - Foreign and Joint Ventures

(a) Directed fishing vessel permits for Japan, Poland, Taiwan, South Korea, West Germany and Norway

(b) Joint venture vessel permits for Japan, West Germany, and Korea

C-5 Halibut Moratorium and Limited Entry Study

(a) Status of Proposed Rule for Moratorium

(b) Set public hearing schedule on Proposed Rule

(c) Provisions for Bering Sea fishery north of 56°N

C-6 Joint Venture Logbook Program for 1983

A sample logbook and instruction sheet will be available for Council approval after SSC and AP review.

C-7 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon FMP

No formal action required on FMP. Council will vote on the natural chinook stock management policy tentatively approved in September. The PDT will discuss their report on the status of natural chinook stocks and general management alternatives for 1983. Status report on U.S.-Canada negotiations.

*D-2 Herring FMP

Final Council approval of the revised Herring Plan for resubmission to Secretary of Commerce review. ADF&G staff reports on herring. Possible update on stock separation analyses for Aleutian Island area fisheries.

D-3 King Crab FMP

No formal action is required. Report on the observer program.

D-4 Tanner Crab FMP

Council will consider an addition to Amendment 8 that will increase the Regional Director's flexibility in setting seasons. The plan team will propose a schedule for frameworking the plan.

*D-5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

Clarification of Council action to prohibit the use of pot gear for sablefish from Cape Addington to 140°W longitude. Status of plan and progress on making the management regime more flexible. Plan team may recommend DAHs for 1983 and request Council guidance on addressing prohibited species by-catch problems in the Gulf. The plan team will recommend the sablefish equilibrium yield for the Gulf for 1983. Finally the team will present an annual groundfish strategy timetable for the coming year.

*D-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

Status report on plan and amendments. The Council will consider DAH recommendations for 1983 and new EY/OY recommendations for Pacific ocean perch.

*See Special Agenda for joint meeting of Council and Board.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

E-1 Status of Contracts and RFPs

E-2 FY 1983 Budget Review

E-3 Financial Status Report

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MEETING SUMMARY, CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS AND
ADJOURNMENT

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SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

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The SSC will convene at 9 a.m., Monday, December 6, 1982, in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room 284 at 605 West Fourth Avenue (the old Federal Court Building), Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting may continue into Tuesday, December 7.

Monday: 9:15 - 10:15 am

1. Salmon FMP (D-1)

- (a) PDT report on status of natural chinook stocks and general management approaches. SSC should advise PDT regarding reports and data they want available for their January meeting.
- (b) Natural Chinook Stock Policy. SSC review and recommendations are needed.

Monday: 10:15 am - Noon

2. Herring FMP (D-2)

- (a) Staff reports on herring fisheries, stocks, and proposals for 1983.
- (b) Report on stock separation study.
- (c) Revisions to FMP should be reviewed by SSC for fulfillment of Council intent, consistency and clarity.

Monday: 1:15 - 2:30 pm

3. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (D-5)

- (a) The Plan Team will report on status of plan, progress toward increasing the plan's flexibility, and an annual timetable for Council action to modify the FMP under framework procedures. SSC suggestions are requested.
- (b) The Team will request SSC guidance in addressing prohibited species by-catch problems in the Gulf.
- (c) The Team will recommend sablefish equilibrium yields for the Gulf for 1983 and seek SSC concurrence.

4. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP (D-6)

Review of Pacific Ocean perch situation -- recommendation for EY for 1983. Estimate rebuilding rates.

Monday: 2:30 - 3 pm

5. King Crab FMP (D-3)

No action is required.

6. Tanner Crab FMP (D-4)

The SSC should review a new Amendment #9 which will increase the Regional Director's flexibility in setting seasons. If approved by the Council, Amendment #9 will be sent to public review.

Monday: 3 - 5 pm (Tuesday if necessary)

SSC meet in Subgroups as necessary

Tuesday Morning

SSC complete discussions of FMPs and following items:

7. SSC Nominations

(a) Ed Miles has resigned

(b) All terms expire December 31 -- recommendations to Council for next two-year term.

8. Joint Venture Logbook Program for 1983 (C-7)

SSC comments are requested on the format of the logbook to be used in 1983.

9. Sociocultural Study of Halibut Limited Entry Perceptions (E-1)

(a) Phase I Report: a revised report may be available for SSC review and comment by the January meeting.

(b) Phase II Proposed Tasking: SSC review and approval is requested.

10. Marine Mammal Workshop (E-1)

Staff will report on a recent planning meeting in Seattle, scope of work and participation.

11. Joint Venture Analysis (E-1)

A progress report will be available for SSC review.

12. An Economic Profile of the Southeast Alaska Salmon Industry - Contract 82-3 (E-1)

A progress report will be available.

13. Crab Observer Program - Contract 82-2 (E-1)

A progress report will be given. A contract extension is requested by ADF&G to use remaining funds to support an observer program in the Tanner crab fisheries.

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ADVISORY PANEL

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The AP will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 1982, in the Kenai Room at the Anchorage Westward Hilton. AP members should be able to pick up their meeting notebooks at the check in desk of the Westward Hilton Sunday evening or Monday morning.

1. NMFS Observer Program (B-6)

Russ Nelson of NMFS/NWAFRC will provide a written report on observer activities in 1982, plans for 1983, and estimates of incidental catches of crabs, salmon and halibut in 1982. He will give an oral presentation to the Council on December 8.

Recommendations on an approach to controlling incidental catch in joint venture fisheries will be needed from AP in the near future.

2. Coast Guard Report on Disposition of Violations (C-3)

Coast Guard and NMFS will report on the final disposition of violations by foreign fishing vessels in the Alaska FCZ.

3. Review of Permit Applications - Foreign and Joint Venture (C-4)

AP will review directed permits for Japan, Poland, Taiwan, South Korea, West Germany and Norway. Joint venture permits for Japan, West Germany and the USSR will also be available.

Need advice to Council and Permit Review group on all permit applications.

4. Halibut Moratorium and Limited Entry Study (C-5)

AP will hear a status report on the moratorium and should recommend public hearing locations and dates to the Council. AP will also need to discuss treatment of the halibut fishery north of 56°N in the Bering Sea.

5. Joint Venture Logbook Program for 1983 (C-6)

AP should review the sample logbook and instruction sheet if available. Make recommendation to Council on usefulness -- can it be improved?

6. Salmon FMP (D-1)

AP should provide guidance to the PDT in preparation for January Council meeting. Please refer to Pre-meeting Briefing Document on Salmon sent out in the Council mailing.

What are your recommendations to Council on policy questions from the Team?

7. Herring FMP (D-2)

AP should review the FMP revisions prior to sending the plan to Secretarial review. Please refer to Pre-meeting Briefing Document on Herring sent out in the Council mailing.

8. Tanner Crab FMP (D-4)

The AP should review a new Amendment 9 that will increase the Regional Director's flexibility in setting seasons. If approved by the Council, Amendment 9 will be sent to public review. Background materials will be in the meeting notebooks.

9. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (D-5)

The AP should review the recommended DAHs for 1983 and give guidance to the team concerning approaches on solving prohibited species by-catch problems in the Gulf. The AP should also discuss problems with reporting sablefish catches in the Southeast area. Please see Pre-meeting Briefing Document on Gulf Groundfish sent out in Council mailing.

10. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP (D-6)

The AP should review DAHs for 1983. Please refer to the meeting notebooks.

11. Halibut Limited Entry Sociocultural Study (E-1)

The proposal for Phase II was approved by the AP in September but has been revised at the request of the Council. The AP may want to review this revision. We have not received the revised Phase I report -- it will be sent to you for review when we get it.

12. Joint Venture Analysis (E-1)

Dr. Rich Marasco will give a progress report on this analysis originally proposed by Larry Cotter.

13. Foreign Fishing. Proposed Rule (B-1)

The AP should review and comment on this proposed rule concerning foreign fishing fees and proposed systems for offering discounted fees and conducting competitive bidding for allocations during 1983. The proposed rule was sent to the AP in the November 24 Council mailing. We will request an extension for review of the two proposed systems -- discounted fees and competitive bidding -- they need more analysis. 1983 proposals must be commented on at this meeting to have any affect.