

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

69th Plenary Session
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The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet in Anchorage, Alaska, December 10-13 at the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, and may continue into Saturday, December 14. The Council will make final decisions on groundfish harvest levels for 1986 and their apportionments to U.S. and foreign fisheries. They will also consider whether to accept an offer from the Secretary of Commerce to publish a September 26, 1985, or some other, cut-off date for any further credit for entry into the sablefish hook and longline fishery in the Gulf of Alaska should there be a limited access system developed for that fishery. The Council will review foreign allocations, vessel permits and joint venture operations for 1986 and consider industry solutions to the problem of king crab bycatch in joint venture trawl operations. There will be reports on domestic and foreign fisheries and Coast Guard enforcement activities. Advisory Panel appointments for the coming year will also be announced, and the Council will review action for reauthorization of the MFCMA.

The Council's Permit Review Committee will convene on Sunday, December 8, at 1:00 p.m. to review foreign allocations, vessels permits and joint venture applications for 1986. This meeting will probably continue into Monday, December 9.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin on Sunday at 11:00 a.m., and the Advisory Panel will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 9. Other plan team, committee and workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the week. Except for a closed meeting which will be scheduled to discuss personnel matters and to hear a report containing classified material from the State Department, all meetings are open to the public. All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Westward Hilton.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Those wishing to testify at Council meetings on a specific agenda item must fill out and deposit a registration card in the box on the registration table before public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional cards generally are not accepted after testimony has begun. A general comment period (Agenda Item F) is scheduled toward the end of each meeting for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- B. SPECIAL REPORTS
- B-1 Executive Director's Report
 - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
 - B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by NMFS
 - B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
 - B-5 Joint Venture Wrap-up for 1985
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
- C-1 Legislative Update
 - C-2 AP Operations
 - (a) Appointment of 1986 Panel
 - (b) Committee Assignments
 - C-3 Crab/Salmon Interceptions by Joint Ventures
 - (a) Industry report on solutions to crab interceptions
 - (b) Council action on industry recommendation in preparation for final decision in January
 - (c) Report on salmon interceptions in 1985 and Council action as required
 - C-4 Sablefish Hook and Longline Limited Entry in Gulf of Alaska
Consider Secretary's offer of a September 26, 1985 cut-off date for any further credit for entry into hook and longline sablefish fishery.
 - *C-5 Joint Ventures
 - (a) Review joint venture requests for 1986.
 - (b) Permit Review Committee recommendations.
 - (c) Council recommendations on joint venture allocations and bycatch amounts.
 - *C-6 Foreign Allocations
Review foreign allocation requests for 1986.
 - *C-7 Foreign Vessel Permit Applications
Review and make recommendations on permits for 1986.

*NOTE: Public comments on these agenda items should be made to the Permit Review Committee which will meet beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 8.

C-8 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS*

D-1 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Review status of stocks and set new ABCs if appropriate.
- (b) Review DAP and JVP for 1986.
- (c) Set Halibut PSCs.
- (d) Management of zero-TALFF and zero-JVP species.
- (e) Set OY, DAP, JVP, and TALFF for 1986.

D-2 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

- (a) Review status of stocks and set new TACs if appropriate.
- (b) Review DAP and JVP for 1986.
- (c) Management of zero-TALFF and zero-JVP species.
- (d) Separate TACs for Bering Sea and Aleutians.
- (e) Set OY, TAC, DAP, JVP, and TALFF for 1986.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

*Abbreviations used:

- ABC - Acceptable Biological Catch is an annual harvest level for each species based only on biological considerations.
- DAP - Domestic Annual Processed catch by U.S. vessels delivering to U.S. processors and by U.S. catcher/processors.
- JVP - Joint Venture Processed catch by U.S. fishing vessels delivering to foreign processing vessels.
- OY/
TAC - Optimum Yields and Total Allowable Catches are annual harvest levels based on biological, economic and social factors.
- PSC - Prohibited Species Catch is a harvest limit usually placed on halibut, salmon and crabs or other species which must be discarded in the groundfish fisheries (except for halibut by U.S. hook and line vessels during halibut openings).
- TALFF- Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing