

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### 87th Plenary Session North Pacific Fishery Management Council

June 20-23, 1989  
Sheraton Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 1989, at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska, and continue through Friday, June 23. Other meetings to be held at the Sheraton during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	10:00 a.m., Monday, June 19
Advisory Panel	10:00 a.m., Monday, June 19
Data Gathering Committee	10:30 a.m., Monday, June 19
Fishery Planning Committee	1:00 p.m., Monday, June 19
Habitat Committee	7:00 p.m., Monday, June 19
Women's Fisheries Network	6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20
US/USSR Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 21

All meetings, except an Executive Session of the Council at noon on Tuesday, are open to the public. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week.

## MAIN ISSUES

Of the items requiring Council attention in June, the following are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment.

### Future Fisheries Management (Agenda C-6)

The Council will receive a report and recommendations from its Fishery Planning Committee, discuss fisheries management under continued open access, and further refine the design of systems alternatives for halibut management. The Council will consider adding specific dates to the planning schedules when it would be determined whether they should be continued, revised or abandoned. The Council will complete final refinements to the design alternatives for sablefish management before they are analyzed this summer. In September the Council is scheduled to determine whether to send the sablefish alternatives and analysis out for public review between the September and December meetings.

### Inshore-Offshore Preference (Agenda C-7)

The Council will review all public proposals received by June 9 on the issue of mobile harvesting and processing operations competing on the more limited fish grounds adjacent to stationary inshore operations. The Council then will discuss what further action to take which could include development of a plan amendment.

### **Full Utilization of Fishery Resources (Agenda C-8)**

In April the Council instructed its staff and technical teams to develop alternatives and a work schedule for prohibiting roe-stripping in groundfish species other than pollock and for requiring full utilization of all species of fish under the Council's jurisdiction. The Council will review these options and give direction for further development.

### **General Groundfish**

The Council is scheduled to give final approval to send Amendment 13 to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish fishery management plan (FMP) and Amendment 18 to the Gulf of Alaska groundfish FMP to the Secretary of Commerce for review. The amendments to be considered are:

1. Allocate sablefish total allowable catch in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
2. Establish a fishing season framework for all groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
3. Establish a Shelikof District in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska.
4. Establish a groundfish fishing closed zone near the Walrus Islands and Cape Peirce in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
5. Replace the king crab time/area closures around Kodiak Island and modify the halibut bycatch management regime for the Gulf of Alaska.
6. Expand the Pacific cod trawl exemption zone in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
7. Implement a system of observer coverage and other data gathering and data reporting requirements for the groundfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands. Regarding observers, the Council will pay particular attention to fleet and area coverage, costs and funding alternatives, and administration of a comprehensive observer program for 1990 and 1991.
8. Clarify the Secretary's authority to split or combine species groups within the target species management category by a framework procedure for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.

The Council also will review a draft amendment to ban pollock roe stripping in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea Aleutian Islands groundfish fisheries. Final Council action is scheduled for September.

### **Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (Agenda D-2)**

The Council will review the results of the Shelikof Strait pollock survey and any other available information when considering whether or not to adjust the pollock Total Allowable Catch for the remainder of 1989. There is serious concern over the health of the pollock stock in the Gulf and the Council wants to ensure that increasing the TAC will not harm this valuable resource. The Council will also consider taking emergency action to allow for retention of groundfish bycatch through use of the single-species rule and to provide for additional Pacific cod in the Western Gulf of Alaska.

### **Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (Agenda D-3)**

The Council will receive a report from NOAA Fisheries on bycatch management for 1989 and developing a bycatch management plan for 1990. The Council may give direction on further development and implementation of whatever bycatch proposals are received. The Alaska Factory Trawlers Association will report on their efforts to minimize herring bycatch.

### **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 an agenda item. Additional cards generally are not accepted after testimony has begun. A general comment period is scheduled toward the end of each meeting for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

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<u>AM</u>					
10:00	<u>SSC</u> -Yukon Rm D-2 GOA Groundfish (a) Shelikof Survey/ Pollock RAD	9:00 <u>Council</u> -Kuskokwim Rm A Call to Order B-1 ED Report B-2 ADF&G Report B-3 NMFS Report B-4 USCG Report C-1 Legislation C-3 Oil/Habitat Rpt	8:00 <u>Council</u> D-2 GOA Groundfish (a) Pollock status (b) Pollock TAC (c) Single Species Rule (d) P. cod TAC D-1 Groundfish Amendments Preliminary Action	8:00 <u>Council</u> D-1 continued C-4 Int'l Fisheries	8:00 <u>Council</u> C-7/8 continued D-1 Grfish Amendments Final action
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12:00	Lunch	12:00 <u>Council</u> Executive Session	12:00 Lunch MARPOL Briefing by SWAMC	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch
1:00	<u>Fishery Planning</u> <u>Committee</u> Kuskokwim Room	2:00 <u>Council</u> C-2 Council SOPP C-5 Current Observer Programs D-3 BSAI Groundfish (a) NOAA Rpt/Bycatch (b) AFTA Herring Rpt	1:30 <u>Council</u> D-1 continued	1:00 <u>Council</u> C-6 Future Mgmt Planning C-7 Inshore- Offshore Preference C-8 Full Utilization	1:00 <u>Council</u> E Financial Report
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- A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- B. REPORTS**
  - B-1 Executive Director's Report
  - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
  - B-3 NOAA Fisheries Management Report
  - B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**
  - C-1 Legislative Update
  - C-2 Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPP)  
Final approval of revised Council SOPP.
  - C-3 Oil Spill and Other Habitat Issues  
Receive report from Habitat Committee and give direction for further work on habitat issues.
  - C-4 International Fisheries  
Receive reports on high seas fisheries negotiations and develop Council positions as appropriate.
  - C-5 Current Domestic Observer Programs
    - (a) Review and approve final report on Council's pilot domestic observer program.
    - (b) Status report on industry-funded observer program.
  - C-6 Future Management Planning
    - (a) Receive Fishery Planning Committee recommendations and consider adding specific dates to the planning schedules that will allow for review, revision, or abandonment.
    - (b) Open Access: Review discussion paper on future problems and identify measures that could be used to address them.
    - (c) Sablefish Longline Fishery: Final refinement of license and IFQ systems alternatives to be analyzed during summer.
    - (d) Halibut Management: Further refine systems alternatives.
    - (e) Coastal Communities: Review Committee recommendations and consider future course of action.
  - C-7 Inshore-Offshore Preference  
Review public proposals and give direction for further development.
  - C-8 Full Utilization of Fishery Resources  
Review options for addressing full utilization and waste issues and give direction for further development.
  - C-9 Other Business

**D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**D-1 General Groundfish**

- (a) Final approval of Amendment 13 to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish plan and Amendment 18 to the Gulf of Alaska groundfish plan, and implementing regulations.
- (b) Final approval of domestic observer program amendment (part of Amendment 13/18).
- (c) Approve pollock roe stripping amendment for public review.

**D-2 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan**

- (a) Review Shelikof Strait Survey results and pollock status of stocks report.
- (b) Consider adjusting pollock Total Allowable Catch for rest of 1989.
- (c) Consider emergency action to implement single species rule (this would allow retention of pollock bycatch if the TAC were increased).
- (d) Consider emergency action to provide for additional Pacific cod TAC in the Western Gulf of Alaska.

**D-3 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish Plan**

- (a) NOAA Fisheries report on Bering Sea bycatch management for 1989 and plans for 1990. Further Council action may be needed in response to bycatch proposals.
- (b) Receive report from AFTA on efforts to minimize herring bycatch.

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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