

DRAFT – Council Member Input to Council Chair, 10/8/18
NPFMC Halibut ABM Stakeholder Committee
Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures

1. **Purpose:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will establish an issue-specific Halibut Abundance-based management (ABM) Stakeholder Committee (committee) to draft alternative scenarios from within the current alternative set for the forthcoming BSAI Halibut ABM EIS/RIR.
2. **Tasks for Committee:**
 - The committee’s primary function is to provide a range of up to four different scenarios from within the current alternative set, specifying each individual option from the different elements and options within the suite of three action alternatives. The committee will provide their recommendations to the Council as early as possible for consideration by the Council within the alternative set. Once approved by the Council, the scenarios will be provided to the analytical workgroup for inclusion as example scenarios for simulation in the EIS/RIR.
 - The committee may meet to discuss and provide recommendations on appropriate performance metrics for evaluating Council objectives for the analysis. Note the priority for the committee is to develop the scenarios first.
3. **Membership:** Committee members will be appointed by the Council chairman from members of the public. The committee is intended to include a range of interested stakeholders from both the directed BSAI groundfish and directed Area 4 halibut fisheries. Interested members of the public should submit a letter of interest and brief resume to the Council chairman and Executive Director.
4. **Organization:**
 - The committee chairman will be appointed by the Council Chairman from sitting members of the Council.
 - Council staff for the committee will be designated by the Council Executive Director. Council staff will be available for feedback and clarification but will not be providing additional analyses to the committee.
 - The Committee may recommend and the Council will set meeting agendas.
 - The Committee will report directly to the Council.
5. **Role and responsibility of stakeholder members:** Stakeholders should develop proposed scenarios and performance metrics prior to the committee meeting(s) and discussed and refined during the committee meeting. Council staff will make available previously-developed background information on alternatives and performance metrics.
6. **Public comment:** Opportunity for public comment for each issue will be provided as time allows. The committee chairman will maintain control of public comment opportunities.