

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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107th Plenary Session North Pacific Fishery Management Council April 21-23, 1993 Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Beginning

Advisory Panel	1:00 p.m., Monday, Apr. 19
Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:00 p.m., Monday, Apr. 19
Comprehensive Planning Committee	1:00 p.m., Monday, Apr. 19
Ad hoc Observer Committee	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Apr. 20**
Enforcement Committee	5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Apr. 20**

**These meetings may begin earlier if the Comprehensive Planning Committee ends early.

All meetings except Council executive sessions are open to the public. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Those wishing to testify before the Council on a specific agenda item must fill out a registration card at the registration table **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional cards are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun. A general comment period is scheduled toward the end of the meeting, time permitting, for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

Submission of Written Testimony During Council Meeting. Any written comments and materials provided during a meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of 18 copies is needed to ensure that every Council member, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. Some agenda items may have a formal, published deadline for written comments. For those items, written comments submitted after the published deadline or at the Council meeting, other than simple transcripts of oral testimony, will be stamped "LATE COMMENT." They will not be summarized or analyzed in preparation for the Council meeting, nor will they be placed in Council member notebooks. All "LATE COMMENTS" will be placed in a special notebook, marked as such, and made available to Council members upon their request.

Information on testifying before the Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee is found on the next page.

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.

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. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

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- A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
 - (a) Approval of Agenda
 - (b) Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

- B. **REPORTS**
 - B-1 Executive Director's Report
 - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
 - B-3 NMFS Management Report
(includes status of amendments, regulatory actions, and NMFS best blend estimation of groundfish catch)
 - B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report

- C. **NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - C-1 Observer Program
 - (a) Status of North Pacific Fisheries Research program.
 - (b) Ad Hoc Committee report on scope of observer information and its confidentiality.

 - C-2 Sablefish and Halibut IFQ Plan
Implementation process and schedule for sablefish and halibut IFQs and CDQs.

 - C-3 Pollock Community Development Quotas
 - (a) Status report on 1992-93 operations.
 - (b) Status of CDQ prohibited species catch amendment.

 - C-4 Scallop Management
 - (a) Review State and Board actions on scallop management.
 - (b) Preliminary review of draft Council scallop management measures and plan.

 - C-5 Reauthorization Issues
Review Magnuson Act, Marine Mammal Act and Endangered Species Act reauthorization issues.

 - C-6 Comprehensive Rationalization Plan
Receive report from the Comprehensive Planning Committee and take action as necessary.

 - C-7 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon Management

Review NMFS and ADFG salmon management planning for 1993 and take action as appropriate.

D-2 Groundfish FMP Amendments

Initial Review:

- (a) Rebuilding plans for rockfish. Associated with this topic is reconsideration of Pacific ocean perch ABC and TAC specifications in Gulf of Alaska for 1993 set last December, and discussion of rockfish directed fishing standards.
- (b) Preferential and seasonal allocations of Pacific cod.
- (c) Add pelagic gear to other trawl prohibitions around Kodiak Island.
- (d) Establish Atka mackerel as a separate target species in the Gulf of Alaska.

Final Review:

- (e) BSAI salmon bycatch amendment analysis. Associated with this topic is initial review of proposed salmon bycatch vessel incentive program.

D-3 Groundfish Regulatory Amendments

Initial Review:

- (a) Trawl mesh regulations.
- (b) Total weight measurement.
- (c) Framework opening date for the BSAI pollock 'A' Season.

Final Review:

- (d) Define legal gears.

D-4 Other Groundfish Issues

- (a) Pribilof Island trawl closure - status report.
- (b) Ban on night trawling - discussion paper and Council direction for further development.
- (c) Consider emergency rule to reduce bycatch of Pacific cod in the yellowfin sole fisheries.
- (d) Set VIP rate standards for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the 1993 fishing year.
- (e) Pollock "roe-stripping" regulatory adjustments.

D-5 Crab Management

Review Alaska Board of Fisheries decisions and crab management in general.

D-6 Staff-Tasking

Review current tasking and give staff direction.

E. FINANCIAL REPORT

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT