

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Agenda Topics

Council Meeting, June 6-14, 2022 In-person in Sitka, Alaska, with remote participation opportunities

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Council Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting and Council members will approve the agenda.

B. REPORTS – David Witherell

In this section of the meeting, each agency represented on the Council provides a written and/or verbal management report. After all the reports, the public has a chance to provide comment, and the Council will discuss action they need to take, either at this point or at the end of the meeting.

C1 Central GOA Rockfish Adjustments – Jon McCracken

The Council will review a document that examines changes to the existing rockfish program in the GOA so rockfish can be fully harvested. They will make final recommendations based on analysis and public comment.

C2 BSAI Pacific Cod Small Boat Access – Kate Haapala

The Council will consider options that allow smaller hook and line and pot vessels to fish for Pacific cod in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands off the jig sector's allocation.

C3 BSAI Crab – Sarah Rheinsmith/Jon McCracken

The Crab Plan Team met to discuss the Snow crab plan for rebuilding its stock from overfished, and the size and status of the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab and to make recommendations on harvest limits. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review their recommendations and the Council will set appropriate harvest limits for this stock for the upcoming crab seasons.

C4 Trawl EM Analysis – Anna Henry

The Council will review an analysis and make recommendations on allowing electronic monitoring to be used in addition to human observers on pollock catcher vessels and vessels that deliver pollock.

C5 Observer Program – Sara Cleaver

The Council will review a report on observer coverage in the groundfish fisheries in 2021, and provide feedback to the agency as needed.

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D1 Salmon Reports – Dr. Diana Stram

A wide range of salmon bycatch information will be presented to the Council including scientific assessments related to bycatch, research and impacts, salmon genetic reports from the BSAI and GOA and industry reports on their salmon avoidance measures.

D2 IFQ Committee Report– Sam Cunningham

The Council will hear a report from the Committee that discusses halibut and sablefish Individual Fishing Quotas. The committee's recommendations on halibut vessel caps, small sablefish release, and medical transfers will be considered by the Council.

E. Staff Tasking – Diana Evans, David Witherell

The Council will listen to public testimony about existing and new management measures that the public may be interested in and will provide feedback to staff and the Council Chair about how to prioritize staff work on existing and new projects.

The Council will also review its committee membership and identify agendas for any upcoming committee meetings.