

---

# E STAFF TASKING

DAVID WITHERELL, DECEMBER 2021



# CIRCLE BACK TO ITEMS FROM B-REPORTS

- Are there any comments on the St. George Unangan Heritage National Marine Sanctuary nomination 5-year review?
  - Comments due Friday, December 17
- Comment letter to NOAA on advancing goals of the America the Beautiful Report
  - Draft of the letter attached to E-1, incorporating Council input from B-1 discussion
  - Comments due December 28
- Main points from the Salmon Roundtable hosted by the Alaska Delegation 12/8-9.



# COMMITTEES / UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Meetings currently anticipated:
  - **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – Jan 10-14, 2022 (Anchorage/online)
  - **BSFEP Local Knowledge/Traditional Knowledge/Subsistence (LKTKS) Taskforce** – January 20-21, 2022 (potentially Anchorage/online)
  - **BSFEP Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF)** – January 18-20, 2022 (hybrid TBD)
  - **Ecosystem Committee** – Jan 25-26, 2022 (virtual)
  - **PCFMAC** – January 2022 (TBD)
  - **Scallop Plan Team** – February 16, 2022
  - **Ecosystem Committee** – March 2022 (TBD)
  - **EM Trawl Committee** – May 2022 (TBD)
  - **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – May 2022 (TBD)
  - **FMAC** – May 2022 (TBD)



# TASKING AND SCHEDULING

- Normal tasking documents posted
  - Action memo
  - 3 meeting-outlook
  - Groundfish workplan update
  - Council staff - who does what
- **Caution** on analytical staff capacity / timelines in immediate future



# FEBRUARY 2022 DRAFT AGENDA - VIRTUAL

Preliminary February 2022 agenda posted for your review

- SSC/AP scheduled Jan 31<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Council Feb 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (but likely shorter)
- Fairly light for AP and Council (several additional SSC-only items)
  - **Standard February items:** Norton Sound RKC specifications, Crab PT report
  - **Final Action:** EDR amendments
  - **Other:**
    - Snow crab rebuilding plan alternatives
    - Area 2C/3A Halibut CSP allocation review
    - Greenland turbot with longline pots discussion paper



**DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK – 12/14/2021**

	January 31 - February 11, 2022		April 4-12, 2022 (T)		June 6-14, 2022 (T)	
	<i>Online</i>	Council staff contact	<i>Anchorage, AK (T)</i>	Council staff contact	<i>Sitka, AK (T)</i>	Council staff contact
<i>Topics</i>			<i>IF VIRTUAL: April 4-15</i>		<i>IF VIRTUAL: June 6-17</i>	
EVENTS/ REPORTS*	AP, SSC: Elect officers	<i>DE</i>	NMFS report: EFH consultation	<i>DE</i>	CCC update	<i>DW</i>
	NMFS report: Annual cost recovery report	<i>DW</i>	NIOSH report	<i>JMC</i>	NOAA Enforcement	<i>DW</i>
	IPHC report (T)	<i>DW</i>	Cooperative reports	<i>JMC</i>		
	EFP applications (T)	<i>DE</i>	Council Executive Session	<i>DW</i>		
	USCG briefing on IUU and foreign activity	<i>DW</i>	Seabird bycatch report	<i>DE</i>		
	BREP report	<i>DW</i>				
	Council process/hybrid efficiencies planning	<i>DE</i>				
SHELLFISH SPECS	NSRKC: <i>ABC/OFL specifications, Crab PT report</i>	<i>DS</i>	Scallop: <i>SAFE report, ABC/OFL Specs, PT report</i>	<i>DE</i>	BSAI Crab stocks: <i>ABC/OFL specifications, Crab PT re</i>	<i>DS</i>
	Snow crab rebuilding: <i>Adopt alternatives</i>	<i>JMC</i>			Snow crab rebuilding: <i>Initial Review (T)</i>	<i>JMC</i>
GFISH SPECS	Economic SAFE report: <i>Review (SSC only)</i>	<i>JMC</i>				
REPORTING/ MONITORING	Trawl EM analysis: <i>Prelim sampling review (SSC only)</i>	<i>AH</i>			Trawl EM analysis: <i>Initial Rev., Trawl EM Cmte report</i>	<i>AH</i>
					Observer annual report for 2021: <i>Review, FMAC report</i>	<i>SCIV</i>
GOA GFISH MGMT			GOA Pacific cod sector allocation: <i>Review (T)</i>	<i>SCU</i>		
BSAI GFISH MGMT	BSAI Greenland Turbot w longline pots: <i>Disc. paper</i>	<i>SCU</i>			BSAI Pacific cod small boat access: <i>Initial Review (T)</i>	<i>KH</i>
BSAI CRAB MGMT						
BYCATCH					Chinook/chum genetics reports for BS, GOA: <i>Review</i>	<i>DS</i>
					Chinook AEQ update, ADFG stock status: <i>Review</i>	<i>DS</i>
					Pollock IPA reports: <i>Review</i>	<i>DS</i>
HALIBUT: IFQ/CHARTER	Halibut Catch Sharing Plan: <i>Allocation Review</i>	<i>SM</i>	RQE fee collection program: <i>Final Action (T)</i>	<i>SM</i>		
			IFQ/CQE omnibus analysis: <i>Final Action</i>	<i>SCIV</i>		
OTHER	Economic Data Report amd: <i>Final Action</i>	<i>SM</i>	BS Fishery Ecosystem Plan: <i>PT Report</i>	<i>DE</i>		
	EFH habitat, fishing effects models: <i>Review (SSC only)</i>	<i>DE</i>	BS FEP LKTKS Taskforce: <i>Report</i>	<i>KH</i>	EFH fishing effects model results: <i>Review (SSC only)</i>	<i>DE</i>
	Marine mam. conservation status: <i>Review (SSC only)</i>	<i>DE</i>	BS FEP Climate Change Taskforce: <i>Report</i>	<i>DS</i>		
	Ecosystem Committee: <i>Report</i>	<i>DE</i>	Ecosystem Committee: <i>Report</i>	<i>DE</i>		
	Groundfish management policy: <i>3-year review (T)</i>	<i>DE</i>	ACLIM update: <i>Report</i>	<i>DS</i>		
<b>ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:</b>			Small sablefish release: <i>Initial Review</i>		CDQ allocations: <i>State Decennial Review (2022)</i>	
			AI GKC start date and facility use caps: <i>Discussion paper</i>		Amendment 80 allocation: <i>Review (2022)</i>	
			EFH 5-year review: <i>Review, Action as nec (Oct 2022)</i>		Crab FMP housekeeping amdmt: <i>Initial/Final Action</i>	
			OECM review: <i>Discussion paper</i>		MRSAM models: <i>Review (SSC only)</i>	
			BSAI blackspotted/rougheye rockfish spatial mgmt: <i>Disc. paper</i>		BBRKC boundaries: <i>Discussion paper</i>	
			GOADSR spatial management step 2: <i>Discussion paper</i>			

# 2022 MEETINGS UPDATE

- Council will begin to hold some committee and Plan Team meetings in person with remote accessibility, depending on the interest of the Chair and members
- Planning in-person Council meeting for **April 4-13, 2022 – Anchorage, AK**
  - **Remote accessibility options:** broadcast SSC/AP meetings, remote testimony, remote presenter capability. Members must attend in person.
  - **COVID accommodations as needed:** larger meeting space; will follow local and CDC guidance for masking/vaccination requirements
- Expect continued adaptation to protocols, including remote accessibility, as we figure out what works
  - Especially in coastal AK communities re internet needs
- Virtual dates established for all 2022 Council meetings, if needed



# PUBLIC COMMENT

- Three written comments submitted, posted on eAgenda





# QUESTIONS?

*Feedback always appreciated on how virtual meetings are working, ideas for improvement, etc.*

DAVID  
WITHERELL

[DAVID.WITHERELL@NOAA.GOV](mailto:DAVID.WITHERELL@NOAA.GOV)

