

DRAFT AGENDA FOR
MEETING OF THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL
COMMITTEE

- I. Review of definitions
- II. Consideration of extending membership of Committee
- III. Review of revised PMPs.
- IV. Consideration of biological data relating to justifying a minimum size of tanner crab
- V. Report of sub-committee members examining OY approaches and economic and research needs of the Council
- VI. Role of SSC in relationship to other expertise
- VII. Management Plans
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHARTER OF
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

A. Establishment

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (the "Committee") for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (the "Council") is hereby established as directed by Section 302 (g) (1) of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (the "Act"), Public Law 94-265 (16 U.S.C. 1852) which mandates the establishment of a Scientific and Statistical Committee for each of eight Regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Act.

B. Explanation of Terms

The terms used in this charter shall have the meanings that are described in the Act.

C. Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee shall provide expert scientific and technical advice to the Council on the development of fishery management policy, on establishing the goals and objectives of fishery management plans or amendments thereto, and on the preparation of such plans or amendments thereto.

2. The Committee shall assist the Council in the development, collection, and evaluation of such statistical, biological, economic, social and other scientific information as is relevant to the Council's development and amendment of any fishery management plan.
3. The Committee shall assist the Council in determining what statistical, biological, economic, social or other scientific information is needed for the development of a management plan that meets the requirements of the Act; and shall advise the Council as to the best way of obtaining this information, including identifying entities with ongoing research programs that may be able to develop the needed information.
4. The Committee shall advise the Council on preparing comments on any application for foreign fishing transmitted to the Council by the Secretary of State or his delegate pursuant to subsection 204 (b) of the Act.
5. The Committee shall advise the Council on preparing comments on any fishery management plan or amendments thereto prepared by the Secretary or his delegate which are transmitted to the Council pursuant to Section 304 (c) (2) of the Act.
6. The Committee shall draft, if required by the Council, any proposed regulations which the Council deems necessary to implement any fishery management plan or any amendment to a fishery management plan which is prepared by the Council.

7. The Committee shall assist the Council in establishing criteria for judging plan effectiveness.

8. The Committee shall submit to the Council: (1) an annual report on the Committee's activities during the immediately preceding calendar year; (2) such reports as the Committee deems appropriate; and (3) such reports as are requested by the Council.

9. The Committee shall perform such other necessary and appropriate duties as may be required by the Council to carry out its functions under the Act.

D. Members and Chairman

1. The Committee of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council shall have a total of not more than ten members, all of whom shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Council.

2. The Committee shall be composed of scientists in the biological, statistical, economic, and social, or other sciences from the Federal, State, and private scientific communities.

3. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Council for a period of two years, and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the Council. Vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

4. The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council from among the members of the Committee.

E. Administrative Provisions

1. The Committee shall meet as a whole, or in part, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee, with the approval of the Chairman of the Council, as often as necessary to fulfill the Committee's responsibilities, taking into consideration time and budget constraints. The Committee shall meet at least six times a year.

2. The Committee shall report to the Chairman of the Council or his designee.

3. The Executive Director of the Council shall, upon the request of the Chairman of the Committee, provide such staff and other support as the Council considers necessary for Committee activities, within budgetary limitations.

4. The provisions of the following shall apply when the Committee is acting as an advisory committee: The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA); Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-63, and memoranda thereto; and Department of Commerce Administrative Order (DAO) 201-2. The Chairman of the Council shall be responsible for compliance with the above.

5. The Chairman of the Council, or his designee, shall:

- (a) Chair or attend each meeting of the Committee;
- (b) Adjourn any such meeting whenever he determines it to be in the public interest;
- (c) Call or approve in advance all meetings of the Committee; and
- (d) Approve the agenda of all meetings of the Committee:

The Committee shall not conduct any meeting in the absence of the Chairman of the Council or his designee.

7. The annual cost of operating the Committee is estimated to be \$90,000. Committee expenses shall be paid by the Council from its grant provided by the Secretary. (The Committee will utilize the staff of the Council, as provided in Section E (3) of this charter.)

8. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. Those members of the Committee who are not Federal employees shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Council, in accordance with 41 F.R. 39436, September 15, 1976.

9. Members of the Committee shall attend regular meetings of the Council as required by the Chairman of the Council, and designated members of the Committee shall attend public hearings on management plans or other Council business as required by the Council.

10. Security clearances for Committee members shall be requested as necessary.

F. Duration

The Act does not establish a termination date for the Committee. This charter shall expire on April 12, 1978. As provided by Section 14

(b) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a new charter shall be filed upon the expiration of each successive two-year period following the date of enactment of the Act (April 13, 1976).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHARTER OF
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

A. Establishment

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (the "SSC" hereinafter) for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (the "Council" hereinafter) is hereby established by the authority of, and as directed by, Section 302 (g) (1) of the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (the "Act" hereinafter). Public Law 94-265 (16 U.S.C. 1852) which mandates the establishment of a Scientific and Statistical Committee for each of 8 Regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Act. The SSC geographical area of the authority ("geographical area" hereinafter) shall be the same as the Council's, which includes the fisheries in the Arctic Ocean, Bering Sea, and Pacific Ocean seaward of Alaska.

B. Explanation of Terms

The terms used in this charter shall have the meanings which are described in the Act.

C. Objectives and Duties

1. The SSC shall prepare and submit to the Council draft fishery management plans for each Fishery Management Unit identified by the Council within its geographical area in order of priority as required by the Council:

- (a) the method of operation of the SSC in drafting and reviewing management plans for Council consideration will be as follows:

- 1. Council will identify fishery management units.

2. SSC identifies and recommends lead agencies to form cooperative planning teams to develop each management plan.
3. During the drafting of the plan the cooperative planning team periodically interacts with the SSC, advisors, and the Council.
4. The cooperative planning team submits drafts to the SSC, which in turn sends them to the Council for final review.
5. The Council, with the aid of the SSC, guides the cooperative planning team in revisions to the drafts if required.
6. The management plan is again reviewed by the SSC and returned to the Council for acceptance.

2. The SSC shall assist the Council in the development, collection and evaluation of such statistical, biological, economic, social and other scientific information as is relevant to the Council's development and/or amendment of any fishery management plan.

3. The SSC shall identify those areas where further statistical, biological, economic and social or other scientific information is needed for the development of a management plan and shall advise the Council as to the best way of obtaining further information, including identifying entities that may be able to develop the information. The SSC shall develop contracts, subject to Council's approval, to gather such information if there are no current programs that can be expected to provide it.

4. The SSC shall advise the Council on preparing comments on any application for foreign fishing transmitted to the Council under a Governing International Fishery Agreement by the Secretary of the State or his delegate under the terms of the Act.

5. The SSC shall advise the Council when it prepares comments on any Fishery Management Plan or amendments thereto prepared by the Secretary or his delegate which are transmitted to it under Section 304 (c) (2) of the Act.

6. The SSC shall attend regular meetings of the Council as required by the Chairman of the Council, and designated members of the SSC shall attend public hearings on Management Plans or other Council business as required by the Council.

7. The SSC may meet as a whole at the request of the Chairman of the SSC or as required by the Chairman of the Council.

8. SSC meetings must be held within the geographical area of the Council or, with the permission of the Chairman of the Council, in the States of Washington or Oregon.

9. The SSC shall prepare, if required by the Council, any regulations which it deems necessary to carry out any fishery management plan or any amendment to a fishery management plan which is prepared by the Council. Such proposed regulations shall be submitted to the Council as part of any such plan or amendment.

10. The SSC shall determine its organization and prescribe its practices and procedures for carrying out its functions in accordance with such uniform standards as the Council or their designee may prescribe, and shall publish and make available to the public a Statement of its organization, practices and procedures.

11. The SSC shall conduct any other activities which are required by or provided for in the Act or which are required of it by the Council and necessary and appropriate to the foregoing functions.

D. Members and Chairman

The Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific fishery Management Council shall have a total of not more than 10 members. The SSC shall be composed of senior scientists in the biological, statistical, economic and social sciences who are in a position to designate resources within their own agencies or organizations and can identify resources that may be available on a contractual basis.

2. Members of the SSC shall be appointed for a period of 3 years or until their position in their agency or institution changes and they can no longer be an effective member of the SSC, whichever period is lesser; except that for initial appointments the Council shall designate up to one-third of the appointed members to serve for a term of one year, up to one-third to serve for a period of two years, and the remaining such members to serve for a term of three years. Appointments thereafter shall be in the same manner as the original appointments. Vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

3. A Chairman and such other officers as the SSC may require shall be selected from among the members of the SSC by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting.

E. Administrative Provisions

1. The SSC shall report to the Council or their designee.

2. The SSC shall meet in its geographical area or in the States of Oregon and Washington, at the call of the Chairman of the Council or

upon the request of the Chairman of the SSC. Notice of meetings will be published in the Federal Register in accordance with OMB Circular A-63 and Department of Commerce Administrative Order 201-2.

3. The SSC may request staff help and funds from the Council but shall have no permanent staff. The Council shall furnish to the SSC such administrative and technical support services as are necessary for the effective functioning of the SSC.
4. Upon the SSC's request the Chairman of the Council may detail to the SSC such council personnel as are necessary to assist the SSC to perform its functions.
5. Those members of the SSC who are not employed by the Federal Government shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Council within the limits specified in the NOAA Travel Handbook. The members of the SSC are not eligible to receive compensation from the Council.
6. The annual cost of operating the SSC is estimated at \$90,000, which includes only reimbursement for actual expenses incurred during the performance of its duties for the Council. The Council shall pay SSC costs from its grant as provided by the Secretary.

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