



Agenda Topics

Council Meeting, April 4-11, 2022

In-person in Anchorage, 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 IFQ omnibus amendments – *Sara Cleaver*

The Council will propose revisions to parts of the IFQ/CDQ Programs. The revisions cover changes to pot gear requirements, pot limits, the ability to use jig gear to harvest sablefish, and to residency requirements for those looking to harvest IFQ held by the Adak CQE.

C2 RQE fee collection program – *Sarah Marrinan*

The Council will consider whether or not to establish a Federal Charter Halibut Stamp Program that will fund an association called the “Recreational Quota Entity” (RQE). The Council may identify additional important program attributes.

C3 Scallops – *Sarah Rheinsmith*

The Scallop Plan Team met virtually in February to discuss the status and appropriate harvest level for weathervane scallops off Alaska. The Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee and the Council will review the Plan Team’s report and set appropriate harvest limits for the 2022/2023 scallop season.

C4 Central GOA rockfish adjustments – *Jon McCracken*

The Council will review a paper that analyzes changes intended to improve the Rockfish Program. The changes are to better ensure the total catch for rockfish is fully harvested and landed in Kodiak.

D1 Bristol Bay red king crab (BBRKC) Management, Biology and Gear Impact – *Sam Cunningham*

The Council will review a paper covering topics that might inform the Council or other Federal/State agencies as they consider strategies around the BBRKC stock decline. The topics include crab biology, management/assessment boundaries, bottom contact by trawl gear, and flexible management tools.

D2 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (BS FEP) – review progress: (a) FEP Team report, (b) Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, Subsistence (LTKKS) Taskforce report, (c) Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) Report, (d) Ecosystem Committee report– *Diana Evans/Kate Happala/ Diana Stram*

The Council will review progress reports from advisory groups working on Bering Sea ecosystem issues, bringing local and traditional knowledge into the Council process, and the effects of climate change on Bering Sea fisheries.

D3 ~~ACLIM update~~ – *postponed to a future meeting*

D4 Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA) Stock Status Directive – *Diana Stram*

The Council will review a document prepared by NMFS describing the process for how the best available scientific information is used to set catch limits for groundfish, crab, and scallop in Alaska.

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, identify agendas for any upcoming committee meetings, and assess the first hybrid Council meeting in preparation for the June Council meeting in Sitka.