

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**144<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 7-12, 2000**  
**Doubletree Hotel - Portland Downtown**  
**Portland, Oregon**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 7-12 at the Doubletree Hotel-Portland Downtown. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

**Committee/Panel**

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Crab Buyback Industry Meeting  
Crab Interim Action Committee  
Crab Co-op Industry Meeting  
GOA Co-op Committee  
Ecosystems Committee

**Beginning**

8:00 am, Mon., June 5 (Wahkeena Falls Room )  
8:00 am, Mon., June 5 (Elowah Falls Room)  
7:00 pm, Mon., June 5 (Elowah Falls Room)  
1:00 pm, Tue., June 6 (Astoria Room)  
7:00 pm, Tue., June 6 (Wahkeena Falls Room)  
6:00 pm, Thurs., June 8 (Multnomah Falls Room)  
6:00 pm, Fri., June 9 (Multnomah Falls Room)

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

## **INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

**Submission of Written Comments.** Any written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting materials must be received at the Council office **by 5:00 p.m. (Alaska Time) on Tuesday, May 30, 2000.** Please note this is one day earlier than normal in order to ship materials to the meeting site. Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax--please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **Material received after the deadline will not be included in notebooks for this meeting. It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided during the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of 18 copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (23), Scientific and Statistical Committee (13), staff (10) or the public (50) after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

## 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. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

## 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.**

## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>ADF&amp;G</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MRB</b>	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>CRP</b>	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>IBQ</b>	Individual Bycatch Quota	<b>VBA</b>	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
<b>IRIU</b>	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
<b>ITAC</b>	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
<b>LAMP</b>	Local Area Management Plan		
<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program		

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Estimated Hours

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|---|----------------------------|
| A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  |                            |
| (a) Approval of Agenda  | •                          |
| (b) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings  | •                          |
| B. REPORTS  |                            |
| B-1 Executive Director's Report   | •                          |
| B-2 State Fisheries Report by ADF&G   | •                          |
| B-3 NMFS Management Report  | •                          |
| B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Reports  | •                          |
| B-5 PSMFC Report on Seabird Avoidance   | •                          |
|   | (4 hours for<br>A/B items) |
| C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS   |                            |
| C-1 <u>Halibut Management</u>   | (2 hours)                  |
| (a) Gulf Coastal Communities Coalition discussion paper.  |                            |
| (b) Final action on extending halibut donation program.   |                            |
| C-2 <u>Observer Program</u>   | (2 hours)                  |
| Final action on regulatory amendments.  |                            |
| C-3 <u>American Fisheries Act</u>   | (16 hours)                 |
| (a) Final action on inshore cooperative structure, qualified CV definition, and allocation of pollock to co-ops • |                            |
| (b) Initial review of groundfish processor sideboards and excessive share caps.                                   |                            |
| (c) Review crab processing capacity and activities during 2000 opilio season.                                     |                            |
| (d) Review methods for calculation of P. cod sideboards and crab sideboard exemptions.                            |                            |
| (e) Status report on development of AFA EIS.  |                            |

C-4 Steller Sea Lion Protection (6 hours)  
(a) Pacific Cod RPAs: Status report on development.  
(b) Report on Russian sea lion research and management.

C-5 Staff Tasking (4 hours)  
(a) Review current tasking and proposals received last fall.  
(b) Next steps on GOA Pacific cod rationalization.  
(c) GOA co-ops: provide direction.  
(d) Task next steps in EFH stakeholder process and need for revisions to crab FMP and halibut regulations to protect corals and sponges.

C-6 Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Issues (1 hour)  
Status report on reauthorization.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Groundfish Management (2 hours)  
TAC-setting process: initial review.

D-2 Crab Management (6 hours)  
(a) Final action on opilio and blue king crab rebuilding plans.  
(b) Report on vessel buyback and crab cooperatives developments.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 43