

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**86th Plenary Session  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
April 10-14, 1989  
Sheraton Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 1989, at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska, and continue through at least Friday morning, April 14. Other meetings to be held at the Sheraton during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Advisory Panel  
Groundfish Data Committee  
Finance Committee

Beginning

10:00 a.m., Monday, April 10  
10:00 a.m., Monday, April 10  
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 10  
7:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 12

The Council will meet in executive session at noon on Wednesday. All other meetings are open to the public.

MAIN ISSUES

Of the items requiring Council attention in April, the following are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment:

Future Fisheries Management (Agenda C-5)

The Council will revisit, and may confirm, the proposed January 16, 1989 cut-off date for participation in the groundfish fisheries off Alaska and discuss criteria for determining vessels already in the process of entering the fishery. The Council will hear reports on the progress of their Fisheries Planning Committee in defining problems and concerns in the fisheries and developing controlled-access alternatives for sablefish, halibut, other groundfish and crab. The Council will hold a scoping session on Thursday afternoon, April 13, to take testimony on issues and concerns for future management of these fisheries.

Comprehensive Data Gathering Program (Agenda C-6)

The Council will approve for public review a proposed amendment to the groundfish fishery management plans to implement a comprehensive data gathering program. This amendment will consist of two parts, a recordkeeping/reporting requirements section, and a domestic observer program. The program is designed to provide the inseason management, economic, and biological data required by the Council and Secretary of Commerce.

### **Requests for Immediate Council Action on Groundfish (Agenda C-7)**

The Council will consider requests from industry to take emergency action to prohibit roe-stripping and require full utilization of pollock of all groundfish by 1990. The Council also will review a request to permit retainable pollock bycatch in other Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries for the rest of 1989.

### **Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Agenda D-1)**

An updated fishery management plan (FMP) for salmon in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska will be considered for public review. The plan incorporates changes to fishery management as a result of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, recognizes the management role of both the Pacific Salmon Commission and the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and defers leadership to these bodies while maintaining federal oversight.

### **Groundfish Fishery Management Plans (Agenda D-2)**

The Council will approve for public review proposed amendments to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP and the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP. Proposed amendments to the FMPs include:

- (1) Allocate sablefish total allowable catch and domestic annual processed catch (DAP) to gear types in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
- (2) Establish a framework for setting fishing seasons for all groundfish species in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
- (3) Establish a Shelikof District in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska.
- (4) Establish a groundfish fishing closed zone near the Walrus Islands and Cape Pierce in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.
- (5) Replace the king crab protection time/area closures around Kodiak Island and modify the halibut bycatch management regime for the Gulf of Alaska.
- (6) Extend the Pacific cod trawl fishery exemption area in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands from approximately 25 fathoms to 30 fathoms.
- (7) Clarify Secretary's authority to split or combine species groups within the target species management category by a framework procedure for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.

The Council is also scheduled to approve a regulatory amendment that will redefine directed fishing for groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutians and trawl-caught sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska.

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**A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**B. REPORTS**

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
- B-3 NOAA Fisheries Management Report
- B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
- B-5 Special Report on Prince William Sound Oil Spill

**C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- C-1 Oath of Office
- C-2 Legislative Update
- C-3 Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPP)  
Approve Council SOPP for public review.
- C-4 International Fisheries  
Status reports on international fisheries negotiations and plans for further action.
- C-5 Future Management Planning
  - (a) Revisit cut-off date and pipeline definition and consider for adoption.
  - (b) Identify problems and concerns with fisheries.
  - (c) Sablefish Management: Review Committee recommendations and refine options for further development.
  - (d) Halibut Management: Review Committee recommendations and refine options for further development.
  - (e) Groundfish Management: Review Committee recommendations.

C-6 Comprehensive Data Gathering Program  
Receive report from the Groundfish Data Committee and approve amendment for public review.

C-7 Request for Immediate Council Action on Groundfish  
(a) Receive report on the pollock fishery and update on Shelikof hydroacoustic survey by NOAA Fisheries.  
(b) Review requests from industry to take emergency action to prohibit roe-stripping, require full utilization of pollock and all groundfish by 1990, and permit retainable pollock bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska for the remainder of 1989.

C-8 Other Business

**D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

D-1 Salmon FMP  
Approve draft FMP for public review.

D-2 Groundfish FMPs  
(a) Approve proposed groundfish amendments and associated decision documents for public review.  
(b) Final approval of proposed regulatory amendment to redefine directed fishing for groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutians and trawl-caught sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska.  
(c) NOAA Fisheries status report on Bering Sea bycatch management for 1989 and 1990.  
(d) Status report from Ad-Hoc Herring Bycatch Workgroup on development of a voluntary bycatch plan.  
(e) Status report on development of regulatory amendments approved in January.

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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	MONDAY 10	TUESDAY 11	WEDNESDAY 12	THURSDAY 13	FRIDAY 14
<u>APRIL</u>					
<u>AM</u>			7:00 <u>Finance Committee</u>		
10:00 <u>SSC</u> - Yukon Room C-6 Data Gathering Program	9:00 <u>SSC</u> D-2(a) continued D-2(b) Directed Fish. Definition	8:00 <u>Council</u> C-1 Oath of Office C-7 Emergency Action Requests	8:00 <u>Council</u> D-2(b) Directed Fish. Definition D-2(c) NMFS Bycatch Planning Report D-2(d) Herring By- catch Workgroup Report D-2(e) Status of Regulatory Amend- ments	8:00 <u>Council</u> C-5 continued D-1 Salmon FMP E Financial Rpt	
10:00 <u>AP</u> - Ballroom A D-2 Groundfish FMPs	9:00 <u>AP</u> C-7 Emer. Action Requests C-5(a) Cut-off Date/ Pipeline Definit.				
<u>PM</u>					
12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 <u>Council</u> Exec. Session	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	
1:30 <u>SSC</u> C-6 continued D-2(a) Groundfish Amendments	12:45 Photograph Session 1:00 <u>Council</u> - Kuskokwim A Call to Order B-1 ED Report B-2 ADF&G Report B-3 NMFS Report B-4 USCG Report B-5 Special Reports C-2 Legis. Update C-3 Council SOPP C-4 International Fisheries	2:00 <u>Council</u> C-6 Data Gathering Program D-2(a) Groundfish Amendments	1:30 <u>Council</u> C-5 Future Management Planning (including cut-off date and pipeline def.) Public Testimony/ Scoping Session	1:30 <u>Council</u> continue as necessary	
<u>AP</u> D-2 continued C-6 Data Gathering Program	1:30 <u>SSC</u> C-7 Emer. Action Requests/ Shelikof Survey Report D-2(c) NOAA Fisheries Bycatch Plng. Rpt. D-1 Salmon FMP				
7:00 <u>Groundfish Data</u> <u>Committee</u> - Yukon	1:30 <u>AP</u> C-5(b-d) Review Committee recom- mendations D-1 Salmon FMP				