

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## EXPANDED DRAFT AGENDA

### NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL 27th PLENARY SESSION August 23-24, 1979 Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel Anchorage, Alaska

The Council will convene on Thursday, August 23, 1979, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn on Friday, August 24, 1979, at 5:00 p.m. at the Kenai/Aleutian Rooms of the Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel, 3rd & E Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22, at the Council Conference Room, 333 West Fourth Avenue, Post Office Mall Building, Anchorage, Alaska, at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The Advisory Panel will convene on Wednesday, August 22, 1979, in the Kenai Room of the Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel, 3rd & E Streets, Anchorage, Alaska, at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The meetings may be lengthened or shortened depending on progress on the agenda. The meetings are open to the public.

#### SPECIAL NOTE

The agenda format has been changed. Preregistration (except in special or unusual cases) will be required for all public comments which pertain to a specific agenda topic. Preregistration is accomplished by informing the agenda clerk--BY 10:00 A.M. OF THE FIRST DAY--of the agenda item to be addressed and the time requested. Preregistration and public comment may be scheduled for VI OLD BUSINESS, VII FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS and VIII NEW BUSINESS agenda items. There will be a general comment period (Agenda XI) scheduled for late afternoon of the second day for testimony on matters not on the current agenda. Ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each person or group.

- ✓ I. CALL TO ORDER
- ✓ II. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES
- ✓ III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (No action required)

The Director's Report will deal with the following subjects:

- ✓ a) New appointments to various Council subcommittees
- ✓ b) The status of the Department of State Office of Oceans' funding problem
- ✓ c) Draft environmental impact statement for the Fur Seal Convention
- ✓ d) A report on the various working groups that met during August
- ✓ e) A report on the FCMA Oversight Hearings
- ✓ f) A report on the status of the Council handbook
- ✓ g) Council meeting dates and places for FY80
- ✓ h) Need for an election for Chairman for 1979-80
- ✓ i) St. George Basin lease sale
- ✓ j) Oversight Hearings

V. REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL: (No action required, no public comments scheduled)

- ✓ V.-1. Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report of Domestic Fishing Activities
- ✓ V.-2. National Marine Fisheries Service Report of Foreign Fishing Activities
- ✓ V.-3. U.S. Coast Guard Report of Enforcement
- ✓ V-4. ✓ Advisory Panel and Scientific & Statistical Committee Reports on non-agenda items.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: (Action required: Executive Director, SSC, AP, and other staff comments scheduled. Pre-registered public comments scheduled following each item)

✓ VI.-1. Economic Impact Analysis of Bering Sea Crab Regulations and Tanner Crab Regulation Inconsistencies.

A pot storage/fuel savings problem in the Federal and State crab regulations has been resolved by a technicality. However, there are inconsistencies between the domestic and Federal Tanner crab regulations which must be discussed.

↓ VI.-2. Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) and Council Cooperative Policy.

A new National Marine Fisheries Service policy has suggested that it is inappropriate for Councils to participate in fishery development corporation activities. The implications of this change in policy will be discussed.

↓ VI.-3. The Socioeconomic Data Needs of Fishery Management Plans --- A Report.

A Socioeconomic Data Committee chaired by Dr. Ed Miles has been studying the data needs of fishery management plans. His report will be presented by Dr. George Rogers and is expected to significantly influence the quality and quantity of socioeconomic data contained in our plans. The report will be discussed and if approved by the Council will be sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service for their longer term research planning and to our management plan drafting teams.

✓ VI.-4. Incidental Species Report.

The Incidental Species report should be adopted by the Council. The Council may want to request another meeting of the Incidental Species Group to discuss a "disincentive proposal" by Bert Larkins and further "incidental species" amendments to the groundfish plan.

*disincentive* -

✓ VI.-5. A Reciprocal U.S./U.S.S.R. Fishing Agreement.

This report will be presented by the Department of State representative and will discuss the ongoing negotiations for a reciprocal fishing agreement with the U.S.S.R as per the GIFA arrangement.

✓ VI.-6. Membership on the Scientific & Statistical Committee and the Advisory Panel.

VII. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS: (Action required: Executive Director, SSC, AP, and other staff comments scheduled. Preregistered public comments scheduled following each item)

✓ VII.-1. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP.

Approval of a salmon savings time/area closure amendment and DAH/reserve amendment. Consideration will be given to an amendment which would close to foreign trawling, during the winter months, an area in the eastern Bering Sea northeast of the Pribilof Islands. Also an amendment has been proposed dealing with the plan's DAH/reserve and reporting sections.

✓ VII.-2. Tanner Crab FMP

Approval of an amendment to extend the plan into 1980, a discussion of the early indicators of OY, DAH, and TALFF in the Bering Sea and a progress report of the 1979 fishery. The plan expires October 31, 1979. The final survey data necessary to modify the OY's, DAH and TALFF is not available and is currently scheduled to be presented at the October Council meeting. Because of the plan's expiration date, the Council will consider a technical amendment extending the plan "as is" into 1980 accompanied

by letter to the Department of State urging them not to allocate any Tanner crab to Japan until the Council has had an opportunity to review and finalize the OY's, DAH and TALFF in October.

✓ VII.-3. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

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Approval of an amendment to extend the plan into 1980; approval of an amendment package changing various OY's, the DAH concepts, provisional joint venture related time/area concepts, and others. The amendment would (a) increase the OY's for Atka mackerel and Pacific cod, (b) create a separate OY for the Rockfish Sebastes, (c) modify the DAH/DAP joint venture concepts contained in the plan, and (d) create a policy amendment addressing provisional joint venture related time and area closures.

✓ VII.-4. Bering Sea Herring (Draft FMP)

The draft plan has been reviewed by subgroups of the SSC and AP and will be reviewed by the Council for the first time. The Council will consider in October the plan for approval to begin public hearings.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

✓ Troll salmon for 1980  
✓ Saitzel letter on Permit + fee

IX. CONTRACTS REPORT:

(Action required as necessary. Executive Director, SSC, AP, and other staff comments as appropriate.)

✓ IX.-1. Contract 78-9: The Pilot Troll Salmon Observer Program.

A final report for this contract has been submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game for approval and final payment.

✓ IX.-2. Contract 78-7: The Salmon Tag Recovery Program.

A final report has been submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game for Council approval and final payment.

✓ IX.-3. A proposal: To Assess Troll Salmon Fishery Data.

A proposal has been submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and will require Council approval for funding.

*Sitka* ✓ IX.-4. A Proposal: To Analyze Leasing Alternatives for the Eastern Bering Sea Clam FMP

A proposal has been submitted by the University of Washington Law School and has been reviewed by NOAA General Counsel. The concept and the proposal will require Council approval for funding.

*Sitka* IX.-5. A Proposal: To Key punch Halibut Fish Ticket Data for 1975-78,

X. FINANCE REPORT: (Action required following the report of the Finance Committee)

✓ X.-1. FY80 Budget

The preliminary FY80 budget has been submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service. A final budget will be approved by the Council.

✓ X.-2. NMFS FY82 Budget

The National Marine Fisheries Service has requested the comments of the North Pacific Council on the program emphasis of their 1982 budget.

✓ XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Individual comments on matters not on the agenda can be scheduled here but will be limited to 10 minutes per person.

✓ XII. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS (No action required)

A report on committee appointments, meetings, and hearings schedules, future agendas, and closing remarks.

✓ XIII. ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT AGENDA  
SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE  
August 21-22, 1979  
Anchorage, Alaska

Draft Agenda

- \* 1. Tanner Crab FMP Amendment (Council Agenda Item VII-2) *Requested  
Dater last meeting*  
For information only. Tanner crab fishery update. (Information under Tab VII-2.)
- \* 2. Bering Sea Herring Draft FMP Review (Council Agenda Item VII-4) *1:30 Afternoon*  
The SSC Subgroup met in Juneau on August 6 to review the plan. They will report at this meeting. (Information under Tab VII-4)
- \* 3. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (Council Agenda Item VII-3) *After Hourning*  
Report from PDT on meeting in Seattle August 7th & 8th. Amendment to change some OY's and change DAH concept. Background material available in Tab VII-3.
- \* 4. King Crab Draft FMP (Not a Council agenda item) *Plan end Nov<sup>23</sup> see weekly Jan. Wed. Morning*  
Prioritization of SSC comments. Direction from SSC to PDT.
- \* 5. SSC Membership (Council Agenda Item VI-6) *Julian Burns.*  
Replacements for Drs. Crutchfield and Bevan. Question of 11th member. Nomination of SSC members to Clam Plan Review Group.
- Done part only* \* 6. Four Contracts requiring SSC review (Council Agenda Item IX) *Morning + Tomorrow*  
Two contracts requiring approval for final payment; a contract for funding of a proposal from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game to analyze troll salmon fisheries data; and a contract proposal for funding for a study to analyze the leasing alternatives proposed as management options for the Bering Sea Clam Draft FMP.  
(Background information on all is under Tab IX.)
- \* 7. Socio-Economic Data Needs Report (Council Agenda Item VI-3) *Review Tomorrow*  
This report was mailed to the SSC during July. It will be presented to the SSC by George Rogers in the absence of Ed Miles.
- Done* \* 8. Review of Proposed Guidelines on OY Determination (Not a Council agenda item) *Today morning*  
A document from Terry Leitzell was mailed to the SSC for their review on August 2nd.



9. Bering Sea Groundfish FMP (Council Agenda Item VII-1)

Proposed DAH amendment (Background information under Tab VII-1) and salmon savings area is also under Tab VII-1. Bert Larkins will present the results of the 1978 observer data at the SSC meeting.

10. Other Council related business

*A. Henry Workshop proposal.*

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

### ADVISORY PANEL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel KENAI ROOM  
August 22, 1979

The Advisory Panel will convene at 9:30 a.m. in the Kenai Room of the Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, August 22, 1979.

A new format for Council meetings will begin with the August meeting. As agenda items are considered by the Council, reports will be received from the SSC, AP, and the general public before Council decisions will be made. Therefore, the Advisory Panel agenda items are numbered according to the Council agenda items.

#### II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1979 MINUTES

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- a. New appointments to various Council subcommittees.
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- VI. - 1 Economic Impact Analysis of Bering Sea Crab Regulations  
and Tanner Crab Regulation Inconsistencies.
- VI. - 2 Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) and  
Council Cooperative Policy.
- VI. - 3 The Socioeconomic Data Needs of Fishery Management Plans --  
A Report.
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- VII. - 4 Bering Sea Herring (Draft) FMP
- IX. CONTRACTS REPORT As time permits.