

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## DRAFT AGENDA

62nd Plenary Session  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

September 24-28, 1984  
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet in the Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, September 25-28. The Council will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 25, along with the Council's Advisory Panel, to hear reports on domestic and foreign fisheries, Coast Guard enforcement, joint venture operations and to elect Council officers for the coming year. They will also receive staff reports, public testimony and discuss agenda items C-6 (Advisory Panel Operations), C-1 (Halibut), C-2 (Fishery Management Goals and Objectives), C-4 (Joint Venture and Permit Policies), C-7 (Habitat Policy), and C-8 (Joint Venture Permit Restrictions). However, the Council does not expect to make decisions on these agenda items until Thursday or Friday when they will have recommendations from the Advisory Panel and SSC available to them. Persons wishing to testify on those subjects will be able to do so on Tuesday before the Council and the Advisory Panel and need not be present on Thursday or Friday when the Council reaches a decision.

The agenda is structured so that the AP and the SSC will be together on Monday afternoon to hear staff reports and public testimony on crab and groundfish matters. The AP will be together with the Council to hear all of the agenda items scheduled for Tuesday. The Advisory Panel will then meet separately on Wednesday to formulate their advice to the Council on those subjects.

On Wednesday, September 26, the Council will meet with the Alaska Board of Fisheries to discuss Tanner crab management. On September 27 & 28, Thursday and Friday, the Council is expected to make decisions on their options for halibut management, on draft comprehensive fishery management goals, joint venture policy, joint venture permit restrictions, habitat policy, and Advisory Panel operations. They will also hear staff and public testimony on Thursday and Friday on herring in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian groundfish matters, and ongoing financial matters.

The Council will review several permit applications from Portugese ships to engage in joint ventures and directed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Four of the Portugese ships have applied for permission to use bottom gillnets for Pacific cod.

The current status of stocks for groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea will be reviewed and that information, along with preliminary harvest levels and their apportionments to domestic and foreign fishermen for 1985, will be sent to the public at the conclusion of this meeting for comment with final action by the Council scheduled for the December meeting.

The Council will also consider extension of an emergency closure for sablefish in Southeast Alaska federal cul-de-sacs and emergency regulations to raise the bycatch limit on halibut by domestic trawlers in the Central and Western Gulf of Alaska, as well as review previous Council action banning the use of pots for sablefish in parts of the FCZ off Southeast Alaska.

The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel will meet separately beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24, in the Old Federal Building and will meet together that day at 1:00 p.m. There will be a meeting of the Council's Permit Review Committee at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning and its Finance Committee at 7:00 a.m. on Friday. Other plan team and workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the Council meeting. They will be announced at the Council offices.

The Council and Scientific and Statistical Committee may announce closed sessions during the week to discuss personnel matters. All meetings, with the exception of the announced closed sessions, are open to the public.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
  - A-1 Election of Officers
- B. SPECIAL REPORTS
  - B-1 Executive Director's Report
  - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G including update on chinook salmon fishery and Togiak & Aleutian herring fisheries.
  - B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by NMFS
  - B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
  - B-5 Joint Venture Operations
  - B-6 1984 Bering Sea/Aleutian Crab Survey Results
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - C-1 Halibut Fishery Management  
Review methods for achieving management goals and decide course of action.
  - C-2 Comprehensive Fishery Management Goals
    - (a) Review public comments.
    - (b) Discussion and adoption of goals.
    - (c) Appointment of teams to develop objectives for shellfish, bottomfish, salmon and herring and review halibut objectives.
    - (d) Approve schedule of events.
  - C-3 Fishery Plan Teams  
Review Agency nominations, SSC recommendations, and approve memberships.
  - C-4 Joint Venture and Foreign Allocations Policy  
Final adoption of policies drafted by Council workgroup.
  - C-5 Groundfish Data Monitoring  
Review data needs and proposed measures to meet those needs.
  - C-6 Advisory Panel Operations  
Review alternatives and adopt policy.
  - C-7 NMFS Habitat Policy & Effects on Council FMPs  
Informational report by Bob McVey.

C-8 Joint Venture Permit Restrictions

Council discussion of 1.5% sablefish bycatch restriction and permit requirement that closes joint venture fishery to all species when the JVP for a single species is reached. The Council has been asked by NMFS to make a recommendation on these items.

C-9 Foreign Permit Review

Several Portugese directed permit applications need review because they want to use bottom gillnets; joint venture permits may also be available.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Herring FMP

- (a) Review responses to winter offshore herring research request for proposals. (no responses to RFP as of 8/22/84)
- (b) Industry request for Secretarial Plan.

D-2 Tanner Crab FMP

- (a) Review Council/ADF&G/NMFS study on exclusive areas and pot limits.
- (b) Review and discuss proposals to the Board of Fisheries on exclusive areas and pot limits.
- (c) Provide direction to plan team on any needed amendments as a result of Board actions.
- (d) Status report on Amendment 9 and discussion of further action.

D-3 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Request emergency regulations to raise incidental halibut bycatch ceilings for the domestic trawl fishery.
- (b) Request emergency regulations to close the Southeast FCZ cul-de-sacs to sablefish fishing until the traditional opening dates.
- (c) Release preliminary OY, DAP and JVP estimates for 1985 to public review.
- (d) Council directon on Amendment 12 - Sablefish pot ban in Southeast
- (e) Report on use of sunken gillnets for sablefish in 1984

D-4 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

- (a) Send initial TAC, JVP, DAP to public review.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

E-1 Contracts

- (a) Contract 84-2: Chinook Troll Data Analysis - final approval.
- (b) Programmatic requests for FY/85.

E-2 Finance Committee Report

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

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Advisory Panel

September 24-26, 1984

The Advisory Panel will convene alone at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 1984, and then, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m., will meet jointly with the SSC. The AP will then meet alone on Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday the AP will meet with the Council. On Wednesday, September 26, the AP will meet alone. All meetings will be held in the Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

Monday: 10:00 a.m. (AP alone)

AGENDA BRIEFING

C-6 AP Operations

Monday: 1:00 p.m. (AP and SSC)

B-6 1984 Bering Sea/Aleutian Crab Survey Results

D-2 Tanner Crab FMP

(a) Review study on exclusive areas and pot limits

(b) Review proposals to Board of Fisheries

D-3/4 Groundfish FMPs

(a) Overview of stock status and preliminary apportionments to domestic and foreign fisheries.

(b) Review NMFS procedures for assessing DAH.

Monday: 7:00 p.m. (AP alone)

D-2 Tanner Crab

(a) Recommendations to the Council on pot limit study and proposals to Board

(b) Recommendations on further action on Amendment 9

D-1 Herring FMP

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. (with Council)

(See Council Agenda)

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. (AP alone all day)

- C-1 Halibut Management
- C-2 Comprehensive Goals
- C-4 Joint Venture and Allocations Policy
- C-8 JV Permit Restrictions
- C-9 Review Portugese Permits

Wednesday: 1:30 p.m.

- C-6 AP Operations
- D-3/4 Groundfish FMPs
  - (a) Emergency regulations for halibut bycatch and sablefish cul-de-sacs
  - (b) Stock assessments and preliminary DAH--GOA/BSA
  - (c) DAH survey methodology - GOA/BSA
  - (d) Sablefish pot ban - Amendment 12 to GOA
  - (e) Sunken gillnets for sablefish
- C-5 Groundfish Data Monitoring

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

September 24-26, 1984

The SSC will convene alone at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 1984, and meet with the AP at 1:00 p.m. for the afternoon. The SSC will then meet alone on Tuesday and on Wednesday morning as necessary to complete business. All meetings will be held in the Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. Except for a closed session on plan team memberships planned either for Monday morning or Wednesday morning, all meetings will be open to the public.

Monday: 10:00 a.m. (SSC alone)

- C-2 Comprehensive Goals
- C-4 JV and Allocations Policy
- C-3 Plan Team Nominations (Closed Session)

Monday: 1:00 p.m. (SSC and AP)

- B-6 1984 Bering Sea/Aleutian Crab Survey Results
- D-2 Tanner Crab FMP
  - (a) Review study on exclusive areas and pot limits
  - (b) Review proposals to Board of Fisheries
- D-3/4 Groundfish FMPs
  - (a) Overview of stock status and preliminary apportionments to domestic and foreign fisheries
  - (b) Review NMFS procedures for assessing DAH

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. (SSC alone all day)

- D-2 Tanner Crab FMP
  - (a) In-depth critique of study on pot limits and exclusive areas
  - (b) Recommendations on proposals to Board

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.

D-3/4 Groundfish FMPs

- (a) Review NMFS methodology for DAH surveys
- (b) Review stock assessments
- (c) Review preliminary estimates of DAP, JVP, DAH
- (d) Problems with foreign bycatch of groundfish species totally utilized by the U.S.

Tuesday: 1:30 p.m.

D-3/4 Groundfish FMPs  
(continued)

Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.

D-1 Herring FMP

Review any RFP responses and status report on plan

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. (SSC alone)

C-5 Groundfish Data Monitoring

Recommendations on proposed programs

E-1 Contracts and Programmatic Requests

- (a) Review Contract 84-2 for final approval
- (b) Review list of programmatic requests.



DRAFT SPECIAL AGENDA  
for  
JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
and the  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

September 26, 1984  
Old Federal Building  
Anchorage, Alaska

- I. Introduction and Purpose/Scope of Joint Meeting
- II. Selection of Chairman
- III. Staff Reports
  1. Results of 1984 NMFS Trawl Survey - Otto
  2. Review of 1984 Westward Tanner Crab Fisheries - Eaton/Griffin
  3. Review Status of Tanner Crab FMP, State and Federal Regulations - Davis
  4. Review report entitled, "Conservation, Allocation and Enforcement Aspects of Pot Limits and Exclusive Areas" - Larson, et al
- IV. Review Proposals
- V. Public Testimony
- VI. Joint Discussion and Action
- VIII. Adjournment of Joint Session