



Agenda Topics

Council Meeting, December 5-14, 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 Red King Crab Savings Area Emergency Rule Request - *Sarah Marrinan*

The Council will consider a document looking at closing an area of the Bering Sea to all commercial fishing for the first half of 2023 in order to protect Bristol Bay red king crab and their habitat.

C2 Snow Crab Rebuilding Analysis – *Sarah Rheinsmith and Jon McCracken*

The Council will review a draft plan to rebuild the Eastern Bering Sea Snow Crab stock and make recommendations to be reviewed in February 2023.

C3 Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Amendment – *Nicole Watson*

The Council is reviewing choices that are available for required federal management of Cook Inlet Salmon. This would require a change to the Salmon FMP. The document analyzes the impacts of each choice.

C4 BSAI Groundfish Specifications, BS and AI Ecosystem Status Reports, SAFE Report, adopt ABC/OFLs; Plan Team Report– *Diana Stram*

The Council will receive a report from a team of technical experts (the BSAI Groundfish Plan Team) with the final assessments of groundfish stocks and recommend final catch limits for the 2023 and 2024 BSAI groundfish fisheries.

C5 GOA Groundfish Specifications, GOA Ecosystem Status Reports, SAFE Report, adopt ABC/OFLs; Plan Team Report– *Sara Cleaver*

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C6 2023 Charter Halibut Management Measures – Sarah Marrinan

The Council will make recommendations for charter halibut regulations (e.g., number of fish able to be harvested per angler per day) for the 2023 fishing season to ensure the amount of halibut caught does not exceed the set limits.

D1 Salmon Bycatch: Review a) Salmon findings of State of Alaska Bycatch Taskforce; b) Chum salmon bycatch discussion paper c) Salmon Bycatch Committee report (T) –Diana Stram

The Council will hear reports from various groups on salmon bycatch. The Council will also provide direction to its new Salmon Bycatch Committee.

D2 ADFG Crab conservation workplan (Council Only) – Sarah Marrinan

The Council will review and possibly add to a draft plan prepared by Alaska Department of Fish and Game on ways to rebuild the Bristol Bay red king crab and Bering Sea snow crab stocks.

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 and identify agendas for any upcoming committee meetings.