

NPFMC Climate Scenarios Workshop Draft Agenda, March 2024

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This is a draft agenda for planning purposes; session details and timing may change. Please contact staff lead Katie Latanich (katie.latanich@noaa.gov) with any questions. A final version of the agenda will be available in May 2024.

Workshop purpose and objectives

The purpose of the workshop is to generate short- and long-term ideas for management approaches and tools to improve climate resiliency of federally managed fisheries in the North Pacific.

The workshop will convene decision makers, scientific and industry advisors, agency and Council staff, and members of the public to accomplish the following objectives:

- Examine case studies and hypothetical scenarios to explore plausible “what ifs” and identify specific examples of climate readiness needs, barriers, tools, information needs, opportunities, and risks.
 - Explore strengths and weaknesses of status quo management and governance for supporting climate readiness of fisheries under the Council’s jurisdiction.
 - Consider where the pace and deliberative aspect of the Council process is a strength, and where a more rapid response to changing conditions may be appropriate; and clarify the opportunities for and constraints to responsiveness within the Federal regulatory process.
 - Develop strategies for ensuring a robust and inclusive process for advancing the Council’s climate readiness planning.
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Day 1/Wednesday, June 5 - Short term

- 8:00 - 8:30** **Opening remarks**
- *Katie Latanich, NPFMC staff (purpose and objectives, approach, logistics)*
 - *Council, SSC, and AP leadership (proposed)*

- 8:30 - 10:30** **Defining “climate readiness” and Council pathways**
- Describe the range of pathways (scientific, regulatory, procedural, policy, Council and public process, and initiatives the Council could use or that are already under development to support climate readiness, including the IRA work plan, LKTK policy and onramps, and PEIS process).
- Tabletop discussions - What does climate readiness mean, from your personal perspective and/or your role in the Council process?
 - Short presentation - Climate Readiness Synthesis and elements of climate readiness (Council process and management tools, assessments, information sources and pathways)
 - Gulf of Alaska community adaptation and resilience planning
 - Panel/reactions discussion

- 10:30 - 10:45** **Break**

- 10:45 - 12:00** **Case studies**
- Revisit recent experiences with climate-related disruptions and reflect on how these lived examples can inform discussions of future scenarios. May include:
- Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod
 - Bering Sea snow crab
 - Rapid change in the Northern Bering Sea
 - Sablefish recruitment

- 12:00 - 1:15** **LUNCH**

- 1:15 - 2:15** **Introduction to scenario planning**
- Introduce the approach of scenario planning and intended outcomes, provide an overview of workshop scenarios, and introduce breakout discussion tasking.

- 2:15 - 2:30** **BREAK**

- 2:30 - 4:00** **Breakout: Status quo/current scenario**

- 4:00 - 5:00** **Reactions and potential next steps**
- Panel session
 - Group discussion

Day 2/Thursday June 6 - Long term

- 8:00 - 8:15** **Quick recap, introduction to Day 2 tasking**
- 8:15 - 10:00** **Future scenario 1**
- Scenario exploration - In this scenario, what are the causes for optimism and concern? What are the pressures facing fishery managers, fishery participants, and communities?
 - Scenario implications - If you were living in this scenario, what might you need from management and science? What tools, approaches, information products, sources, etc. could help support climate readiness? How might communities of place and practice support readiness?
- 10:00 - 10:15** **BREAK**
- 10:15 - 12:00** **Future scenario 2**
- 12:00 - 1:15** **Lunch**
- 1:15 - 1:30** **Introduction to final breakout**
- 1:30 - 3:00** **Breakout (TBD, possibly by role): Next steps**
Synthesize next steps across Day 1/short term and Day 2/long term discussions
- Looking back at Day 1 - What does climate readiness look like in the near term? How is it different from how we think about climate readiness in the longer term?
 - What steps and conversations would you want the Council of 2024 to have considered to lay the groundwork for climate readiness and resilience in a range of potential futures?
 - What concrete actions do you consider high priorities for the Council community to consider in the short term (1-5 year range) and in the longer term?
 - What are potential risks, barriers, pitfalls, etc.?
 - What will help build confidence in new methods and tools as they become available?
- 3:00 - 3:15** **Break**
- 3:15 - 4:30** **Wrap up and final discussion**
- Report out from breakouts
 - Short reactions panel
 - Communicating next steps and ensuring a robust and inclusive process