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DRAFT AGENDA
157th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
June 5-12, 2002
The Grand Aleutian
Dutch Harbor, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 5-12, 2002 at the Grand Aleutian Hotel in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
GOA Working Group
Crab Data Collection Committee

Beginning

8:00 am, Mon., June 3 (Unisea Central Building)
8:00 am, Mon., June 3 (Shishaldin Room - Grand Aleutian)
5:00 pm, Mon., June 3 (Shishaldin Room)
5:30 pm, Mon., June 3 (Unisea Central Building-AP
meeting room)
6:00 pm, Thur, June 6 (Makushin Room - Grand Aleutian)

VMS Presentation

The Council and SSC will meet at the Grand Aleutian Hotel; the Advisory Panel will meet at the Unisea Central Building (there will be a shuttle between the two meeting locations). All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions of the Council. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

Submission of Written Comments. Because of special circumstances, for this meeting only, written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office **by 5:00 p.m. (Alaska Time) on Wednesday, May 22.** However, materials will be accepted and copied for distribution outside of the notebooks until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax--please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of **25** copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel, appropriate staff, and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (28), Scientific and Statistical Committee (18), or the public after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ADVISORY PANEL

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	MSFCMA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
AP	Advisory Panel	MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
CDQ	Community Development Quota	mt	Metric tons
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	OY	Optimum Yield
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	POP	Pacific ocean perch
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
IRIU	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
ITAC	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
LAMP	Local Area Management Plan		
LLP	License Limitation Program		

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	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
(a) Approval of Agenda	•
B. REPORTS	
B-1 Executive Director's Report	•
B-2 NMFS Management Report	•
B-3 ADFG Management Report	•
B-4 NMFS Enforcement Report	•
B-5 U.S. Coast Guard Report	•
	(2 hours for A/B items)
C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS	
C-1 <u>GOA Rationalization</u>	(1 hour)
Receive Committee report and provide direction as necessary.	
C-2 <u>Essential Fish Habitat</u>	(1 hour)
Receive Committee report and provide direction as necessary.	
C-3 <u>Crab Rationalization</u>	(28 hours)
(a) Identify Preferred Alternative for Crab Rationalization package.	
(b) Finalize alternatives for Crab FMP EIS.	
C-4 <u>CDQ Policy Amendment Package</u>	(8 hours)
Final action on proposed alternatives.	
C-5 <u>Programmatic Groundfish - DPSEIS</u>	(2 hours)
Finalize alternatives for analysis.	

C-6 Steller Sea Lion Trailing Amendments (4 hours)
Final action on two proposed amendments.

C-7 American Fisheries Act-related Amendments (8 hours)
(a) Single geographic location and plan language changes: Final Action
(b) IR/IU amendments: Initial Review
(c) ~~Review Bycatch Committee report and provide direction:~~
(d) **Pacific cod sideboards: Initial Review Postponed to October**

C-8 Research Priorities (1 hour)
Review and recommend research priorities.

D-1 Groundfish Management (4 hours)
(a) Proposed changes to TAC-setting process: Initial Review
(b) Differential gear impacts: Review workplan and provide direction.
(c) Amendment 68: BSAI Pacific cod allocation between pot CVs/CPs:
Final Action in June

D-2 Staff Tasking (2 hours)
(a) Review tasking and provide direction as necessary.
(b) Review and discuss annual proposal cycle.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 61 hours

	SSC Shishaldin Room	AP Unisea Central Building	Council Makushin Room
Monday, June 3 JOA Working Group (SSC Meeting Room) 5:30pm Crab Data Collec- tion Comm. (AP Meeting Rm)	8:00am C-8 Research Priorities	8:00am C-4 CDQ Policy Amendment	
	1:00pm C-3 Review data collection D-1(a) TAC-setting Changes	1:00pm C-4, cont'd C-3 Crab Rationalization	
Tuesday, June 4	8:00am D-1(a), cont'd	8:00am C-3, cont'd	
	1:00pm SSL Experimental Design C-2 Review Impacts Methodology	1:00pm C-3, cont'd	
Wednesday, June 5 6pm ARGOS informational presentation	8:00am C-5 DPSEIS	8:00am C-3, cont'd	8:00am Call to Order B Reports C-1 GOA Rationalization C-2 EFH 12:00 Lunch
	1:00pm Continue as necessary	1:00pm C-3, cont'd	1:00pm C-4 CDQ Policy Amendment
Thursday, June 6 6pm VMS Presentation from NMFS Enforcement Makushin Room		8:00am C-3, cont'd C-5 DPSEIS	8:00am C-4, cont'd 12:00 Lunch
		1:00pm C-7 AFA Amendments	1:00pm C-3 Crab Rationalization
Friday, June 7 6:30pm City of Unalaska/ Elsen Reception Unisea Sports Bar		8:00am C-7, cont'd	8:00am C-3, cont'd 12:00 Lunch
		1:00pm D-1 Groundfish Mgmt	1:00pm C-3, cont'd
Saturday, June 8 6pm DPSEIS Worgroup Meeting (T)		8:00am D-1, cont'd D-2 Staff Tasking C-6 SSL Trailing Amend.	8:00am C-3, cont'd 12:00 Lunch
		1:00pm continue as necessary	1:00pm C-3, cont'd
Sunday, June 9			8:00am C-3, cont'd 12:00 Lunch
			1:00pm C-3, cont'd
Monday, June 10			8:00am C-5 DPSEIS C-6 SSL Trailing Amend. 12:00 Lunch
			1:00pm C-6, cont'd D-1 Groundfish Mgmt D-2 Staff Tasking
Tuesday, June 11			8:00am C-7 AFA Amendments 12:00 Lunch
			1:00pm C-7, cont'd
Wednesday, June 12			8:00am C-8 Research Priorities 12:00 Lunch
			1:00pm continue as necessary

NOTE: The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council Executive Sessions.