

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**198th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 9-15, 2010**  
**Centennial Hall, Sitka**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Enforcement Committee

Beginning

June 7 – 8am – Maksoutoff Room  
June 7 – 8am – Rousseau Room  
June 8 – 1pm – 5pm – Westmark Hotel/Sounder Room

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.** Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office by 5:00 pm (Alaska Time) on **TUESDAY June 1, 2010**. 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.

NOTE: Council may take action as necessary on all matters listed on the Agenda

**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. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. **Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

**COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS**

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
<b>AI</b>	Aleutian Islands	<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>BS</b>	Bering Sea	<b>MRA</b>	Maximum Retainable Amount
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EFP</b>	Exempted Fishing Permit	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota		
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		

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**Estimated Time**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- (a) Approval of Agenda
- (b) Approval of April Minutes

**B. REPORTS**

(4 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 NMFS Management Report (including review of Am 91 proposed rule)
- B-3 ADF&G Report
- B-4 NOAA Enforcement Report
- B-5 USCG Report
- B-6 USFWS Report
- B-7 Protected Species Report

**C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

- C-1 BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)
  - (a) Receive update on Outreach initiatives.
  - (b) Review discussion paper and finalize alternatives for analysis.
  - (c) Update on chum and Chinook salmon genetics research and sampling design.
- C-2 BSAI Crab ACLs and Rebuilding Plans (4 hrs)
  - (a) Initial Review of analysis to establish ACLs and rebuild snow crab.
  - (b) Approve Crab SAFE/OFLs as necessary.
  - (c) Review PSC discussion paper.
- C-3 Scallop ACLs (2 hrs)

Initial Review of analysis to establish scallop ACLs.
- C-4 Observer Program Restructuring (8 hrs)
  - (a) Initial Review of analysis on program restructuring.
  - (b) Receive report from Observer Committee.
- C-5 CGOA Rockfish Program (12 hrs)

Final action on CGOA Rockfish Catch Share Program.
- C-6 Amendment 80 Program (4 hrs)
  - (a) Report on GRS program.
  - (b) Final Action on amendment for lost vessel replacement.

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Groundfish Management (4 hrs)  
(a) Initial Review of analysis for GOA P.cod sideboards for crab vessels.  
(b) Initial Review of analysis to adjust MRAs in BSAI arrowtooth fishery.
- D-2 Miscellaneous Issues (2 hrs)  
(a) Review preliminary discussion paper on GOA Halibut PSC.  
(b) Receive briefing on Alaska MPAs and fishery overlap.  
(c) Review Pacific cod assessment model run proposals (SSC only).  
(d) Review Council request for Tier 6 Working Group (SSC Only).  
(e) AFA preliminary report removal – initial/final action.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
Review Committees and tasking
- D-4 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (48 hrs)