

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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The Council will meet Thursday and Friday, March 22nd and 23rd at McPhetres Hall, Fourth Street, Juneau, Alaska, beginning at 8:30 a.m. both days. The Advisory Panel will meet on Wednesday, March 21st in the Gold Room of the Baranof Hotel at 9:00 a.m. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet March 20th and 21st at the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center, 2725 Montlake Boulevard, East, Seattle.

A public comment period is scheduled for March 22nd at 3:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Draft Agenda
2. February 22-23, Council Minutes
3. Executive Director's Report
4. ADF&G Report

5. NMFS Report
6. USCG Report
7. SSC Report
8. AP Report
9. Discussion of U.S. Catcher/Processors

A general discussion of how U.S. catcher/processers currently operate and what industry foresees as future operations. How do these operations fit into general management measures, and what are the special problems of regulating catch by quantity and kind? What happens if size or sex restrictions are involved?

10. Proposed Interim Regulations on P.L. 95-354

NMFS is asking for comments on (1) guidelines for specifying U.S. harvesting capacity, (2) the activities which should be considered "processing", and (3) guidelines for conditioning or restricting permits of foreign fishing vessels receiving fish from U.S. harvesting vessels at sea.

A public hearing was held on the interim regulations in Washington on March 13th. Preliminary reports indicate that most of the comment was on the requirements for U.S. industry to report prices and markets for processed products. A copy of the proposed regulations was sent to you in the March 5th mailing with the tentative agenda.

11. Review of Recommendations to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

The Board of Fisheries meets March 29th, Council comments on regulation proposals they will be considering at that meeting must be developed at this meeting. A synopsis of the regulations of interest to the Council is in the agenda packet.

12. Consideration of the March 2nd Reserve Release for Groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska.

13. Bering Sea & Aleutian Island Groundfish FMP

Several decisions on time/area closures and other management measures are necessary on this plan. If completed at this meeting the FMP will go to the Secretary for review as soon as we can rewrite and print it.

14. Marine Sanctuaries

Proposed regulations for marine sanctuaries are in their comment period which ends April 6th. They could have a significant impact on Council operations. A synopsis and comment paper is in the agenda packet.

15. Permit Review Procedure

The development of guidelines for the review of permit applications from foreign ships to fish in the CFZ.