

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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June 5, 2003

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**162nd Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**June 11-18, 2003**  
**Best Western Kodiak Inn**  
**236 Rezanof**  
**Kodiak, AK**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet June 11 through June 18, 2003 at the Best Western Kodiak Inn in Kodiak, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

**Committee/Panel**

Advisory Panel

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Enforcement Committee

Governor's Bill Signing Ceremony

Department of Agriculture (Seafood labeling)

Hogarth Constituent Workshop/Reception

Coast Guard Public Workshop

**Beginning**

8:00 am, Mon., June 9 at the Kodiak Elks Lodge  
102 Marine Way

8:00 am, Mon., June 9 at the Fishermen's Hall  
503 Marine Way

6:30 pm, Tues., June 10, 2003 (Harbor Room)

12:00 pm, Wed., June 11, 2003 (Best Western Kodiak Inn)

5:00 pm, Thur., June 12, 2003 (Harbor Room)

2:00-8:00 pm, Fri., June 13, 2003 (Harbor Room)

6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Sat., June 14, 2003 (Harbor Room)

All meetings will meet at the Hotel unless otherwise noted. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Please note this is one day earlier than usual to accommodate shipping material to Kodiak.** 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

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

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Estimated Hours

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- (a) Approval of Agenda •
- B. REPORTS
- B-1 Executive Director's Report. (2 hr)
- B-2 Trawl 3<sup>rd</sup> Wire Report (USFWS/Council).
- B-3 NMFS Management Report.
- B-4 NMFS Enforcement Report.
- B-5 Coast Guard Report.
- B-6 ADF&G Report (Written).
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
- C-1 Gulf of Alaska Rationalization (20 hrs)  
Review discussion papers and refine alternatives, elements and options.
- C-2 Programmatic Groundfish SEIS (12 hrs)  
Select draft Preferred Alternative.
- C-3 Essential Fish Habitat/Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (6 hrs)  
(a) Update on SEIS development.  
(b) Report on Coral/Sponge bycatch limits.  
(c) Committee report on HAPC process.
- C-4 BS/AI Pacific Cod Allocation (6 hrs)  
Final Action on Amendment 77 (fixed gear allocations).
- C-5 IR/IU (10 hrs)  
(a) Discuss relationship/timing of assorted IR/IU amendments, including response to Secretarial action on Amendment 75 and implications for Amendment D.  
(b) Review alternatives and options for Trailing Amendment A (multi-species co-ops for H&G CP sector and species allocations).  
(c) Final action on Trailing Amendment C (minimum retention standards).
- C-6 SSL  
(a) SSL Mitigation Committee Report. (1 hr)  
(b) Update on addendum.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (1 hr)  
Target/Non-Target Workgroup Report.
- D-2 Crab Management (2 hr)  
Pribilof Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan (Initial Review).
- D-3 Staff Tasking (2 hr)  
Review tasking and provide direction to staff.
- D-4 Other Business (1 hr)  
Approve updated SOPPS.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 63 hours