

BI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DAVID WITHERELL, JUNE 2020



COUNCIL MEETING PROTOCOLS

- Use “**raise hand**” feature on app to be acknowledged
 - Chat box is for tech problems only
- Chair encourages Council members to **hold questions** during presentation
 - Presenters will aim to pause at natural breaks
- Council will work through agenda; may take up issues that are scheduled for following day



- **Webcams** for members
 - Video will not be visible onscreen during staff powerpoints, but at all other times
 - Presenters may be on webcam during Q&A after the staff powerpoint
 - Public testifiers will not be on webcam
- **Motions:** send by email, will display onscreen
 - Voting: Chair will ask if there are objections; if there are, Executive Director will do a roll call vote. Roll call necessary for C1, C2, and C3
- **Tech problems?** Use chat box or email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov



PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Council will be accepting oral public testimony on each agenda item
- Sign up by the end of the staff report from the link on the Adobe Connect app (top left corner), or from the Council's homepage: <https://www.npfmc.org/>
- You **MUST** be connected to audio with your phone in order to testify
 - Instructions linked from the Council's homepage
- The Chair will call your name; unmute yourself and provide your testimony. A count-down timer (and/or Chair) will signal when your testimony should conclude.
- You may hang up your phone and continue in listen-only mode after you testify.



LCDR YVONNE YANG'S LAST MEETING

- LCDR Yvonne Yang is headed down to San Francisco as the Incident Management Division Chief where she will be in charge of oil and pollution response in the Bay Area.
- She has been based in Juneau and involved in the Council process for the last 4 years.
- Best wishes in your future endeavors
Lieutenant Commander Yang!



PLAN TEAM NOMINATIONS

- Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Plan Team
 - AFSC has nominated Ms. Erin Fedewa (crab researcher from Kodiak Lab) to replace Dr. Robert Foy
- Social Science Planning Team
 - NMFS Alaska Region has nominated Mr. Scott Miller to replace Ms. Sally Bibb
 - Council ED has nominated Dr. Kate Haapala to replace Dr. Elizabeth Figus
- SSC will review these nominations, and the Council will discuss the appointments in Executive Session.



CCC MEETING – WEBINAR HOSTED BY WPFMC

- Received reports on CARES Act, a new Executive Order, NEPA rulemaking, wind issues, policy directives, NSI technical guidance, voting recusal rule, budgets, etc.
- Approved actions from CCC workgroups, including a Council Member Ongoing Development workshop in 2021.
- NMFS is seeking review of a draft policy directive on stock status determination in situations where there is: 1) a new management unit, 2) an aging stock assessment, 3) an assessment with insufficient information, or 4) an assessment that deviates from the status determination criteria specified in the FMP. A NPFMC SSC subgroup will review and develop comments for me to forward to NMFS by July 1.



NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER - PROMOTING AMERICAN SEAFOOD COMPETITIVENESS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

EO Contains 4 major components:

1. Reduce regulatory burden and increase catch of wild fish
 2. Combat IUU fishing (including implementing the Port State Measures Agreement)
 3. Streamline aquaculture permitting and process (w/ NOAA as lead agency)
 4. Establish a national Seafood Trade Task Force to improve access to foreign markets
- By November 2, Councils are required to submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on fishing and (or) increase production (including efficiency, value, etc.). By May 7, 2021, Councils must develop a proposal for initiating each recommended action.
 - NMFS HQ noted that Councils already take these types of actions, but Councils should prioritize them and could take a broad approach to developing recommendations.



LONGTIME NMFS STAFF SALLY BIBB RETIRES



- Sally began her career with ADF&G before getting her B.S. and M.S. in Resource Economics
- Started working as an industry economist for NMFS AKRO in 1992
- She worked on the observer program, IFQ, and CDQ issues, and developed the regulations to accurately weigh catch processed at sea, including scale certification and testing
- Awarded a NOAA Bronze Award for her work on the CDQ Program, and received special recognition from CDQ groups in 2002
- Appointed Deputy of Sustainable Fisheries Division in 2010
- Recently awarded the agency's Distinguished Career Service Award



QUESTIONS?



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