

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

THIRTY-FOURTH PLENARY SESSION NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

July 24 - 25, 1980
Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Council will convene on Thursday, July 24, 1980 at 9 a.m. and adjourn on Friday, July 25, 1980 at 5 p.m. in the Kenai/Aleutian Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska. The Advisory Panel will convene at 9 a.m., July 23, 1980 in the Kenai/Aleutian Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel, and adjourn at 5 p.m., July 23rd. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene at 9 a.m., July 22, 1980 in the Conference Room of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Post Office Mall Building, Anchorage, Alaska, and adjourn at 5 p.m., July 23rd. The meetings in general may be lengthened or shortened depending on progress on the agenda. All meetings are open to the public.

INFORMATION ON THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Preregistration will be required for all public comments which pertain to the specific agenda topic. Preregistration is accomplished by informing the agenda clerk early in the meeting of the agenda item to be addressed and the time required. Preregistration and public comments may be scheduled for E. OLD BUSINESS, F. NEW BUSINESS, and G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS. There will be a general comment period, Agenda J., scheduled for late afternoon on Friday for testimony on matters not on the current agenda.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

B. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

D. SPECIAL REPORTS

D-1. Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report on Domestic Fisheries.

D-2. National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Foreign Fisheries.

D-3. U. S. Coast Guard Report on Enforcement and Surveillance.

D-4. A Report on the Spring Herring Fishery: The Catches, Problems and the Resource Survey.

D-5. Report on the Walrus/Surf Clam Study.

A report from the contractor on the on-going walrus distribution and food habit study in the Bristol Bay area.

E. OLD BUSINESS

E-1. Report on Council Operations and Policy.

The Council Workgroup on Operations and Policy has met once since the May meeting. A report of that meeting is available for review.

Further workgroup meetings are not expected before August.

E-2. FCMA Amendments.

House and Senate bills are in the same status as reported in the June Council mailing. A Council position needs to be developed before floor action begins, probably in late August or September.

E-3. Bering Sea Herring FMP/PMP.

A review of herring management status.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F-1. Review permit applications.

One permit application from the West German ship FRIEDERICH BUSSE. Thirteen permit applications from the Soviet Union for JV support operations. Possibly some permit applications from Spain.

F-2. Foreign Fee Schedule Increase.

NMFS is requesting comments on raising the fee schedule for foreign fishing to recover 100% of the American costs for that fishery.

F-3. Consider new business as appropriate.

G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

G-1. King Crab FMP.

The draft King Crab FMP was distributed to the Council at the May meeting. Review by the AP, SSC, and Council is necessary in July and a recommendation for or against release of the draft to begin public review. NOAA General Counsel - Fisheries has asked that we discuss the necessity of the King Crab FMP and whether or not the Council wishes to proceed with development and implementation of the Plan.

If the draft is released for public comment, we should decide on locations and timing for public hearings.

G-2. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP.

The amendment package for 1981 has been circulated, but the Plan Development Team is reviewing some parts of it.

Those additions and changes will be before the Council for review. The Council should make a recommendation on whether the entire package should be released as is, or with revisions, for public hearings, and settle on a public hearing schedule.

Two major items before the Council on this Plan will be criteria for closing areas to foreign processing to protect American shore-based processors and the various options provided for decreasing the take of prohibited species by the foreign fishery, including economic disincentives.

G-3. Surf Clam FMP.

A status report on the Surf Clam FMP and a decision from the Council on whether the plan should be continued through development, review and implementation, or whether it should be postponed until there is stronger industry interest in the fishery.

G-4. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP.

Two portions of the 1981 amendment package have still to be resolved by the Council, the TAC on prohibited species, with or without an economic disincentive, and a trawl closure around Kodiak Island to protect U. S. crab grounds.

G-5. Salmon FMP.

A status report on the 1980 troll fishery and the FMP; a progress report on the 1981 FMP from the contractor; a report on U. S./Canadian salmon negotiations.

G-6. Tanner Crab FMP.

A review of the 1980 fishery and a tentative schedule for amendment for next year's fishery.

H. REPORTS, CONTRACTS, AND PROPOSALS

Final reports from the contracts with ADF&G on Herring Spawning Biomass Assessment and the groundfish observer contract should be available for final approval and payment.

Research proposals for FY 81 will have been prepared by the SSC and the Finance Committee and will be available for review by the Council.

I. FINANCE

FY 81 budgets must go in immediately after the Council meeting for both administrative and programmatic functions. Proposed budgets will be available for review by the Finance Committee and action by the Council.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS

K. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

ADVISORY PANEL AGENDA

The Advisory Panel will use the same agenda as the Council.

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DRAFT SSC AGENDA

FISHERY MANAGMENT PLANS

King Crab (G-1)

- Review of draft fishery management plan.
- Review SSC subgroup report.
- Recommendation on revision or release of the draft FMP to the public for their review.

Bering Sea Aleutian Island Groundfish FMP (G-2)

- Review of changes to the amendment package.
- Review incidental species management proposals from the BS/AL PDT.
- Review DAH estimates.
- Review supplementary environmental impact statement (if available).
- Review SSC subgroup report.

Gulf of Alask Groundfish FMP (G-4)

- Review of incidental species management proposals (see BS/AL).
- Review of DAH estimates.
- Review joint venture time/area closure criteria.
- Review Kodiak king crab gear conflict time/area closures.
- Review proposal to decrease POP OY.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Report from the SSC and Council subcommittees on Council operations.
- Report from the SSC subcommittee on Programmatic Budgeting on research proposals for programmatic budgets for 1980 and 1981.
- Recommendation on replacement for Bert Larkins.

Contracts

- Review status report on walrus/clam contract (80-3) by Bud Fay.
- Review and approve observer contract for the Gulf of Alaska (77-5) by ADF&G.
- Review status report on Salmon plan amendment contract by Natural Resources Consultants, Inc.