

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

70th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

January 15-17, 1986
Centennial Building
Sitka, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, at the Centennial Building in Sitka, Alaska. The Council will try to finish its business by noon on Friday, January 17, but may continue into the late afternoon if necessary. Other meetings will be held at the Centennial Building the week of January 13, as follows:

Committee/Panel

Beginning

Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:00 p.m., Monday, January 13
Advisory Panel	1:00 p.m., Monday, January 13
Permit Review	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14
Gulf of Alaska Goals/Objectives	To Be Announced
Finance Committee	7:00 a.m., Thursday, January 16

Other meetings may be held on short notice. The Council will meet in closed session at lunch on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss personnel matters. All other meetings are open to the public.

MAIN ISSUES

There are many items requiring Council attention in January; the following are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment:

C-3: Crab/Halibut Interceptions in Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary

Eleven alternatives for reducing the amounts of crab and halibut taken in trawls in Bristol Bay were sent out for written public comment until January 7. Most of these alternatives originated from industry. The Council will take oral testimony at the meeting and decide what controls to place on the fisheries for 1986.

C-6: Joint Ventures for 1986

In following through on its joint venture policy adopted last September the Council will consider bycatch restrictions on joint venture permits. These could include limits on crabs, halibut and fully U.S.-utilized groundfish species such as Pacific ocean perch, rockfish and sablefish.

D-3: Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

Managing the trawl share (20%) of the sablefish OY so that other trawl fisheries are not shut down prematurely for lack of sablefish bycatch allowance will be a major discussion item. In addition the Council will consider a request from ADF&G to close specific areas in the Central Gulf of Alaska to trawling to protect crabs.

D-4: Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

December 14 was the deadline for proposals for the 1986 groundfish amendment cycle. The Council will screen new proposals as well as carryovers from 1985 and determine which ones should be more fully developed by the Plan Team for Council review in March.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Those wishing to testify at Council meetings on a specific agenda item must fill out and deposit a registration card in the box on the registration table before public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional cards generally are not accepted after testimony has begun. A general comment period (Agenda Item F) is scheduled toward the end of each meeting for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

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A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report

(Reports normally given by NMFS, ADF&G, and the Coast Guard are not expected at this meeting because of the short time since their reports at the December Council meeting. New developments or items of special interest will be covered in the Executive Director's Report.)

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 Legislative Update

C-2 SSC Appointments and Officers

- (a) Appointments to fill two vacancies.
- (b) Approve new SSC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

C-3 Crab/Halibut Interceptions in Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary

Review public comments and take final action on proposals to control interceptions.

C-4 Halibut Management for 1986

Recommendations to IPHC for 1986.

C-5 Policy on Confidentiality of Statistics

Final approval of Council policy.

C-6 Joint Ventures for 1986^{1/}

- (a) Review current work plans and any additional requests.
- (b) Recommend bycatch restrictions.

C-7 Domestic Observer Program

- (a) Status report by workgroup.
- (b) Review funding needs.

C-8 Management of Fully-U.S. Utilized Groundfish Species

- (a) Status report on Gulf of Alaska Regulatory Amendment
- (b) Initial review of proposed amendment to allow single species closures in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

1/ Permit Review Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14.

C-9 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon FMP

- (a) Review regulatory actions by Board of Fisheries.
- (b) Report on Salmon Commission.
- (c) Scheduling plan rewrite.

D-2 King and Tanner Crab FMPs

- (a) Review State-Federal decision on Bering Sea bairdi fishery.
- (b) Deadline for proposed amendments to FMP.
- (c) Review status of king crab FMP and delegation of authority to ADF&G.
- (d) Determine need for king crab hearing in Seattle.

D-3 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Management of trawl share of sablefish allocation.
- (b) Request from State of Alaska for emergency action on crab bycatch in trawls.
- (c) GOA FMP revision - informational report on frameworking OY (if time permits).

D-4 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

Initial screening of proposals for 1986 amendment cycle (including carry-overs from 1985) and direction to Team on further development.

- E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORT
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT