

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

**Deadline for written comments for upcoming meeting:
5:00 pm (Alaska Time) Tuesday, December 2, 2014**

Submission of Written Comments: Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received by the deadline noted above. Written 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, fax or email to the following address: npfmc.comments@noaa.gov

The Comments must identify the submitter by legal name, affiliation, and date, and must also identify the specific agenda item by number (C1 for example), and must be submitted by the comment deadline. Comments received under these conditions, will be sorted, copied, and included in the Council notebooks. PDF attachments will be accepted, as long as the above criteria are met. Comment received after the deadline will not be copied and distributed, but will be treated the same as written late comments. Emails submitted for the comments must be to the above address, and not to specific Council staff or Council members. Additionally, email comments will only be accepted on items that are on the scheduled agenda. A return receipt will be issued automatically upon opening the electronic comment.

Late Comments: Copies of material provided during the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council staff. A minimum of **25** paper copies should be provided for the Council, **25** for the Advisory Panel, and **18** for the Scientific and Statistical Committee. If presentations, photographs, or other materials shown during public testimony are intended to be part of the official record, it is the testifiers' responsibility to provide copies and electronic versions, if available, to Council staff. Electronic versions, if provided, will be uploaded to the Agenda.

Those Wishing to Testify in Person

Council. 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. Groups and associations are given six minutes and individuals and businesses are allowed three minutes for their testimony. A projector is available for use upon request. Contact the staff ahead of time for arrangements.

Advisory Panel. The AP 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.

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. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.

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COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

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| ABC – Allowable Biological Catch | GOA - Gulf of Alaska |
| ADP - Annual Deployment Plan | GKC - Golden King Crab |
| AFA - American Fisheries Act | GHL - Guideline Harvest Level |
| AI - Aleutian Islands | HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern |
| BBRKC - Bristol Bay Red King Crab | IBA - Individual Bycatch Accounting |
| BiOp - Biological Opinion | IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota |
| BKC - Blue King Crab | ICA - Inter-cooperative Agreements |
| BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands | IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota |
| BSFRF - Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation | IPQ - Individual Processor Quotas |
| BSIERP - Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program | IPA - Incentive Program Agreements |
| AK BOF - Alaska Board of Fisheries | MPA - Marine Protected Area |
| CATCH – Catch Accountability Through Compensated Halibut | MRA – Maximum Retainable Allowance |
| CDQ - Community Development Quota | NOI - Notice of Intent |
| CIE - Center for Independent Experts | OAC – Observer Advisory Committee |
| CGOA - Central Gulf of Alaska | OFL – Overfishing Limit |
| CQE - Community Quota Entity | PQS – Processor Quota Share |
| CRP – Cooperative Research Plan | PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement |
| EDR - Economic Data Reporting | PSC - Prohibited Species Catch |
| EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit | RKC - Red King Crab |
| EIS - Environmental Impact Statement | ROFR - Right of First Refusal |
| EM – Electronic Monitoring | SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation |
| EFH - Essential Fish Habitat | SSL - Steller Sea Lion |
| FEP - Fishery Ecosystem Plan | TAC - Total Allowable Catch |
| FLL - Freezer longliners | VMS - Vessel Monitoring System |