

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**98th Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**September 23-28, 1991**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 23, at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska, and possibly continue into Saturday, September 28. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

**Committee/Panel**

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee  
Halibut Regulatory Amendment Advisory  
Group  
ITQ Implementation Meeting  
Finance Committee

**Beginning**

8:00 a.m., Sunday, September 22  
10:30 a.m., Sunday, September 22  
2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 22  
6:30 p.m., Sunday, September 22  
7:00 p.m., Monday, September 23  
7:00 a.m., Thursday, September 26

All meetings except Council executive sessions are open to the public. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week.

**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 at the registration table **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional cards are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun. A general comment period is scheduled toward the end of each meeting for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

**Submission of Written Testimony at Council Meeting.** Some agenda items have a formal, published deadline for written comments; for example, September 16 for agenda item C-4, Halibut Management. For those items, written comments submitted after the published deadline or at the Council meeting, other than simple transcripts of oral testimony, will be stamped "LATE COMMENT." They will not be summarized or analyzed in preparation for the Council meeting, nor will they be placed in Council member notebooks. All "LATE COMMENTS" will be placed in a special notebook, marked as such, and made available to the Council members only upon their request.

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

A-1 Oath of Office for New Council Members

A-2 Election of Officers

**B. REPORTS**

B-1 Executive Director's Report

B-2 ADF&G Report

B-3 NMFS Management Report

B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report

**C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS**

C-1 Marine Mammals

- (a) Review and comment on proposed amendments to Marine Mammal Protection Act.
- (b) Report on northern sea lion surveys.
- (c) Review proposed protective measures for sea lions and consider further action, including emergency action for 1992. Approve pollock measures for 1992, including separate Western and Central GOA reporting areas and limits on rollover of quarterly allocations. (These were implemented by emergency rule for 1991)

C-2 North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan

Approve draft preferred alternative for Secretarial review.

C-3 Sablefish Management

- (a) Report of technical committee on implementation plan.
- (b) Final approval of IFQ preferred alternative for Secretarial review.

C-4 Halibut Management

- (a) Final approval of IFQ alternative for Secretarial review.
- (b) Review 1991 fishery and receive stock status report.
- (c) Review allocative proposals from industry and recommendations from the halibut team and Regulatory Amendment Advisory Group.

C-5 International Fisheries

- (a) Status report on international fisheries activities.
- (b) Consider restrictions on U.S. operations related to fisheries in the Donut.

C-6 Future Management Planning

- (a) Further consideration of the development of a moratorium.
- (b) Preliminary planning for comprehensive rationalization program.

C-7 Other Business

- (a) Consider revising Council voting procedures on allocative decisions.

**D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

D-1 Groundfish Specifications for 1992

- (a) Approve initial Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report for Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries for public review.
- (b) Approve initial Gulf of Alaska groundfish and bycatch specifications for 1992 for public review.
- (c) Approve initial Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish fisheries for public review.
- (d) Approve initial Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish and bycatch specifications for 1992 for public review.

D-2 Groundfish Management Measures for 1992

- (a) Approve bycatch amendment for public review.  
Consider emergency rule to delay groundfish seasons, including rockfish season delay in the GOA, and synchronize Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska cod and pollock fisheries.
- (b) Proposed changes to recordkeeping and reporting requirements for 1992.
- (c) Review proposals to Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- (d) Consider an emergency rule to authorize the Regional Director to require pre-registration in certain fisheries if appropriate.
- (e) Set bycatch standards for incentive program for first half of 1992.

D-3 Staff Tasking

- (a) Review current tasking and status of amendments and emergency rules.
- (b) Receive Plan Amendment Advisory Group, Plan Team, and Bycatch Committee recommendations for groundfish management proposals for the 1991-92 amendment cycle and task staff with further analysis.

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- (a) Council budget for 1992.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

**Proposed Schedule  
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE  
September 1991  
Hilton Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska**

**Sunday, Sept. 22**

10:30 AM C-1 Marine Mammals

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM C-2 North Pacific Fisheries  
Research Plan

5:00 PM Recess

**Monday, Sept. 23**

8:00 AM C-3/4 Sablefish/Halibut IFQs

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM D-1 1992 Groundfish  
Specifications

5:00 PM Recess

**Tuesday, Sept. 24**

8:00 AM D-2 Groundfish Management  
Measures for 1992

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM D-3 Staff Tasking

5:00 PM Adjourn

**NOTE:** The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary.

**Proposed Schedule  
ADVISORY PANEL  
September 1991  
Hilton Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska**

**Sunday, Sept. 22**

8:00 AM C-1 Marine Mammals  
C-2 North Pacific Fisheries  
Research Plan

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM C-3/4 Sablefish and Halibut  
Limited Access

5:00 PM Recess

**Monday, Sept. 23**

8:00 AM C-3/4 Continued

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM C-3/4 Continued  
C-4(b,c) Halibut Stock Status  
and Proposals

5:00 PM Recess

**Tuesday, Sept. 24**

8:00 AM D-1 1992 Groundfish  
Specifications

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM D-2 Groundfish Management  
Measures for 1992

5:00 PM Recess

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**

8:00 AM D-3 Staff Tasking  
C-5 International Fisheries

**ATTENTION: 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. Therefore, new rules on testimony 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 agenda topic listed above. 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.