

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Twenty-Second Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Sheffield House
Fifth & G Streets
Anchorage, AK
January 25-26, 1979

The Council will meet Thursday and Friday, January 25th and 26th at the Sheffield House in Anchorage, Alaska. The Council meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

The Advisory Panel will meet January 24th at the Anchorage Sheffield House beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet January 22nd, 23rd and 24th starting at 10:00 a.m. the first day and 8:30 a.m. the next two days. All SSC meetings will be held at the Council headquarters, 333 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 32, Anchorage, Alaska.

A public comment period is scheduled for January 25th at 3:30 p.m. The Council will meet in closed session to discuss the allocation process at 1:30 p.m. January 25th.

AGENDA

1. Provisional Agenda
2. November 30 - December 1, 1978 minutes
3. Executive Director's Report
4. U.S. Coast Guard Report
5. NMFS Report
Observer Report - film and narrative
6. ADF&G Report
7. SSC Report
8. Advisory Panel Report
9. Legislation to move the Halibut Commission to a semi-independent research organization.

10. FMP - Bering Sea and Aleutian Groundfish Fishery

Comment period ended January 10 - this will be first Council consideration and rewrite. It will come before the council at one more meeting for final rewrite and approval before we send it to the Secretary.

11. FMP - Bering Sea Shrimp

12. FMP Amendments - Gulf of Alaska Groundfish

Action is needed on the proposals deferred from the December Council meeting:

- a. Change in sablefish OY.
- b. Open Davidson Bank to foreign longlining.
- c. Changes in percentage of Pacific Cod as bycatch in joint venture reserve.
- d. Reduce the number of statistical/regulatory areas in the Gulf from 5 to ?.
- e. Allow a directed longline fishery by foreigners for Pacific Cod between 157° W and 140° W longitude.

13. Review regulations for halibut and salmon FMP's.

14. Final report from Tetra-Tech on "Effects of Hydraulic Clam Harvesting in the Bering Sea".

15. Council informational booklet.

Council decision on whether or not to go ahead with printing and distribution.

16. Nominations for remaining two seats on Advisory Panel.

Council will review at this meeting and make a decision at the next meeting.

17. Review Alaska Board of Fisheries Action

Some changes in FMP regs may be necessary to keep the State and Federal systems in phase.

18. Incidental Species Report

Not officially accepted as yet.

19. U.S. Catcher/processors in the crab fishery

Council consideration may be desirable now.