

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

99th Plenary Session North Pacific Fishery Management Council December 3-8, 1991 Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 1991, at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska, and possibly continue into Sunday, December 8. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Public Hearing, IFQ Implementation
Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
AP Nominating Committee
NMFS Briefing on Recordkeeping/Reporting
Requirements for 1992

Beginning

9:00 AM, Monday, December 2
10:30 AM, Monday, December 2
10:30 AM, Monday, December 2
4:00 PM, Monday, December 2
7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 4

All meetings except Council executive sessions and a meeting of the AP Nominating Committee 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, agenda item D-1(b), the Bycatch Amendment. 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

B. REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
- B-3 NMFS Management Report
- B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report
- B-5 Special Report on BSAI Crab Surveys

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 Marine Mammals

- (a) Review revised draft DLEIS and comment to NMFS.
- (b) Review proposed regulations for sea lion protective measures in Amendment 20/25.

C-2 Sablefish and Halibut Management

- (a) Receive report on IFQ implementation from industry and technical teams.
- (b) Final approval of sablefish and halibut IFQ program for Secretarial review.
- (c) Proposed expansion of IPHC Area 4C.

C-3 Future Management Planning

- (a) Finalize scope and work plan for a moratorium.
- (b) Initiate planning/scoping activities for comprehensive rationalization plan.

C-4 Seabirds

- (a) Report on Spectacled and Steller's Eiders.
- (b) Review USFWS draft Alaska Seabird Management Plan.

C-5 North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan

Receive progress report on further development of research plan and give policy guidance as necessary.

C-6 International Fisheries

- (a) Report on international fisheries activities.
- (b) Consider restrictions on U.S. operations related to fisheries in the Donut.
- (c) Review foreign permit applications and consider recommending conditions and restrictions.

C-7 Committee Memberships

Council approval of memberships on AP, SSC, and Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee.

C-8 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Groundfish Management for 1992

- (a) Status report on plan amendments, regulatory changes and emergency rules.
- (b) Final approval of bycatch amendment 19/24 for Secretarial review, including possible emergency action.
- (c) Comments on proposed changes in recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
- (d) Review proposed rules implementing Walrus Islands closures.
- (e) Approve regulatory amendment assigning halibut bycatch to demersal shelf rockfish hook-and-line fishery in the Southeast Outside District of the Gulf of Alaska.

D-2 Groundfish Specifications for 1992

- (a) Review environmental assessments for Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish fisheries.
- (b) Review final Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report for the GOA and approve groundfish and bycatch specifications for the GOA for 1992.
- (c) Review final SAFE report for BSAI and approve groundfish and bycatch specifications for the BSAI for 1992, including division of pollock TAC between roe and non-roe seasons, and between pelagic and bottom trawls, and bycatch rate standards for designated fisheries.
- (d) Consider industry proposal to delay the pollock non-roe fishery until Sept. 1.

D-3 Staff Tasking

- (a) Reports from team on strategic bycatch plans.
- (b) Report from IPHC on help with halibut bycatch analysis.
- (c) Report from ADF&G on analysis of proposed amendments.
- (d) Further tasking of staff as appropriate.

E. FINANCIAL REPORT

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

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Tuesday December 3	Wednesday December 4	Thursday December 5	Friday December 6	Saturday December 7	Sunday December 8
8:00 A Call to Order/ Approve Agenda B-1 ED Report B-2 ADFG Rpt B-3 NMFS Rpt B-4 Enforcement Rpt B-5 Crab Survey 9:30 D-1(a-e) Grfsh Management	8:00 D-2 Grfsh Specs (continued)	8:00 C-1 Marine Mammals C-2 Sablefish/ Halibut IFQs	8:00 C-2 (continued) C-2(c) Halibut Allocation Proposal	8:00 C-5 NP Research Plan C-6 Int'l Fisheries	8:00 Continue as necessary
12:00 Lunch	12:00 Executive Session	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch
1:00 D-2 GOA/BSAI 1992 Grfsh Specs Staff Rpts AP/SSC Rpts Public Test. Council Action 6:30 Women's Fisheries Network Holiday Reception- No Host	1:30 D-2 (continued) 7:00 NMFS briefing on 1992 Recordkeeping/Reporting Requirements	1:00 C-2 (continued)	1:00 C-3 Future Mgmt Planning C-4 Seabirds D-2 Final Apprvl of 1992 Grfsh Specs	1:00 D-3 Tasking Committee Memberships 3:00 RECESS	1:00 Continue as necessary 5:00 RECESS/ADJOURN

NOTE: THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS MAY NOT BE TAKEN IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY APPEAR AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY; OTHER ITEMS MAY BE ADDED. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

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

Monday, December 2

10:30 AM D-1(b) Bycatch Amendment 19/24

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM D-1(c) Reporting Requirements
D-1(e) Halibut PSC for SE rockfish
D-2 1992 Groundfish
Specifications

5:00 PM Recess

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 AM C-1 Marine Mammals
C-3 Future Management Planning

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM C-6 International Fisheries
C-5 North Pacific Fisheries
Research Plan

5:00 PM Recess

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM D-2 Continued

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM C-2 Sablefish/Halibut IFQs and
Halibut Allocation

5:00 PM Recess

Thursday, December 5

8:00 AM Continue as necessary

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.

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

Monday, December 2

10:30 AM D-2 Groundfish Specifications for 1992
Noon Lunch
1:00 PM D-2, continued
3:00 PM Break to D-1(b), Bycatch Amendment 19/24^{1/}
5:00 PM Recess

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM D-1(b), continued
Return to D-2, Groundfish Specifications
Noon Lunch
1:00 PM C-1 Marine Mammals
C-2 Sablefish/Halibut IFQs
C-5 North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan
Research Priorities
5:00 PM Recess

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 AM Continue as necessary

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^{1/} The Council will address this agenda item at about 10:00 a.m., Tuesday morning.

ATTENTION: THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE 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. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.