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DRAFT AGENDA

103rd Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Juneau, Alaska

The Council will convene at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II. INSHORE-OFFSHORE AMENDMENT 18

Consider final approval of revised Amendment 18 to the Bering Sea and Aleutians groundfish plan.

III. HALIBUT PSC FOR LONGLINE FLEET - BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

Report from NMFS on implementation of the 750 metric ton halibut prohibited species catch (PSC) for the longline fleet in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands. Council may take action if appropriate.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

*The Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin their meetings at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, at the Baranof Hotel. Their agendas will be the same.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Those wishing to testify before the Council on a specific agenda item must fill out a registration card 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 the meeting, time permitting, for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

Submission of Written Testimony During Council Meeting. Any written comments and materials provided during a meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of 18 copies is needed to ensure that every Council member, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. Some agenda items may have a formal, published deadline for written comments. 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 Council members upon their request.

FOR 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. 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 <u>must</u> 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.

FOR 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.