

Ecosystem Committee: Path Forward.

There is an opportunity for the Council to better utilize the Ecosystem Committee, both in addressing immediate issues of the day, and by taking a longer term view for how the Council could take a leadership role in the continuing evolution of EBM. This has been discussed at recent Committee meetings, and is reflected in their minutes from this meeting

In order to best take advantage of this opportunity the Council:

1. Will identify from time to time issues that require immediate attention and refer them to the Ecosystem Committee. In the near term those issues could include EFH consultations, conservation of deep sea corals, marine canyons, or emerging ESA issues such as right whales.
2. Tasks the Committee to continue work on further refinement and implementation of the Aleutian Island FEP.
3. Tasks the Committee to consider longer term EBM approaches and opportunities. Examples could include further work with respect to the Arctic FMP and changing conditions in the Arctic, refining approaches to EBM and integrating science into management decisions in a practical manner appropriate to North Pacific fisheries, or refining concepts of adaptive management and monitoring to ensure that management measures are meeting goals over time.

The Council will schedule a report from the Committee and discussion by the Council at its {June? October?} meeting. The Council is requesting the Committee develop a proposed workplan for Council adoption and implementation of longer-term EBM approaches as part of its report.

NPFMC Committees & Workgroups
(Revised February 25, 2013)

Council/Board of Fisheries Joint Protocol Committee

Updated: 3/19/2012	Council: Vacant Ed Dersham Eric Olson	Board: Karl Johnstone (chair) Sue Jeffrey Tom Kluberton
Staff: Jane DiCosimo		

Council Coordination Committee

[Designated and renamed by Magnuson Act reauthorization April 2007]

Appointed: 4/05 Updated: 10/28/12 Staff: Chris Oliver	CFMC: C: Carlos Farchette ED: Miguel Rolón	NPFMC: C: Eric Olson ED: Chris Oliver
	GMFMC: C: Doug Boyd ED: Steve Bortone	PFMC: C: Dan Wolford ED: Don McIsaac
	MAFMC: C: Richard Robins ED: Chris Moore	SAFMC: C: David Cupka ED: Bob Mahood
	NEFMC: C: Rip Cunningham ED: Paul Howard	WPFMC: C: William Aila ED: Kitty Simonds

Council Executive/Finance Committee

Updated: 8/10/07	Eric Olson (Chair) Jim Balsiger (NMFS) Dave Hanson (PSMFC) Cora Campbell (ADFG) Roy Hyder (ODFW) Bill Tweit (WDFW)
<u>Status:</u> Meet as necessary	
Staff: Chris Oliver/Dave Witherell/Gail Bendixen	

Bering Sea Crab Advisory Committee

Appointed 4/25/07	Jerry Bongen	Lenny Herzog
	Steve Branson	Kevin Kaldestad
Revised 11/15/07	Florence Colburn	Frank Kelty
	Sam Cotten (Chair)	John Moller
	Linda Freed	Rob Rogers
	Dave Hambleton	Simeon Swetzof
	Phil Hanson	Ernest Weiss
Staff: Mark Fina	Tim Henkel	

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Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch Workgroup

Appointed: 3/07 Staff: Diana Stram	Becca Robbins Gisclair John Gruver Karl Haflinger Jennifer Hooper Stephanie Madsen (Co-chair)	Eric Olson (Co-chair) Paul Peyton Mike Smith Vincent Webster (BOF)
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Comprehensive Economic Data Collection Committee

Appointed: 12/07 Updated: 2/9/09 Staff: Mark Fina	Bruce Berg Michael Catsi Dave Colpo Paula Cullenberg John Henderschedt (Chair)	Brett Reasor Glenn Reed Ed Richardson Mike Szymanski Gale Vick
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Charter Management Implementation Committee

Appointed: 6/11 Staff: Jane DiCosimo	Gary Ault Seth Bone Ed Dersham (Chair) Ken Dole Tim Evers	Kent Huff Stan Malcolm Andy Mezirow Richard Yamada
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Crab Interim Action Committee
[Required under BSAI Crab FMP]

Jim Balsiger, NMFS Cora Campbell, ADF&G Phil Anderson, WDF
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Ecosystem Committee

Updated: 10/22/07 <u>Status</u> : Active Staff: Diana Evans	Jim Ayers Dave Benton Doug DeMaster Dave Fluharty John Iani Jon Kurland Stephanie Madsen (Chair)
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Enforcement Committee

Updated: 7/03	Roy Hyder (Chair) Nicole Kimball, ADF&G Lisa Lindeman/Garland Walker, NOAA-GC Martin Loefflad, NMFS Sherrie Meyers/Ken Hansen, NMFS-Enforcement Glenn Merrill, NMFS Phillip Thorne/Anthony Kenne, USCG Jon Streigel, AK F&W Protection
<u>Status:</u> Active	
Staff: Jon McCracken	

Golden King Crab Arbitration Workgroup

Appointed: 1/12	Larry Cotter Duncan Fields (Chair) Mark Johanson Brett Reasor	Joe Sullivan Dick Tremaine Greg White
Staff: Mark Fina		

Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee

Appointed: 1/06 Updated: 3/29/10 <u>Status:</u> Idle, pending direction	Seth Bone Robert Candopoulos Ricky Gease John Goodhand Kathy Hansen Dave Hanson (Chair) Dan Hull	Chuck McCallum Larry McQuarrie Scott Meyer Rex Murphy Peggy Parker Charles "Chaco" Pearman Greg Sutter
Staff: Jane DiCosimo		

IFQ Committee

Reconstituted: 7/31/03 Updated: 2/17/12	Bob Alverson Rick Berns Julianne Curry Tim Henkel Dan Hull (Chair) Jeff Kauffman	Don Lane Dave Little Kris Norosz Paul Peyton Jeff Stephan Phil Wyman
Staff: Jane DiCosimo		

Non-Target Species Committee

Appointed: 7/03 Updated: 8/10/07	Julie Bonney John Gauvin Ken Goldman Karl Haflinger John Henderschedt (Chair) Michelle Ridgway	Janet Smoker Paul Spencer Lori Swanson Anne Vanderhoeven Jon Warrenchuk
Staff: Jane DiCosimo, NPFMC/ Olav Ormseth, AFSC		

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Observer Advisory Committee

Reconstituted: 1/20/11 Updated: 2/12 Status: Active Staff: Chris Oliver/ Diana Evans	Bob Alverson Jerry Bongen Julie Bonney Kenny Down Dan Falvey Kathy Hansen Dan Hull (Chair) Michael Lake	Todd Loomis Paul MacGregor Brent Paine David Polushkin Joe Rehfluss Darren Stewart Ann Vanderhoeven
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Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee

Appointed: 12/10 Revised: 5/12 Staff: Diana Stram	Keith Colburn Lance Farr (Chair) Kevin Kaldestad Garry Loncon Steve Minor Gary Painter Kirk Peterson	Rob Rogers (Vice Chair) Vic Sheibert Dale Schwarzmiller Gary Stewart Tom Suryan Elizabeth Wiley Arni Thomson, Secretary (non-voting)
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Rural Outreach Committee

Appointed: 6/09 Staff: Steve MacLean	Paula Cullenberg Duncan Field Tim Andrew Tom Okleasik Ole Olsen Eric Olson (Chair) Pete Probasco
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Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee

Appointed: 4/12 Updated: 5/12 [formerly SSL RPA Committee; renamed February 2002] Staff: Steve MacLean Advisor: Dan Hennen	Larry Cotter (Chair) Kenny Down Dave Fraser John Gauvin Todd Loomis Gerry Merrigan Alvin Osterback Rudy Tsukada	Jon Warrenchuk Ernie Weiss
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DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK - updated 1/28/13

February 4-12, 2013 Portland, OR	April 1-9, 2013 Anchorage, AK	June 3-11, 2013 Juneau, AK
Deep Sea Coral Strategic Plan; ESA listing: <i>NOAA Report</i> IPHC Report: <i>Action as necessary</i> SSL EIS: <i>Action as necessary</i> AI Risk Assessment: <i>Report</i> Observer Program: <i>Update and action as necessary</i> Stock Structure Workshop: Update on planning Definition of Fishing Guide: <i>Discussion Paper</i> CGOA Trawl Economic Data Collection: <i>Discussion paper</i> CGOA Trawl Catch Shares: <i>Discussion paper</i> Crab bycatch limits in BSAI groundfish fisheries: <i>Disc paper</i> BSAI Crab ROFR: <i>Final Action</i> BSAI Crab active participation requirements: <i>Initial Review</i> BSAI Crab Cooperative Provisions for Crew : <i>Discussion paper</i> GOA P cod sideboards for FLL: <i>Initial Review</i> AFA Vessel Replacement GOA Sideboards: <i>Initial Review</i> BSAI Flatfish Specification Flexibility: <i>Initial Review</i> BBRKC spawning area/fishery effects: <i>Updated Discussion paper</i> HAPC - Skate sites: <i>Final Action</i>	AFA Co-op Reports; ICA report: Action as necessary Amendment 80 Co-op Reports: Action as necessary CGOA Rockfish Co-op Reports: Action as necessary Observer Program: <i>Update; 3rd Party discussion paper</i> SSL EIS: <i>Initial Review, Select PPA</i> BS and AI P. cod ABC/TAC split: <i>Updated Discussion Paper</i> Retention of 4A halibut in BSAI sablefish pots: Expanded Disc Paper BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch: <i>Industry Progress Report</i> GOA Chinook Bycatch non-pollock trawl fisheries: <i>Final Action (T)</i> Salmon Bycatch Genetics: Update CGOA Trawl Catch Shares: <i>Action as necessary</i> Crab modeling report: SSC only BSAI Crab active participation requirements: <i>Final Action</i> Scallop SAFE and harvest specifications: <i>Review and Approve</i> GOA P cod sideboards for FLL: <i>Final Action</i> AFA Vessel Replacement GOA Sideboards: <i>Final Action</i> Round Island Transit: <i>Initial Review</i> Grenadier management: <i>Initial Review (T)</i> BSAI Flatfish Specification Flexibility: <i>Final Action (T)</i> Research Priorities: SSC only	Observer Program: <i>Update and action as necessary</i> SSL EIS: <i>Progress Report</i> CQE Small Blocks: <i>Initial Review/Final Action</i> H/S IFQ Disc papers (GOA sablefish pots, sablefish A-share caps) (T) Halibut compensated reallocation pool: <i>Discussion Paper (T)</i> Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Leasing prohibition: <i>NMFS Disc. paper (T)</i> CGOA Trawl Catch Shares: <i>Action as necessary</i> BSAI Crab: <i>CPT report; OFL/ABC specifications for 4 stocks</i> BS Canyons: Updated AFSC report; Fishing activities and management <i>discussion paper (T)</i> Round Island Transit: <i>Final Action</i> Grenadier management: <i>Final Action (T)</i> ITEMS BELOW FOR FUTURE MEETINGS Crab PSC numbers to weight: <i>Discussion paper</i> Salmon EFH revisions: <i>Initial Review</i> BS Sablefish IFQ & non-IFQ specifications: <i>Discussion Paper</i> BSAI Halibut PSC: <i>On Hold</i> EGOA skate fishery: <i>Discussion paper</i> Greenland Turbot allocation: <i>Initial Review</i> MPA Nominations: Discuss and consider nominations

AI - Aleutian Islands
 AFA - American Fisheries Act
 BiOp - Biological Opinion
 BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
 BKC - Blue King Crab
 BOF - Board of Fisheries
 CQE - Community Quota Entity
 CDQ - Community Development Quota
 EDR - Economic Data Reporting
 EFH - Essential Fish Habitat
 EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit
 EIS - Environmental Impact Statement
 FLL - Freezer longliners
 GOA - Gulf of Alaska

GKC - Golden King Crab
 GHl - Guideline Harvest Level
 HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
 IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota
 IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota
 MPA - Marine Protected Area
 PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement
 PSC - Prohibited Species Catch
 RKC - Red King Crab
 ROFR - Right of First Refusal
 SSC - Scientific and Statistical Committee
 SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
 SSL - Steller Sea Lion
 TAC - Total Allowable Catch

Future Meeting Dates and Locations

February 4-12, 2013, Portland
 April 1-9, 2013, Anchorage
 June 3-11, 2013, Juneau
 September 30-Oct 8, 2013 Anchorage
 December 9-17, 2013, Anchorage
 February 2-10, 2014, Seattle
 April 7-15, 2014, Anchorage
 June 2-10, 2014, Nome
 October 6-14, 2014 Anchorage
 December 8-16, 2014, Anchorage
 February 2-10, 2015, Seattle

(T) = Tentative

Status of 'Items for Future Meetings' from the 3-meeting outlook

A list of previously tasked items are included on the lower right corner of the 3-meeting outlook. This summary provides information on the status of these items.

Crab PSC numbers to weight: Discussion Paper

In June 2010, as part of the motion to initiate crab bycatch limits in all BSAI groundfish fisheries, the council briefly discussed the possibility of establishing crab caps by weight, rather than in numbers of crab. In June 2011, the Council explicitly tasked staff to prepare a separate discussion paper to evaluate changing the catch accounting of BSAI crab PSC from numbers to weight. This issue is being evaluated to some degree as part of the discussion paper from this meeting on crab bycatch limits in BSAI groundfish fisheries, which could inform future direction on this issue. Alternatively, we could pursue this directly outside of any longer-term initiative to evaluate crab PSC limits in groundfish fisheries.

Salmon EFH Revisions: Initial Review

At the time the Council took action on the 2010 EFH 5-year review, the AFSC was in the midst of developing a new methodology for refining EFH descriptions for salmon species. The Council opted to postpone action on updating the EFH sections of the Salmon FMP until the new methodology was ready for use. The methodology has now been peer-reviewed and published as a NOAA Technical Memorandum. In this amendment analysis, the Council would consider replacing the existing salmon EFH descriptions with the more refined descriptions resulting from the new AFSC methodology. Initial Review of the analysis will be scheduled when NMFS HD, AFSC, and Council staff time becomes available.

Bering Sea Sablefish FO and non-IFO specifications: Discussion Paper

At the December 2012 Council meeting, Council member Fields requested a discussion paper be prepared to examine the potential of allowing more flexibility in the specification of non-IFO sablefish. The BSAI Groundfish FMP currently specifies TAC allocations of sablefish by subarea as follows. Vessels using fixed gear may harvest no more than 50% of the TAC in the Bering Sea and 75% of the TAC in the Aleutian Islands; vessels using trawl gear may harvest no more than 50% of the TAC in the Bering Sea and 25% of the TAC in the Aleutian Islands. Additional clarification of the intent of this paper is needed.

BSAI halibut PSC limit: Discussion Paper

At its December 2009 meeting, the Council requested a discussion paper on the process for changing the halibut Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) limits in the GOA and the BSAI. In February 2010, the Council requested separate discussion papers for each area, and set GOA halibut PSC limits as its first priority. In June 2012, the Council took action to reduce halibut PSC caps in the GOA by up to 15%. At that time, the Council also reviewed a discussion paper prepared by Northern Economics containing background information on halibut bycatch caps in the BSAI and the process for revising them. The Council took no action at that time, however, in December 2012, Council member Cotton indicated his interest in revisiting this issue in the future.

EGOA Skate Fishery: Discussion paper

At the December Council meeting, the Council heard testimony requesting that a directed skate fishery with longlines be allowed in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska. Skates have not been open to directed fisheries in Federal waters for many years. In 2012, the EGOA catch of big skates (38 mt) was well below the TAC (1,202 mt) and, similarly, the catch of longnose skates (78 mt) was well below the TAC (676 mt). A discussion paper is being prepared for review in September by the GOA groundfish plan team for their recommendation before it is brought to the Council in October.

Greenland Turbot Allocation: Initial Review

In June 2012, the Council received a staff presentation summarizing the BSAI Greenland turbot longline and trawl fisheries and information relative to possible sector allocations for the BSAI Greenland turbot fishery. Discussions have occurred between the Freezer Longline Coalition and the Amendment 80 Cooperatives to reach non-regulatory agreement to manage Greenland turbot catch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands subareas, but to date those cooperatives have not been able to reach agreement on measures to ensure the directed fishery remains open. Because the cooperatives have not yet reached agreement, the Council voted in June 2012 to move ahead by adopting a draft purpose and need statement, and alternatives for analysis. In December, the Council agreed to put the analysis on hold until the results of the 2013 fishery become available.

MPA Nominations: Discuss and Consider Nominations

In December 2009, the Council reviewed a discussion paper on the MPA nomination process, including a revised list of closure areas that appear to be eligible for inclusion into the national system of MPAs. The paper is posted: http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/PDFdocuments/meetings/MPA_1209.pdf Based on its review, the Council tasked staff to prepare a follow-up discussion paper that would incorporate anticipated guidance on the NOAA interpretation of 'avoid harm to the extent practicable', and evaluate the council's existing quasi marine reserves (i.e., Option 2 from the December 2009 discussion paper -- seamounts, AI coral gardens, Bowers Ridge, GOA coral HAPC areas, Sitka pinnacles, and Steller sea lion 3-nm no-transit zones) relative to the avoiding harm from the effects of fishing on these areas. The paper will also review the original list of eligible MPAs forwarded by the MPA center and develop draft justification of why sites would or would not be recommended for inclusion into the national system of MPAs. Further, the paper would discuss how a MPA nomination process could potentially interface with the EFH/HAPC process specified in the FMPs. Further work on the discussion paper has been put on hold until NOAA issues guidance on the interpretation of 'avoid harm'.

Groundfish Workplan

Priority actions revised in February 2007, status updated to current

General Priority	Specific priority actions	Related to main objective	Status (updated 1-25-13)	2013				
				Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct	Dec
Prevent Overfishing	a. continue to develop management strategies that ensure sustainable yields of target species and minimize impacts on populations of incidentally-caught species	5	Aggregate ABC/OFL for GOA 'other species' in 2008; BSAI skates TAC breakout in 2009; ecosystem component created in 2010 ACL II discussion paper under preparation					
	b. evaluate effectiveness of setting ABC levels using Tier 5 and 6 approaches, for rockfish and other species	4	AFSC responding to CIE reviews as part of harvest specifications process					
	c. continue to develop a systematic approach to lumping and splitting that takes into account both biological and management considerations	5	report from non-target species committee in Dec 09 Grenadier management initial review in Apr 2013					
Preserve Food Web	a. encourage and participate in development of key ecosystem indicators	10	Ecosystem SAFE presented annually GOA ecosystem assessment for 2013; EBS and AI ecosystem assessments developed in 2010, 2011					
	b. Reconcile procedures to account for uncertainty and ecosystem considerations in establishing harvest limits, for rockfish and other species	11	ACL II discussion paper under preparation					
	c. develop pilot Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the AI	13	FEP and brochure published 2007; AI ecosystem assessment developed in 2011					
Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste	a. explore incentive-based bycatch reduction programs in GOA and BSAI fisheries	15	partially addressed in BS Chinook bycatch EIS, Kodiak Tanner crab closures (2010); GOA pollock Chinook PSC limits (2011), GOA halibut PSC limit reduction (2012) CGOA trawl catch shares, discussion paper in Feb 2013 GOA Chinook non-pollock PSC limits - final action Apr 13 BS chum bycatch review Oct 2013					
	b. explore mortality rate-based approaches to setting PSC limits in GOA and BSAI fisheries	20	partially addressed in BS Chinook bycatch EIS discussion paper on BSAI crab bycatch limits in Feb 2013					
	c. consider new management strategies to reduce incidental rockfish bycatch and discards	17	partially addressed in rockfish program					
	d. develop statistically rigorous approaches to estimating bycatch in line with national initiatives	14, 19	National Bycatch Report revised in 2011 restructured observer program to be implemented in 2013					
	e. encourage research programs to evaluate population estimates for non-target species	16	Included in research priorities, adopted in June 2007					
	f. develop incentive-based and appropriate biomass-based trigger limits and area closures for BSAI salmon bycatch reduction, as information becomes available	14, 15, 20	bycatch limits for BS Chinook adopted Apr 09; BS chum bycatch review in Oct 2013					
	g. assess impact of management measures on regulatory discards and consider measures to reduce where practicable	17	partially addressed by arrowtooth MRA analyses (GOA - 2007, BSAI - 2010)					

Groundfish Workplan

Priority actions revised in February 2007, status updated to current

General Priority	Specific priority actions	Related to mgmt objective	Status (updated 1-25-13)	2013				
				Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct	Dec
Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals	a. continue to participate in development of mitigation measures to protect SSL through the MSA process including participation in the FMP-level consultation under the ESA	23	RPA from final NMFS Biological Opinion implemented by Secretarial action for Jan 2011 SSL EIS initial review - April 2013					
	b. recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in reconsideration of SSL critical habitat	23						
	c. monitor fur seal status and management issues, and convene committee as appropriate	24, 25	monitoring through the Protected Species Report					
	d. adaptively manage seabird avoidance measures program	22	seabird avoidance measures in 4E in 2008					
Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat	a. evaluate effectiveness of existing closures	26	partially addressed in Bristol Bay red king crab discussion paper in Feb 2013					
	b. consider Bering Sea EFH mitigation measures	27	BS habitat closures in 2007; BS flatfish trawl sweep mods required in 2009; EFH 5-year review/omnibus amds approved Apr 2011 Bristol Bay red king crab discussion paper in Feb 2013					
	c. consider call for HAPC proposals on 3-year cycle	27	HAPC cycle changed to 5 years, adopted Apr 2011 HAPC skate nurseries final action in Feb 2013					
	d. request NMFS to develop and implement a research design on the effects of trawling in previously untrawled areas	27	included in research priorities, adopted in June 2007 Development of NBSRA research plan halted					
Promote Equitable and Efficient Use of Fishery	a. explore eliminating latent licenses in BSAI and GOA	32	Trawl LLP recency in 2008; GOA fixed gear latent licenses in 2009					
	b. consider sector allocations in GOA fisheries	32, 34	GOA Pcod sector allocations in 2009; GOA rockfish program renewed in 2010 CGOA trawl catch shares, discussion paper in Feb 2013					
Increase Alaska Native & Community Consultation	a. Develop a protocol or strategy for improving the Alaska Native and community consultation process	37	protocol approved in 2008					
	b. Develop a method for systematic documentation of Alaska Native and community participation in the development of management actions	37	outreach plans for BSAI salmon bycatch actions Council Outreach Committee meets periodically					
Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement	a. expand or modify observer coverage and sampling methods based on scientific data and compliance needs	38, 39	improvements adopted in 2008, restructuring approved in 2010 Annual deployment performance in June and plan in Oct (outline in April 2013) EM strategic plan in June 2013; EM pilot in 2013					
	b. explore development programs for economic data collection that aggregate data	40	partially addressed in BS Chinook bycatch in 2009, also Amd 80					
	c. modify VMS to incorporate new technology and system providers	41	VMS exemption for dinglebar Jun 08 VMS to be discussed with EM strategic plan in June 2013; Enforcement Cttee to consider use of advanced features					

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Council Staff Workload and Timeline of Council Actions

Updated 2/7/2013

GROUNDFISH ISSUES	Council Staff	NMFS Input	Discussion Paper	Initial Review	Final Action	Notes
CGOA Trawl Catch Shares	Darrell Brannan, Sam Cunningham, others	major contributor; GC input	Feb-13			A very big project for council staff, also M&E input from NMFS staff and possible GC input
Skate Egg Concentrations HAPC	David Witherell	contributor		Feb, April, June 2012	Feb-13	
Chinook salmon PSC for GOA non-pollock trawl fisheries	Diana Evans, Sam Cunningham	sections on M&E		Dec-12	April 2013 (T)	Discuss in February schedule for final action - Final action in April will likely require revisitation in October
BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch	Diana Stram	M&E, AFSC sections		April 2012, Dec 2012		No further staff work at this time. Industry Progress report on proposals to incorporate in ICAs in April
AFA vessel replacement GOA sideboards	Jon McCracken	contributor; GC input	Feb-12	October 2012, February 2013	April 2013 (T)	Majority of work completed
AFA as Am 80 Replacement Vessels	Jon McCracken	major contributor	Oct-12			On hold due to USCG legislation; possible MARAD regulations
SSL EIS	Steve MacLean	lead; GC input		1-Apr-13		EIS and BiOp development on court approved schedule - mandatory action. Extensive committee work
BS and AI Pacific cod ABC split/ AI processing sideboards	Jon McCracken, Steve MacLean	major contributor	Apr-13			High priority item with SSL and pending SSC split of ABC.
Grenadiers	Jane DiCosimo	lead	Jun-12	April 2013 (T)		Lower priority
Greenland Turbot Allocation	Steve MacLean	tracking	Jun-12			Lower priority. On hold pending 2013 season
BS FLL GOA Cod sideboards	Jon McCracken	input from RAM	Jun-11	Feb-13	April 2013 (T)	Majority of work completed
BSAI Flatfish Specifications flexibility	Diana Evans	major contributor; GC input	Jun-12	Feb-13	April 2013 (T)	will require NOAA GC input on CDQ allocation
Round Island Transit Zones	Steve MacLean	M&E input, USFW input	Dec-12	Apr-13		will require coordination with AFSC, USFWS to establish appropriate zones and address M&E concerns
Groundfish ACL uncertainty	Jane DiCosimo, Diana Stram	AFSC				Ongoing work by plan teams; workgroup to involve SSC members
Crab bycatch limits in BSAI groundfish fisheries	Diana Stram	input on M&E	Feb-13			Major analysis required. Need to assess priority relative to problem
BB RKC Spawning Area	Diana Evans, Diana Stram	AFSC major contributions	Feb-13			Lower priority - await further AFSC work
Observer 3rd Party Contract Model	Chris Oliver	major contributor	Apr-13			requires review of past efforts, legal and contracting issues

GROUND FISH ISSUES - continued

	Council Staff	NMFS Staff	Discussion Paper	Initial Review	Final Action	Notes
VMS Requirements	Jon McCracken	tracking	Dec-12			On hold pending 2013 EM deployment results. EM strategic plan April 3013
PSEIS SIR	Diana Evans	AFSC major contributor	Dec-12	Dec-13		Coordination role by Council staff
BSAI Crab PSC to Weight	Diana Stram	input on M&E	?			Not yet scheduled; combine with bycatch limits or pursue separately
BSAI sablefish TAC of IFQ/non-IFQ	Jane DiCosimo	tracking	?			Not yet scheduled; need further guidance on problem or issue
EGOA Skate Fishery	Diana Stram	inseason management input	Oct-13			Not yet scheduled; possible discussion paper to GOA PT in September
Bering Sea Canyons: Science and Fishery Information	Diana Evans, Diana Stram	AFSC report	Jun-13			Further action pending June review of information

CRAB ISSUES

	Council Staff	NMFS RO Staff	Discussion Paper	Initial Review	Final Action	Notes
BSAI Crab Active Participation	?	major contributor, GC input		Feb-13		Potential complex legal, tracking, and implementation issues; need to train new council staff on crab program issues
BSAI Crab ROFR	?	input from RAM			Feb-13	Need to train new council staff lead for crab program issues
BSAI Crab Modeling Workshop	Diana Stram	tracking; AFSC input	Apr-13			Feb 26-March 1 in Anchorage
BSAI crab control rules and uncertainty	Diana Stram	tracking; AFSC input				Ongoing work by Plan Team
BSAI Crab Co-op Provisions for Crew	?	major contributor, GC input	Feb-13			Complex outstanding legal issues; need to train new council staff lead for crab program issues

HALIBUT ISSUES

	Council Staff	NMFS RO Staff	Discussion Paper	Initial Review	Final Action	Notes
Halibut - federal definition of fishing guide	Jane DiCosimo	major contributor	Feb-13			Will require coordination with ADF&G and IPHC - Need to assess priority relative to problem
Halibut IFQ - retention of halibut in pots in 4A	Jane DiCosimo	tracking	December 2012, April 2013			Discussion paper could lead to recommendation to IPHC
CQE Block restrictions	Sam Cunningham	input from RAM	Dec-12	Jun-13	June 2013 (T)	Could move up to April 2013 pending scheduling of GOA non-pollock Chinook PSC
Halibut/Sablefish IFQ leasing practices	Jane DiCosimo	lead	Jun-13			Coordination with OLE needed to clarify direction
Halibut - Recreational Quota Entity common pool	Jane DiCosimo	major contributor	Jun-13			Pending report from stakeholders - potential Council staff workload
Allow Sablefish pots in the GOA	Jane DiCosimo	tracking	?			not yet scheduled
Increase limits on sablefish IFQ holdings	Jane DiCosimo	input from RAM	?			not yet scheduled

OTHER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

	Council Staff	NMFS RO Staff	Report	Initial Review	Final Action	Notes
Salmon EFH revisions	Diana Evans	NMFS HD, AFSC science input				Not yet scheduled - awaiting NMFS HD staff availability; originated from EFH 5-yr review
MPA nomination process	David Witherell	tracking	Dec-09	n/a	n/a	Awaiting NOAA Guidance on "Avoid Harm" before evaluating sites
Annual Co-op reports: AFA, Am 80, CGOA Rockfish	Jon McCracken	tracking	Apr-13	n/a	n/a	Annual Reports from Industry (April)
Observer Program	Diana Evans, Chris Oliver	lead	Feb-13	n/a	n/a	Updates as needed; Annual performance and deployment plan - Considerable Council staff involvement through 2013
EFH Consultation Process	Diana Evans	lead	Jun-13	n/a	n/a	Biannual Reports from NMFS (Dec, June); standardized review procedure
Annual Halibut charter recommendations	Jane DiCosimo	lead	Dec-13	n/a	n/a	At every December meeting; requires ADF&G staff analysis
Research Priorities	Diana Stram	n/a	Apr-13	n/a	n/a	Developing a new tracking report for research priorities
Crab, Scallop, Groundfish plan team and SAFE reports	Diana Stram, Jane Discosimo	AFSC	most meetings	n/a	n/a	Crab PT:4/30-5/3 Anchorage, 9/17-20 Seattle, Groundfish PT 8/10-13, 11/18-22 Seattle; Scallop PT Feb 19-20 Kodiak. Major Council staff workload
Crab and Groundfish Stock Structure Workshop	Diana Stram	AFSC	Feb-13	n/a	n/a	Discuss plan in February 2013

Current Other Projects

Strategic Planning	Chris Oliver, David Witherell	Working with the NMFS RO staff and NOAA GC to improve the analytical and implementation process.
Analytical template (EA/RIR/IRFA)	Diana Evans	We are developing a standardized analytical template to improve our analytical content and speed the regional and GC review process.
MONF 3 Preparations and follow through	David Witherell, Diana Stram	MONF3 scheduled for May 7-9 in D.C. David and John H. are session moderators, Diana S is a rapporteur. Major workload through May
Community Profiles Glossy	Mike Fey, David Witherell	Similar to the groundfish and fleet profiles, we are preparing a overview of fishing communities affected by federal fishing regulations.
Update Reference Manual, Personnel Rules, other guidance	Chris Oliver, David Witherell	These manuals need updating, but it has been a lower priority to date.
Groundfish FMP Summaries Glossy	Jane DiCosimo	Our 2012 summer intern (Ben Williams) revised groundfish FMP summaries to make them more accessible to the general public. Still needs work

Ongoing Administrative Work

Notes

Preparation for and attendance of staff at other agency meetings (IPHC, BOF, NPRB, PSMFC, AMSS, etc)	Liason staff	Staff gives presentations and participates at meetings of partner agencies, and responds to requests for presentations at various venues.
Preparation and attendance at national and international meetings (IPHC, NPFC, ICC, CCC)	Chris Oliver, et al.	Significant obligations primarily for CCC related activities
Staffing and minutes preparation, briefing book and presentation preparation for Council meetings; preparation of newsletter	All staff	Each Council meeting effectively uses up 3 weeks of each staff persons time. Meeting minutes take several weeks to prepare. Significant workload
Staffing and minutes preparation for standing Council committees (Ecosystem, Enforcement, Charter Implementation, OAC, PNCIAC, SSLMC, ROC, etc.)	All staff	Staff plans and attends meetings of various Council committees, and prepares minutes of these meetings. Significant workload
Document review, staff administration and oversight, correspondence, etc.	Chris Oliver, David Witherell	Administrative duties require a substantial portion of each day.
Website maintenance, Council minutes, phones, wordprocessing, document compilation, copying, filing, office supplies, etc.	Maria Shawback, Peggy Kircher	Maintenance of the website requires regular updates and posting of new information.
Response to FOIA Requests and Administrative Records for litigation	Bendixen, Shawback, Kircher, Oliver, Witherell, other staff	Some requests for records can require long search and copying times (for which we are not reimbursed), as well as transcriptions of audio files.
Budgets, finance and operations; biennial audit	Gail Bendixen, Chris Oliver, David Witherell	Bills paid, bank statements reconciled, meeting arrangements/contracts, human resources, etc. Significant workload. Biennial audit April/May 2013
Miscellaneous professional obligations (NPRB reviews, participation on scientific and advisory committees, professional presentations and publications, etc.)	All staff	Staff participates on various Scientific/Advisory Committees, peer reviews NPRB proposals, publishes papers and presents at scientific meetings.
Public Outreach	All staff	Staff prepares public outreach brochures, provides talks to students and delegations from other countries, and does rural outreach work as needed.
Legislation tracking and response	Chris Oliver, David Witherell	Potential for MSA reauthorization in 2013 - considerable workload in responding to various draft legislation in 2013 and beyond.

Note: While not a legal requirement, the target date for release of documents in advance of Council meetings is as follows:

Short Discussion Papers: 1 week

Initial Review Analyses: 2 weeks

Final Action Analyses: 4 weeks