

The Joint Protocol Committee of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the



Alaska Board of Fisheries

Draft Agenda

November 5, 2020, 1 pm - 5 pm

This is a webconference. Join online https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1684. Joint Protocol Committee membership:

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Cora Campbell
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Alaska Board of Fisheries
John Jensen
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- 1. **Introductions** and review of the Agenda (Mr. Mezirow will Chair)
- 2. Staff Reports

Andy Mezirow

Salmon fishery management in the EEZ of Cook Inlet

The Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska (FMP) manages the salmon fisheries in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ; 3 nautical miles to 200 nautical miles offshore) off Alaska. In 2012, the Council comprehensively revised the FMP to comply with the recent Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements, such as annual catch limits and accountability measures, and to more clearly reflect the Council's policy with regard to State of Alaska management authority for commercial and sport salmon fisheries in the EEZ. Now, in response to a United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit ruling, the Council is considering how to revise the FMP to manage the commercial salmon fishery that occurs in the EEZ waters of Cook Inlet that had been removed from Federal management with the 2012 revisions to the FMP. The Council is considering new management measures that comply with Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements for the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery in the EEZ, such as status determination criteria, annual catch limits, and accountability measures. Alternatives include Federal management with or without delegation of management to the State of Alaska. The Council will take final action on this issue at its December 2020 meeting.

- 3. **Oral Public Testimony**. Public comment letters will also be accepted. Submit electronically to https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1684 by 5 p.m. Alaska time November 4.
- 4. Committee discussion of Agenda item
- 5. Other Business
- 6. Adjourn