
ADVISORY PANEL ADMIN ISSUES

JUNE 2021



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| October 2, 9, and 12-16 | October 5-9 | September 28 – October 2 |
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| Deadline for public comments to Council/AP is Wed, September 30, at 5pm | Deadline for public comments to Council/AP is Wed, September 30, at 5pm | Deadline for public comments to the SSC is Friday, September 25 at 5pm |
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Staff Report

Link to October Council meeting materials (see item C4) -Uplo

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2. Sign-up next to each agenda item

Scientific and Statistical Committee: September 28 - October 2, 2020, 8 am - 3 pm Alaska time - MEETING

Sign up for testimony

Agenda Item: Economic SAFE

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Attachments:

C4 Cook Inlet Salmon FMP – Initial Review

C4 Cook Inlet Salmon Initial Review -Uploaded: 09/09/2020 11:53 AM AKDT
C4 Appendix 11 -Uploaded: 09/09/2020 11:54 AM AKDT
C4 Appendix 12 -Uploaded: 09/09/2020 11:54 AM AKDT
PPT C4 Cook Inlet Salmon FMP -Uploaded: 09/29/2020 11:58 AM AKDT

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Attachments:

C6 BSAI Halibut ABM – Initial Review Draft EIS

C6 ABM Draft DEIS Analysis -Uploaded: 09/22/2020 05:22 PM AKDT
C6 REVISED 9-30-20 ExecutiveSummary -Uploaded: 09/30/2020 02:50 PM AKDT
C6 Errata Revised Section 6.4.4_9-30-20 -Uploaded: 09/30/2020 02:49 PM AKDT

Agenda Item

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C6 BSAI Halibut ABM – Initial Review Draft EIS

5 Sign-ups

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| Heather McCarty CBSFA 10/01/2020 08:06 AM AKDT | Signed up for public testimony |
| linda behnken ALFA 10/02/2020 10:14 AM AKDT | Signed up for public testimony |
| Kiril Z Basargin K-Bay Fisheries Association 10/02/2020 10:16 AM AKDT | Signed up for public testimony |
| Mateo Paz-Soldan City of Saint Paul Island, Alaska 10/02/2020 10:23 AM AKDT | Signed up for public testimony |
| John Gauvin Alaska Seafood Cooperative 10/02/2020 10:33 AM AKDT | Signed up for public testimony Attachments: ABM indices and A 80 sector halibut encounter rates SSC.pptx |

Meeting room is open every day at 7.45am to troubleshoot with admin staff

AP MEETING PROTOCOLS

- Use “**raise hand**” feature on app to be acknowledged
 - **Chat box is for tech problems only**
- Chair encourages SSC members to **hold questions for natural breaks** during presentation
 - Presenters will aim to pause at natural breaks
- AP will move through agenda at a natural pace
 - Issues may come up earlier or later than scheduled; signup for textmarks to get updates
- **Webcams** encouraged for members
 - Videos will not be visible onscreen during staff powerpoints, but at all other times they are encouraged
 - Presenters may turn on webcams during Q&A after the powerpoint
 - Testifiers will not be on webcam
- Meeting is being publicly broadcast and recorded.
- Meeting hours are 8am - ~4pm (AK); aiming for lunch 11.30-12.30pm (AK); breaks as appropriate
- **Tech problems?** Use chat box or email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov



JUNE 2021 MEETING

- Agenda items scheduled Thurs-Fri, Mon-Tues
 - Thursday – AFSC report, BS FEP, Observer/Trawl EM items
 - Friday – BSAI Crab specs, Pcod small boat paper, sablefish overages
 - Monday-Tuesday (Weds if nec) – BSAI Pcod Trawl CV LAPP Initial Review, Staff Tasking
- AP report timing
 - Vice Chairs to present bulk of report to Council on Weds 6/9;
 - C4 and E will come later



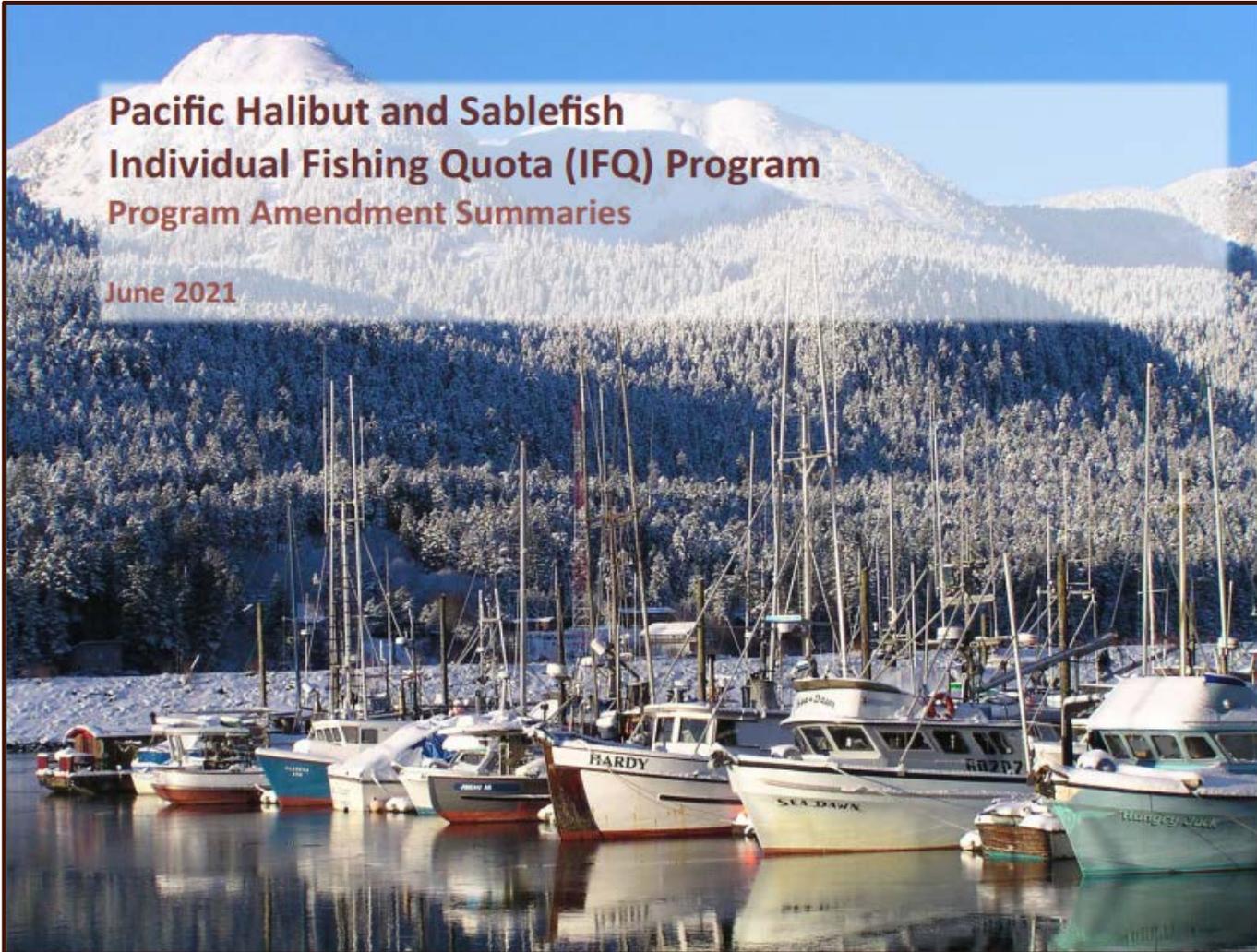
FROM EXEC DIRECTOR'S REPORT (B1)

- Craig Cross' last meeting: 9 years on Council, 16 years on AP
- Written comment policy: no comments violated the policy (69 received, open for 15 days, only 4 received in first 10 days)
- E.O 14008 Update (30 x 30 initiative): David Witherell is helping coordinate an all-Councils workgroup to advise NMFS as they work through the EO
- Council's Sea Grant fellow Angela Forristall prepared a summary document for IFQ Amendments, companion to previous volumes for BSAI and GOA FMP amendments



Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Program Amendment Summaries

June 2021



Spatial Management

Allow Longline Pot Gear in the Bering Sea Sablefish Fishery

Council Action
April, 1996

Proposed Rule
July 16, 1996
61 FR 37041

Final Rule
September 12, 1996
61 FR 49076

Effective
September 12, 1996

Purpose and Need

Prior to the IFQ Program, there was substantial conflict between longline pot gear and hook-and-line fishermen. If longline pot gear is set over previously deployed hook-and-line gear (or vice versa), the weaker hook-and-line gear is typically more likely to be damaged or lost as it is being retrieved. Deployment of hook-and-line and pot gear in the same fishing areas also results in grounds preemption under a race-to-fish situation. In 1992, the Council prohibited longline pot gear in the Bering Sea to minimize gear conflicts and grounds preemption. In 1995, the IFQ Program extended the sablefish season in Federal waters off Alaska to 8 months. By allowing the fleet to spread its operations over time, the IFQ Program greatly reduced the possibility of congestion and preemption.

Commercial fishing industry representatives reported to the Council that the annual Bering Sea sablefish quota was under-harvested due in part to interactions with killer whales. Killer whales frequently pick sablefish off longline hooks and this consumption represented undocumented fishing mortality. Even though the sablefish quota may be under harvested by fishermen, overall fishing mortality could be higher than the specified quota, resulting in overharvests. The purpose of this amendment was to maximize sablefish harvest and minimize loss to killer whale depredation.

Analysis

An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was developed for this regulatory change. The analysis compared the status quo to either allowing the use of longline pot gear either by season (Alternative 2a) or by area (Alternative 2b). The chosen alternative – Alternative 2a – was chosen as the as it would best reduce killer whale interactions while also mitigating possible disadvantages to fishermen who cannot afford to switch from hook-and-line to longline pot by closing the longline pot fishery for the month of June.

Regulation Summary

This action allowed for the use of longline pot gear in the Bering Sea directed sablefish fishery. It also established a closure of the longline pot fishery for the month of June to minimize potential gear conflicts during this time.

Results

The Council has continued to balance the risk of gear conflicts with the evolving need to adapt gear types to avoid whale encounters and minimize whale depredation. Allowing the use of longline pots in the Bering Sea sablefish fishery with this regulatory change provided participants with increased flexibility in fishing methods to avoid loss of catch to whales in the Bering Sea. (Sablefish pots are also legal in the Aleutian Islands.) In 2017, longline pot gear was authorized for the GOA sablefish IFQ fishery (81 FR 95435). In 2020, the retention of halibut in pot gear in the BSAI was authorized (85 FR 840).



Fishing vessel with longline pot gear. Photo courtesy of NPFMC.





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North Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in

UPCOMING MEETINGS



PRIMER: TYPES OF COUNCIL ANALYSES

AP Handbook, Section 5.5, pp. 15-17

- Discussion paper
- Initial Review
- Final Action



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Discussion Paper: scopes out an identified problem

- Not required, but helpful to groundtruth:
 - what is the issue,
 - who is affected,
 - what information is necessary to develop action alternatives to address the problem
- Not intended to be comprehensive – a first look at the problem using readily available information

AP action: should the issue proceed further?

- If so, do you need more background information (another discussion paper)
- Or are you ready to recommend initiating an analysis with alternatives?



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Initial Review: analysis of alternative ways to solve an identified problem

- Detailed unbiased evaluation of:
 - the problem
 - alternative solutions
 - anticipated impacts of each alternative on fish species, the environment, directly and indirectly affected participants
 - requirements of applicable law
 - implementation, management, and enforcement considerations

AP action: review the information in the document. Is it factual? Does it include all necessary considerations and perspectives? What information is missing?

- AP may also decide to recommend new or different alternatives – this may or may not require another initial review, if substantive
- AP may recommend a preferred or preliminary preferred alternative (PPA). Not required. When the Council signals a preference, it helps focus future public input on the current most likely course of action.



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Final Action: revised analysis that is now ready for a decision

AP action: recommend what policy choice the Council should make (preferred alternative)

- Draw on information in the analysis to justify that recommendation
- Consider how that recommendation meets the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and applicable law
- National Standards section in the document is a helpful starting point – how does the preferred alternative balance competing standards or legal requirements?



MISCELLANEOUS

- Will discuss Oct 2021 planning under staff tasking; staff document posted under E
- Feedback appreciated on meeting, improvements, challenges, ideas:
 - Contact npfmc.admin@noaa.gov
- Reimbursement available for AP members if you are incurring data/phone costs
 - Contact nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov

