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# ADVISORY PANEL ADMIN ISSUES

FEBRUARY 2024



# AP SCHEDULE THIS MEETING

- AP is scheduled for 4 days: Tuesday through Friday
  - Harvest specifications: NSRKC and Cook Inlet salmon
  - Initial review: BBRKC area closures
  - Discussion papers: GOA Tanner crab protections, Programmatic evaluation
  - NMFS report on pelagic trawl gear definition changes
  - Staff tasking



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Thank you to all returning AP members for serving for another year, and welcome to new members
  - AP to elect officers
- FYI - research update for Council during B1 on fishing gear research and fishing effects modelling
  - Dr. Brad Harris and Dr. Craig Rose
- NPRB vacancies for Advisory Panel, Science Panel, and State of Alaska representatives on Board



# IRA UPDATE

- IRA funding update
  - Proposal submitted along lines of December staff report
  - Initial \$375k to support dedicated staff member, June climate workshop
- New Council staff – Katie Latanich
  - IRA funding climate project manager
  - Will present update on Council Climate Scenarios Workshop



# COUNCIL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROPOSAL

# IRA FUNDING

Council meetings	Dedicat ed staff position	Management policy amendments through a Programmatic EIS	Assessment and climate science amendments
Feb		Council input on structure and alternatives for PEIS, questions for workshop	SSC identifies dynamic reference point or other case studies for SCS8
Apr			SSC scopes contract work needed for sablefish MEY case study
2024 Jun (summer)		<b>Council Climate Scenario Workshop</b> July: Issue Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic EIS	August: SCS 8 national workshop
Oct		Review scoping comments, workshop report, and refine alternatives	Discussion paper on potential for short- and long-term climate resilient adjustments (e.g. reference points, harvest control rules)
Dec			
(Feb)		<b>Council Workshop</b> on LKTK onramp opportunities, to inform PEIS	<b>SSC Workshop</b> to prioritize tools and procedures for FMP and non-FMP changes, and to develop an implementation workplan
2025 Apr		Draft PEIS	
Jun			
Oct			
Dec		Final PEIS; Council adopts revised management policy and objectives	SSC and Council implement initial non-FMP amendment changes to groundfish harvest specifications process
(Feb)		<b>Council Workshop</b> for future actions to further implement policy	
2026 Apr		Council develops workplan and initiates action for next steps	SSC and Council implement initial non-FMP amendment changes to BSAI crab harvest specifications process
Jun			
Oct	Tentative - Initial review(s)		
Dec			
2027		Tentative - Final action(s)	Initial/Final Review of FMP analyses for harvest specification adjustments

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM NMFS MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Cost recovery reports available
- Trawl EM proposed rule published, open for comment
- eLogbooks exempted fishing permit being reviewed by Council
- NMFS has received emergency petition regarding Chinook bycatch



# EVENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- Seattle Fishing Industry community reception Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm
- Joint Council/AP lunch scheduled for Thursday Feb 8th
- Questions on travel claims? Contact [nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov)
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