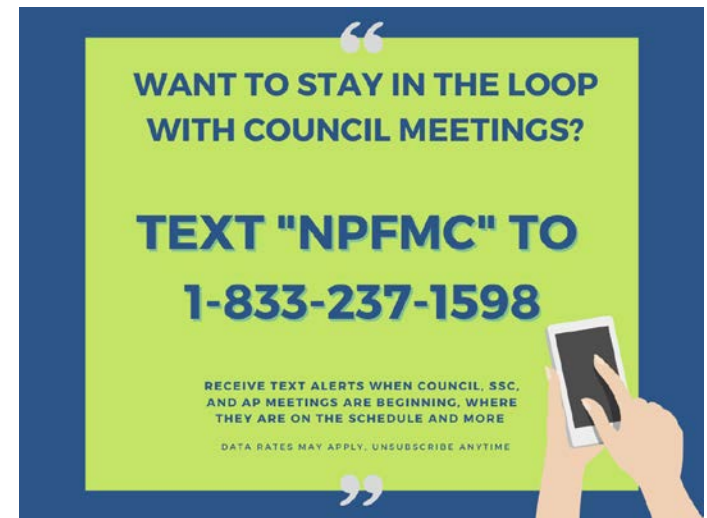

ADVISORY PANEL ADMIN ISSUES

OCTOBER 2023



HYBRID MEETING

- We have members, presenters, and testifiers participating remotely
- Meeting is being recorded
- CDC COVID community level for Anchorage is low
 - Masking is optional
 - If you experience symptoms, please test and participate remotely



IN-PERSON OR REMOTE: STILL USING EAGENDA TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Testimony by topic under each agenda item
- 5 minute timer for oral testimony



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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


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Organization

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3. Fill out this form.

- Use drop down to select the agenda item
- Enter your personal details
- Attach handouts or ppts
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TESTIMONY TIPS FOR PUBLIC

Presentations during Public Testimony

- Staff can project your handouts during oral public testimony upon request
- Please attach the document to your public testimony signup on the eAgenda, and we can bring it up onscreen



Remote Testimony Audio

- AP needs to be able to hear your testimony, which can be challenging for some remote
- Please ensure:
 - Your internet connection is strong
 - You are in a quiet area
- If calling from a phone, make sure it is the same number you listed when signing up, so staff can unmute you



AP SCHEDULE THIS MEETING

- AP is scheduled for 5 days: Tuesday through Saturday
 - Observer Annual Deployment Plan
 - Crab facility use cap analysis
 - BSAI Crab harvest specifications
 - BSAI/GOA proposed harvest specifications
 - Two workplans for upcoming program reviews: BSAI Crab and IFQ
 - Chum salmon bycatch preliminary review
 - LKTKS protocol and onramps
 - Staff tasking – incl Ecosystem Cmte report, Programmatic EIS update



ITEMS FROM B1 EXEC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Notice to crab/groundfish industry regarding crab mortality presentations to the Council in December 2023
 - Council has invited participants to voluntarily update the Council on efficacy of 2023 measures to reduce BBRKC and snow crab mortality in Dec 2023
 - Please let staff know ahead of time if you intend to provide an oral presentation
- Council membership changes
 - Council will elect a new Chair on first day
 - New Council members:
 - Rudy Tsukada
 - State Dept. designee (Dimitri Varmazis)



FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Staff have contracted with venues for 2024 and 2025 meetings

- 2024

- **February 5-12, 2024** / Renaissance Hotel – Seattle, WA
- **April 1-9, 2024** / Hilton Hotel – Anchorage, AK
- **June 3-11, 2024** / Convention Center – Kodiak, AK
- **September 30-October 8, 2024** / Hilton Hotel – Anchorage, AK
- **December 2-10, 2024** / Hilton Hotel – Anchorage, AK

- 2025

- **February 3-10, 2025** / Virtual Only SSC/Council (T)
- **March 31-April 8, 2025** / Hilton Hotel – Anchorage, AK
- **June 2-10, 2025** / Agate Beach BW, Newport, Oregon
- **September 29-October 7, 2025** / Hilton Hotel – Anchorage, AK
- **December 1-9, 2025 (T)** / Hilton Hotel – Anchorage, AK

← cancel or virtual

← new location

- Still exploring other opportunities for AK meetings in Juneau, Sitka, or Homer



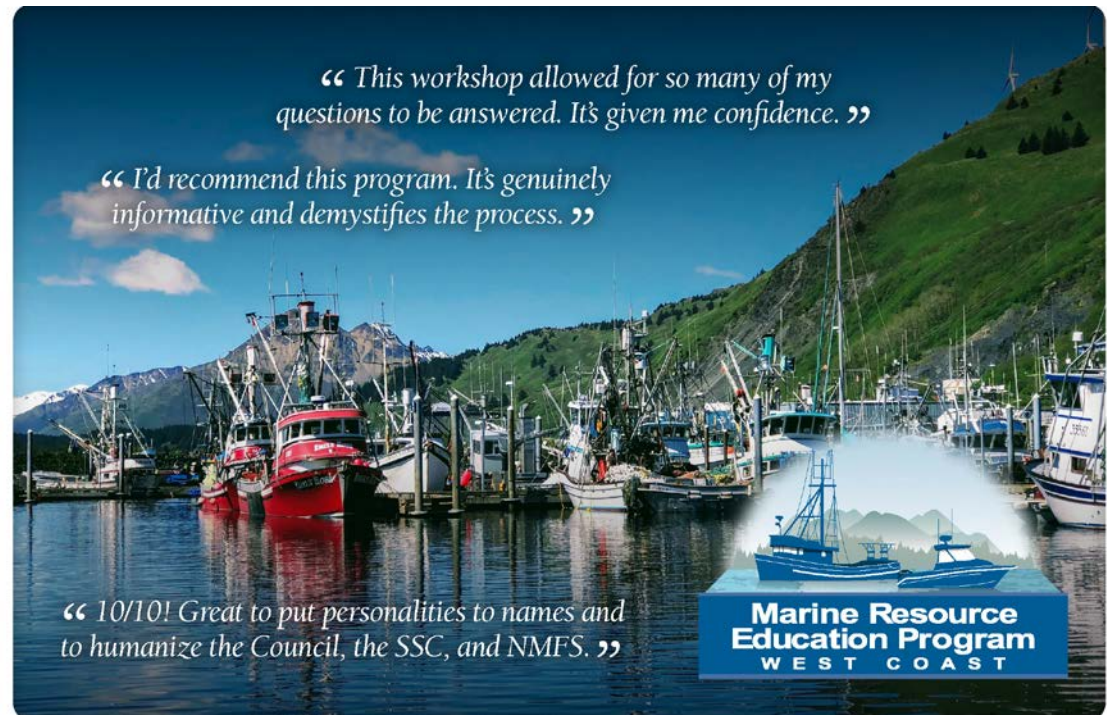
MREP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT WORKSHOP, FEB 26-MAR 1 2024, KODIAK, AK

- 2024 workshop: February 26-March 1, 2024, Kodiak, AK

By fishermen, for fishermen, the Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) provides an unbiased training on the current federal water fishery science and management system. MREP North Pacific workshop is tailored to the region and brings together commercial, charter, tribal, and subsistence fishermen with scientists and managers to learn the processes, share insights, and network in a neutral and professional setting. This workshop will equip you with knowledge and tools to engage in collaborative federal water fisheries management and science.

Attending the workshop is free for all participants and non-federal employees. In addition, MREP reimburses for travel costs and pays for hotel lodging and meals.

If you're interested, apply to the 2024 MREP North Pacific workshop. Applications are rolling. Seats are limited. Preference will be given to applications received by **Nov 1, 2023**. Accepted participants will be notified by phone and email by Nov 10.



- To apply for 2024, visit: mrep.gmri.org/apply
- Several AP members attended the 2023 workshop, if you have questions

IRA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILS

- Staff paper – opportunity to provide input to Council
 - **What are initial objectives, issue areas, or projects that the Council is interested to pursue under the goal of developing and advancing climate-ready Federal fisheries in the North Pacific?**
- Preliminary staff plan: use Council feedback this October to guide a more detailed proposal for Council review in December.
 - Proposal due in early 2024
 - Include funding for staff hire, facilitator/travel/venue costs for workshops, contract help with analysis of specific projects



RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2024 UPDATE

SSC Subgroup plan for 2024 research priorities underway

- Public solicitation period for research priorities **OPEN**
 - Submit research priorities by October 31, through RP [eAgenda](#)
- Input/review by Council Plan Teams + SSC subgroup scheduled
 - Plan Teams review public & member submissions
 - Provide top 3-5 priorities for each category
- SSC agenda item in Feb and April 2024
 - Feb: receive reports from advisory groups (no new priorities accepted)
 - April: prioritize across inputs to come up with top list of 8-12 priorities

PLAN TEAM MEETING DATES

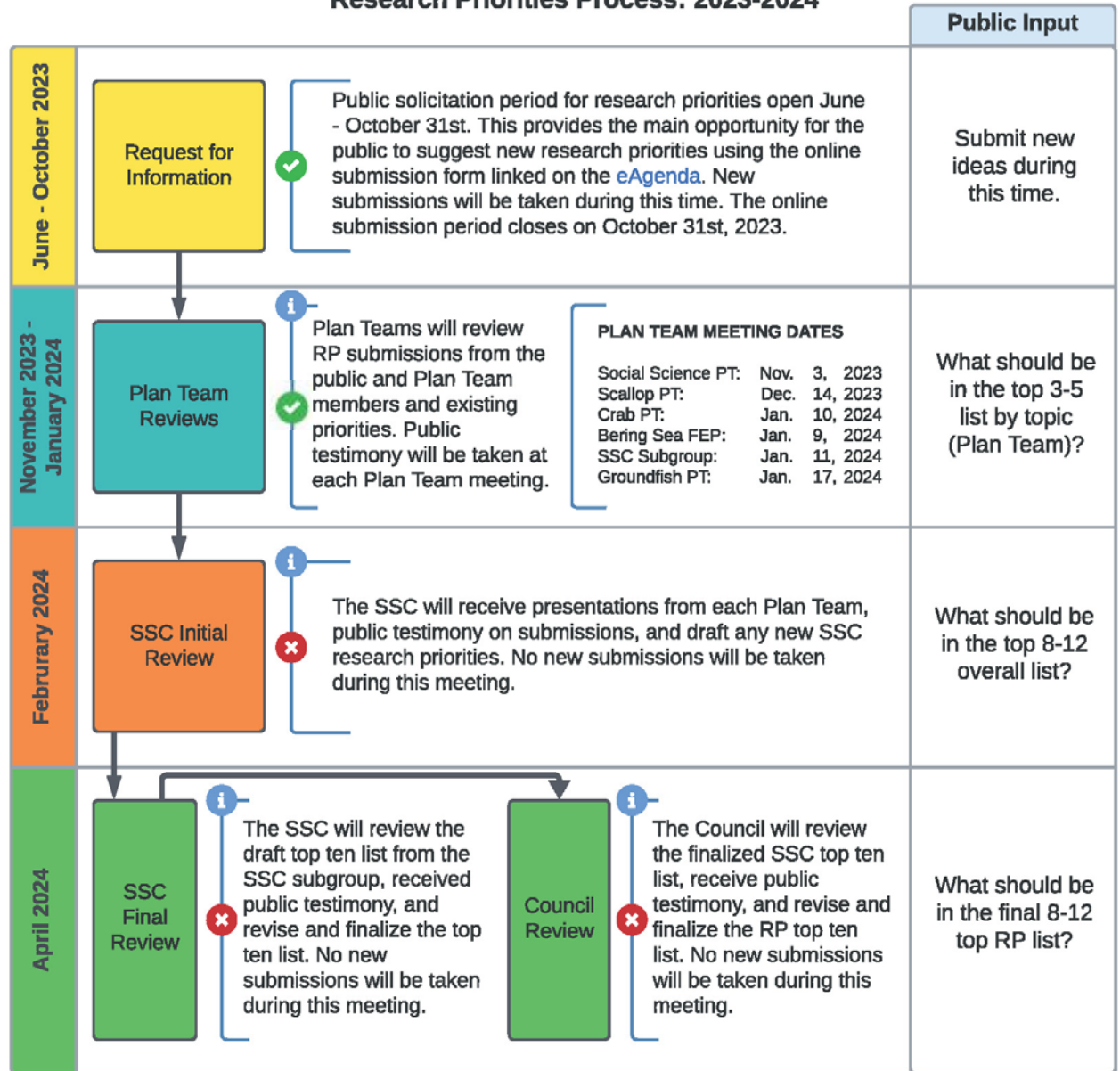
Social Science PT:	Nov. 3, 2023
Scallop PT:	Dec. 14, 2023
Crab PT:	Jan. 10, 2024
Bering Sea FEP:	Jan. 9, 2024
SSC Subgroup:	Jan. 11, 2024
Groundfish PT:	Jan. 17, 2024



Research Priorities Process: 2023-2024



Public input process for research priorities during the 2023-2024 SSC/ Council cycle



Icon Key: Public testimony opportunity New submissions will be accepted No new submissions will be accepted

FROM NMFS MANAGEMENT REPORT: NEPA CHANGES (1/2)

- Fiscal Responsibility Act amended NEPA statute
 - Effective June 3, 2023
- **Biggest change: time limits for completing EA/EIS**
 - EA: 1 year EIS: 2 years
 - Time clock starts when agency determines the need for NEPA; ends when the agency makes final determination (FONSI – Finding of No Significant Impact; or ROD – Record of Decision)
 - Fed agencies are still determining how to adapt procedures
 - NOAA GC says we must intend to keep to the statutory time limits
- Also:
 - Page limits – 75pg EA, 150-300pg EIS (excludes appx)
 - Revisions to definitions/terminology

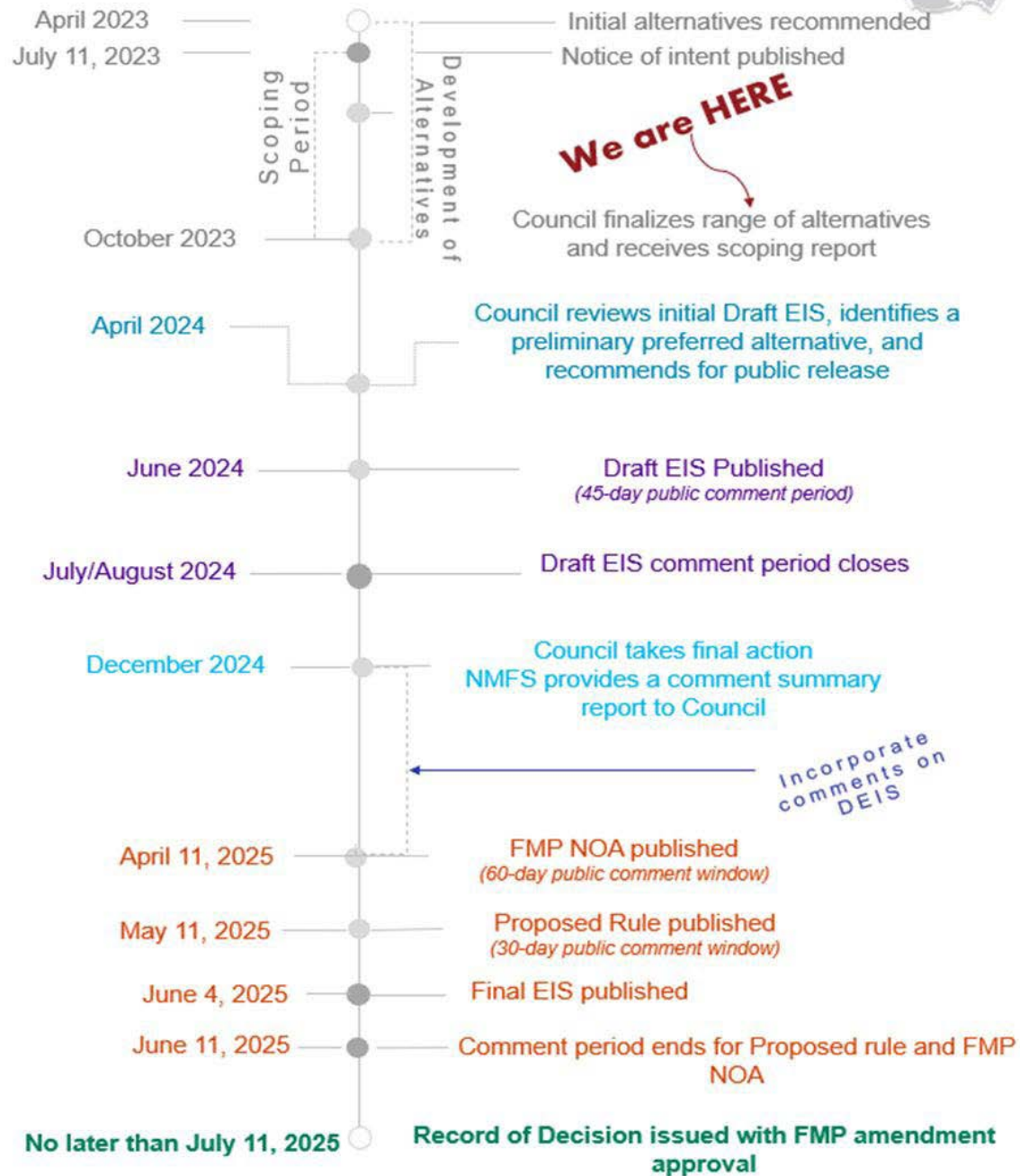


NEPA CHANGES (2/2)

- Example timeline for chum bycatch EIS
- Publication of NOI (July 11) starts the 2-year requirement to complete Council/agency action



Potential Schedule for Draft EIS



EVENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- GOA Habitat conservation presentation by Jon Warrenchuk
 - Thursday, 5.30-6.30pm, AP room
- Coffee available in AP room in AM only
- Questions on travel claims? Contact nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov
- Feedback always appreciated! Contact npfmc.admin@noaa.gov

