
E STAFF TASKING

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COMMITTEES / UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Meetings currently anticipated:
 - **Charter Halibut Management Committee** – Oct 26-27, 2021, and Dec 6, 2021
 - **BSFEP Local Knowledge/Traditional Knowledge/Subsistence (LTKTS) Taskforce** – Nov 8th and 10th, 2021
 - **BSAI and GOA Groundfish Plan Teams** – Nov 15-19, 2021
 - **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – Jan 10-14, 2022
 - **Ecosystem Committee** – Jan 25, 2022 (T)
 - **BSFEP Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF)** – January 2022 (T)
 - **PCFMAC** – February 2022 (T)

- Target date for a second Council Ecosystem Workshop
 - In conjunction with Oct 2022 Council meeting – week of Oct 3-7, 2022



COMMITTEES / 2022 APPOINTMENTS

- In newsletter, we will announce request for nominations for 2022 appointments:
 - Advisory Panel
 - <https://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/membership/AP/APmatrix2021.pdf>
 - 9 appointments expire in December 2021. One seat was a 1-year term only, and one seat is held until Dec by an interim appointee, however the term has 2 years remaining.
 - For 3-year term expirations: 5 current AP members are eligible for reappointment, 2 members termed out
 - SSC (1-year appointments)



OECM UPDATE

- CCC established an all-Councils subcommittee on area-based management to provide input to agency on EO 14008, *Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful*
 - David Witherell is NPFMC representative
 - Update to CCC in October, report planned for spring 2022
- Posted update includes a DRAFT summary table of fishery closures in the North Pacific EEZ (includes Arctic)
 - 540 marine conservation areas off Alaska; 238 are fishery area closures in EEZ
 - 65% of EEZ closed to bottom trawling year-round
 - 15% of EEZ closed to all bottom-tending gears year-round
- In April 2021, Council tasked a discussion paper reviewing marine managed areas off Alaska, relative to IUCN OECM criteria; will be scheduled after CCC work concludes



TASKING AND SCHEDULING

- Normal tasking documents posted
 - Action memo
 - 3 meeting-outlook
 - Council staff - who does what

- Caution on analytical staff capacity / timelines in immediate future



DECEMBER 2021 DRAFT AGENDA

Preliminary December 2021 agenda posted for your review

VIRTUAL meeting

SSC, Advisory Panel: Dec 2-3 (Th-F), Dec 6-8 (M-W)

Council: Dec 8-10 (W-F), Dec 13-15 (M-W), with Dec 16th as buffer day

- **Standard December issues:**

- BSAI Groundfish specs
- GOA Groundfish specs
- Charter Halibut 2022 management measures

- **Final Action:** BSAI Halibut ABM

- *Note, public comment period on Draft EIS open through October 25th*



DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK – 10/14/2021

Topics	December 2-15, 2021 <i>Online</i>	Council staff contact	January 31 - February 8, 2022 (T) <i>Renaissance Hotel, Seattle (T)</i>	Council staff contact	April 4-12, 2022 (T) <i>Anchorage, AK (T)</i>	Council staff contact
EVENTS/ REPORTS*	NMFS report: Final ADP, year-end inseason mgmt ADFG report: Subsistence halibut NOAA Enforcement report Council Executive Session	<i>DW</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DW</i>	AP, SSC: Elect officers NMFS report: Annual cost recovery report IPHC report (T) EFP applications (T) USCG briefing on IUU and foreign activity	<i>DE</i> <i>DW</i> <i>DW</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DW</i>	NMFS report: EFH consultation NIOSH report Cooperative reports Council Executive Session Seabird bycatch report	<i>DE</i> <i>JMC</i> <i>JMC</i> <i>DW</i> <i>DE</i>
BSAI CRAB SPECS			NSRKC: <i>ABC/OFL specifications, Crab PT report</i> Snow crab rebuilding: <i>Adopt alternatives</i>	<i>DS</i> <i>DS</i>		
GFISH SPECS	BSAI Groundfish: <i>PT report, Final Specifications</i> GOA Groundfish: <i>PT report, Final Specifications</i> Ecosystem Status Reports: <i>Review</i>	<i>DS</i> <i>SClv</i> <i>SClv</i>	Economic SAFE report: <i>Review (SSC only)</i>	<i>JMC</i>		
REPORTING/ MONITORING			Trawl EM analysis: <i>Prelim review (sampling - SSC only)</i>	<i>AH</i>	Trawl EM analysis: <i>Initial review</i>	<i>AH</i>
GOA GFISH MGMT					GOA Pacific cod sector allocation: <i>Review (T)</i>	<i>SCu</i>
BSAI GFISH MGMT			BSAI Greenland Turbot w longline pots: <i>Disc. paper (T)</i>	<i>SCu</i>		
CRAB MGMT						
BYCATCH	BSAI Halibut ABM: <i>Final Action</i>	<i>DS</i>			Chinook/chum genetics reports for BS, GOA: <i>Review</i> Pollock IPA reports: <i>Review</i>	<i>DLS</i> <i>DLS</i>
HALIBUT IFQ/CHARTER	2022 Charter Halibut mgmt measures: <i>Final Action</i>	<i>SM</i>	RQE fee collection program: <i>Final Action (T)</i> Halibut Catch Sharing Plan: <i>Allocation Review (T)</i>	<i>SM</i> <i>SM</i>	IFQ/CQE omnibus analysis: <i>Final Action</i>	<i>SClv</i>
OTHER			Economic Data Report amd: <i>Final Action</i> SSPT report: <i>Review (T)</i> EFH habitat, fishing effects models: <i>Review (SSC only)</i> Marine mam. conservation status: <i>Review (SSC only)</i> Ecosystem Committee: <i>Report</i> Groundfish management policy: <i>3-year review</i>	<i>SM</i> <i>SM</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>SClv</i> <i>DE</i>	Scallop: <i>SAFE report, ABC/OFL Specs, PT report</i> BS Fishery Ecosystem Plan: <i>PT Report</i> BS FEP LKTKS Taskforce: <i>Report</i> BS FEP Climate Change Taskforce: <i>Report</i> Ecosystem Committee: <i>Report</i>	? <i>DE</i> <i>KH</i> <i>DS</i> <i>SClv</i>

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:

Small sablefish release: *Initial Review*
 AI GKC start date and facility use caps: *Discussion paper*
 BSAI Pacific cod small boat access: *Initial Review (June 2022)*
 EFH 5-year review: *Review, Action as nec (Oct 2022)*
 OEMC review: *Discussion paper*

CDQ allocations: *Review (2022)*
 Amendment 80 allocation: *Review (2022)*
 Crab FMP housekeeping amdmt: *Initial/Final Action*
 MRSAM models: *Review (SSC only)*

2022 MEETING PLANNING: SEEKING INPUT

- Council planning in-person meeting for **February 2022 – Seattle, WA**
 - **New remote accessibility options:** broadcast SSC/AP meetings, remote testimony, remote presenter capability
 - Question: allow remote member participation? (audio/ppt only)
 - **COVID accommodations:** larger meeting space; will follow hotel/city guidance for masking/vaccination requirements
 - **Scheduling differences:** Council starts after SSC ends; Committee meetings mostly virtual in advance. Same meeting dates footprint.



2022 MEETING PLANNING: SEEKING INPUT

- Beyond February 2022
 - Expect continued adaptation to protocols including remote accessibility as we figure out what works
 - Of particular concern, broadband capacity/internet needs will be critical
 - Virtual dates established for all 2022 Council meetings, if needed



PUBLIC COMMENT

- Several written comments submitted
- Among them, requests for emergency action.
- Emergency rule criteria: an emergency must exist
 - results from recent, unforeseen events or recently discovered circumstances
 - presents serious conservation or management problems in the fishery
 - immediate benefits of emergency regulation outweigh value of advance notice, public comment, and deliberative consideration of normal rulemaking process
 - Action demonstrably complies with MSA and the National Standards



QUESTIONS?

Feedback always appreciated on how virtual meetings are working, ideas for improvement, etc.

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