SSC ADMIN ISSUES

DECEMBER 2022





HYBRID MEETING

- We continue to have some 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







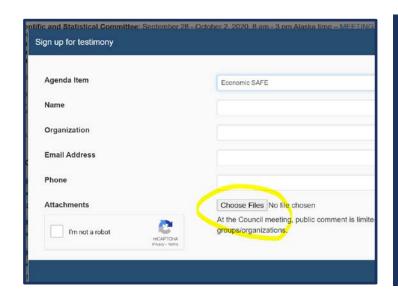
IN-PERSON OR REMOTE: STILL USING EAGENDA TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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



1. Start from the SSC eAgenda:





3. Fill out this form.

- Use drop down to select the agenda item
- Enter your personal details
- Attach handouts or ppts
- Select "I'm not a robot"

TESTIMONY TIPS FOR PUBLIC

Presentations during Public Testimony

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

Remote Testimony Audio

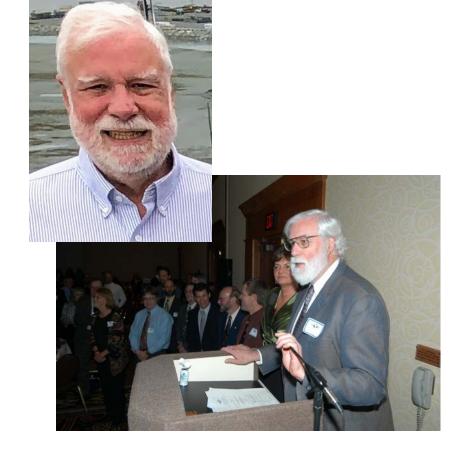
- SSC needs to be able to hear your testimony, which can be challenging for some remote
- Please ensure:
 - Your internet connection is strong
 - You are in a quiet area
- If calling from a phone, make sure it is the same number you listed when signing up, so staff can unmute you



SSC 2023 APPOINTMENTS THIS MEETING

- All but 1 SSC member requesting reappointment
- Council will discuss reappointments and new candidates during Executive Session this meeting
- Dr. George Hunt: thank you for your service!





FEBRUARY 2023 SSC WORKSHOP



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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR FEBRUARY 2023 SSC WORKSHOP

Rapid change in the northern Bering and southern Chukchi Seas: Identifying ecosystem responses and effects on the management of Federal fisheries

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) is holding a workshop during the February 2023 Council meeting. The workshop is focused on rapid ecosystem changes in the northern Bering Sea and southern Chukchi Sea. Given recent extreme environmental events in the region, the Council has a need to understand how resilient fisheries management will be to these changes. The workshop will consider how species that are currently managed under the Bering Sea Fishery Management Plans will respond to environmental changes and the potential socioeconomic and cultural impacts on those fishermen, communities, and Tribes who rely on these marine resources.

The purpose of the workshop is to identify the science and monitoring requirements for supporting future Council decision-making under increased uncertainty. The workshop will include exploration of proactive approaches for achieving management goals in a changing environment, and an assessment of how existing frameworks may or may not be able to address ecosystem variability.

While this workshop is primarily for SSC members to consider and make recommendations to the Council, the SSC desires public input and feedback on the important management questions that should be considered during the workshop. To this end, the SSC is asking you to help answer these questions from your perspective. Written public comments can be submitted ahead of the February workshop at this site: https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2967.

There will also be brief public comment periods each day during the workshop.



Please provide input on these core questions of the workshop:

- What do we know about the current and near-term future environmental and ecological states of the northern Bering Sea and southern Chukchi Sea?
- What data do we need to collect and monitor in the northern Bering Sea and southern Chukchi Sea to support ecosystem-based fishery management of species in the Bering Sea Fishery Management Plans?
- Science to Management: what tools do we have or need to apply these data to management of Bering Sea fisheries?

Following the workshop, the Council will consider the SSC's recommendations at a future meeting (tentatively April 2023) and communicate its strategic needs for fishery management in this region, during which there will be opportunities for the public to provide advice on the Council's strategic direction.

- Planning continues for SSC workshop in February
- SSC seeks public input and feedback on core questions for workshop, from your perspective
- Submit written comments to <u>workshop eAgenda</u>







ANNOUNCEMENTS

- IPHC halibut stock assessment presentation this week
 - Wednesday 6 pm
 - SSC room, IN PERSON ONLY
- Alaska SeaLife Center accepting nominations for 2023 Ocean Leadership Awards through Dec 12





FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING

- Preliminary schedule posted under Council's E Staff
 Tasking agenda subject to change
- SSC scheduled for Feb 6-7 (1.5 days), with Feb 7-8 (1.5 days) as SSC workshop
- Agenda items:
 - NSRKC specs, Crab Plan Team/modeling workshop reports
 - snow crab rebuilding final action if needed
 - groundfish stock prioritization
 - EFH 5-year review Arctic FMP
 - Climate Resilience Synthesis report



MISCELLANEOUS

 Questions on travel claims? Contact nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov

- Feedback always appreciated!
 - Contact npfmc.admin@noaa.gov





PLAN TEAM NOMINATION EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Scallop Plan Team
 - Dr. Skylar Bayer, NMFS Alaska Region Habitat Conservation Division

