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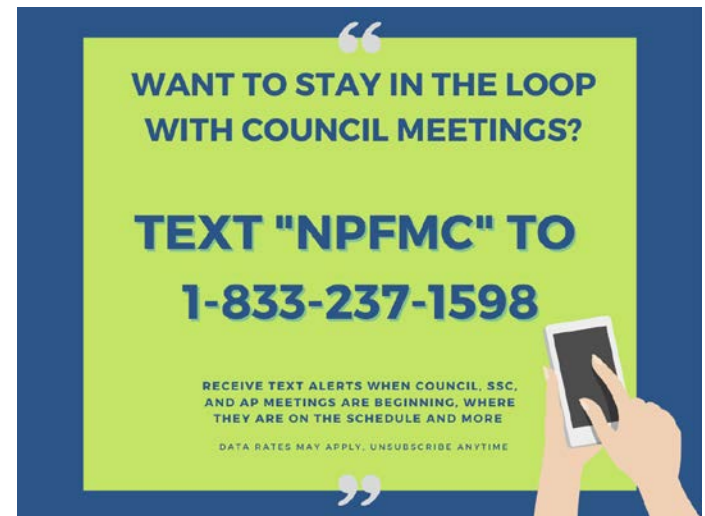# ADMIN ISSUES

HYBRID MEETING

- We continue to have some members, presenters, and testifiers participating remotely

- Meeting is being recorded

- CDC COVID community level for Sitka is medium

  - Masking is optional

  - If you experience symptoms, please test and participate remotely

WANT TO STAY IN THE LOOP WITH COUNCIL MEETINGS?

TEXT "NPFMC" TO 1-833-237-1598

RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS WHEN COUNCIL, SSC, AND AP MEETINGS ARE BEGINNING, WHERE THEY ARE ON THE SCHEDULE AND MORE

DATA RATES MAY APPLY. UNSUBSCRIBE ANYTIME

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:

Comment Now (9)   Direct Link
Sign-up for oral comment (0)
Attachments:

Tech set up, Introductions, Agenda
JPC_Agenda_2020-11-05 -Uploaded: 10/20/2020 10:49 AM
Joint Protocol December 2009 -Uploaded: 10/30/2020 11:05

Direct Link
Sign-up for oral comment (6)
Attachments:

Staff Report
Link to October Council meeting materials (see item C4) -Up
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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
Name
Organization
Email Address
Phone
Attachments   Choose Files No file chosen
                     At the Council meeting, public comment is limite
                     groups/organizations.
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                     Privacy - Terms

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"

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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

- 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 WORKSHOPS

- **SCS7**: "Adapting Fisheries Management to a Changing Ecosystem"

    - Proceedings now published: www.npfmc.org/SCS7

- **SCS8** planning is underway

    - Meeting will be in Portland, ME in late August 2024

    - Theme: "Applying ABC control rules in a changing environment"

- **SSC Workshop** February 2023

    - Draft 'plain language' summary posted for SSC member review

SSC HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Revised version of SSC handbook available (track changes) – please provide any additional input

- Council will approve revised version at Exec Session this meeting

- Brings SSC handbook in line with April Council SOPP changes, plus other updates:

    - Establishment of an anti-harassment policy

    - Updates on financial disclosures and recusal

    - Addition of anthropology as a qualifying area of SSC expertise

    - Updates to description of the SSC appointment process consistent with changes put in place last year

    - Travel and other housekeeping updates

- Additional changes in May 2023 version (vs April)

    - Recognition that SSC chair(s) are automatically members of the national SSC coordination committee (SCS) – p7

    - Updated language to reflect that SSC uses eAgenda for public testimony – p10

RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2024: PUBLIC INPUT

SSC Subgroup proposed plan for 2024 research priorities

- Builds on existing process used in 2021, re research priority categories (critical ongoing monitoring, urgent, important)
- <mark>NEW</mark>: Public solicitation period for research priorities
  - June – Oct/Nov, via online submission
- Categorized input/review by Council Plan Teams + SSC subgroup
  - Advisory groups review public submissions and provide team input re needed research, and top 3-5 priorities for each category
  - Hold virtual public meetings by January, with public comment opps
- 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

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RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2024: NEXT STEPS

- **Need concurrence from SSC re 2024 process** (June 2023 mtg)

- Need concurrence from Council re public solicitation (June 2023 mtg)

- If so:

  - SSC subgroup will work with staff to develop format for public to provide input

  - SSC subgroup and staff will work with PT chairs to ensure consistent approach for review of research priorities

MEETING CYCLE ADJUSTMENTS

- Remaining issue from 2022 Council effort to consider whether there are opportunities to improve Council operations

- Under consideration beginning in 2025:

  1. Drop the February meeting entirely

  2. Convert the Feb meeting to a virtual meeting

     - V1: SSC meets in person in Feb, AP/Council meet virtually

     - V2: Limit Dec meeting to specs only, with SSC in person and AP/C virtual; keep the Feb meeting as a full meeting

- Impetus?

  - Workload: insufficient time between Dec and Feb for staff to produce sufficient work for a full Feb agenda

  - Budget: with increasing operational and meeting costs, Council can save $80,000-$140,000 by dropping or making virtual one mtg/yr

AREAS FOR SSC INPUT RE FEB MEETING

SSC input welcomed re following considerations:

- **Drop Feb meeting**
    - Need to prioritize earlier timing of NSRKC assessment; fate of SSC workshop?

- **Make Feb virtual for SSC/AP/C**
    - Previous SSC concern about difficulty of taking up informational items virtually?

- **Make Feb in person for SSC and virtual for AP/C**
    - SSC flex re meeting location/workshop planning; requires different SSC report timing for Council but likely time certain

- **Make Dec in person for SSC and virtual for AP/C; gfish spx only**
    - Limits SSC workload in Dec to specs only; Feb is a full meeting

- **Also make another meeting virtual for SSC and in person for AP/C**
    - Provides full cost savings to Council of going virtual; parity for SSC members re number of in-person meetings

SSC OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT ON OTHER MEETING CYCLE CONSIDERATIONS

- Any input on changing the timing of the April and June meetings (to end Feb and mid May) if we drop February?

  - Adjustment will be needed to other regularly scheduled Council agenda items

- Any input on how to decide when, where, and how often to hold a meeting in the Pacific Northwest?

- Any input on how to weigh meeting in June in AK coastal communities vs cost and accessibility issues?

- Any input on occasionally having only Council meet in-person, and SSC/AP virtual, to allow Council to meet in smaller communities?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National Standard 1 guideline revisions – draft out for Council review
  - Dr. Rick Methot will give a short presentation on Weds 8am
  - SSC will be asked to form a subgroup to review by 8/31 or later if needed

- Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking on revisions to National Standards 4, 8, 9
  - Presentation to Council during B reports; no SSC action required yet

- SSC pictures – Tuesday

- Reception on Thursday 6 – 8 pm
  - *Shuttle buses available to/from venue, from Harrigan Hall*

MISCELLANEOUS

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

- Feedback always appreciated!

  - Contact npfmc.admin@noaa.gov

SSC MEMBER AGENDA ITEM ASSOCIATIONS

- Members to acknowledge any direct associations with SSC agenda items and/or financial conflicts of interest.