
SSC ADMIN ISSUES

OCTOBER 2023



HYBRID MEETING

- We have some SSC 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

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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:

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Sign-up for oral comment (0)

Attachments:

Direct Link

Sign-up for oral comment (6)

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Joint Protocol December 2009 -Uploaded: 10/30/2020 11:05 A

Staff Report

Link to October Council meeting materials (see item C4) -Upl

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2. Sign-up next to each agenda item

Sign up for testimony

Agenda Item Economic SAFE

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Organization

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Attachments

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At the Council meeting, public comment is limited to groups/organizations.

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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
- Select "I'm not a robot"

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 audio
- 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



HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- National Standard 1 technical guideline revisions – Council submitted SSC subgroup comment letter
- Council submitted comment letter on Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking on revisions to National Stds 4, 8, 9
- Meeting time/location outcomes from June
 - Council signaled interest in keeping the SSC, AP, and Council meetings together



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 (T) – 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



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

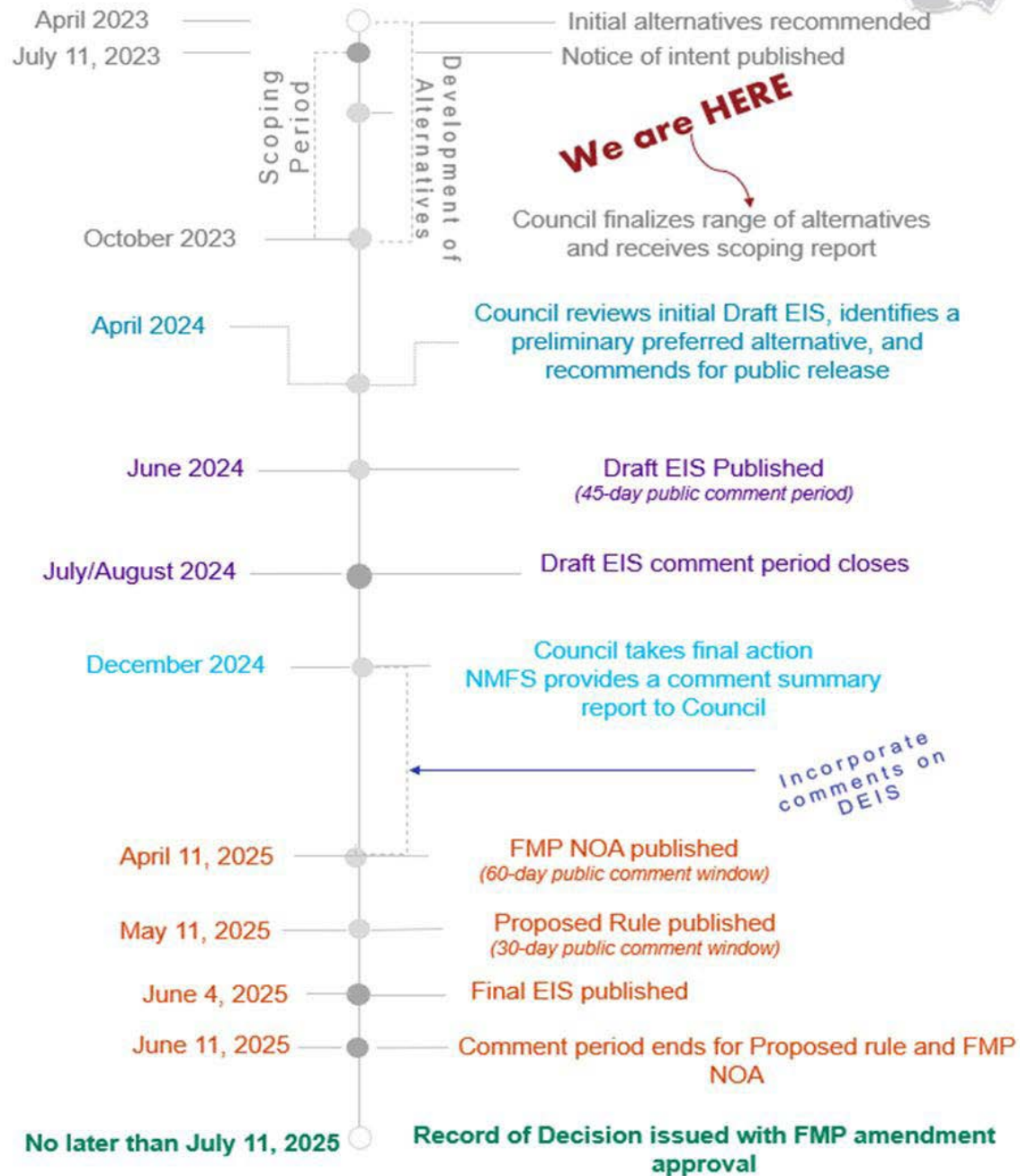


NEPA CHANGES (2/2)

- 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



MISCELLANEOUS

- Coffee available in SSC room in AM only
- Questions on travel claims? Contact nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov
- Feedback always appreciated!
 - Contact npfmc.admin@noaa.gov



RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2024 UPDATE

SSC Subgroup plan for 2024 research priorities underway

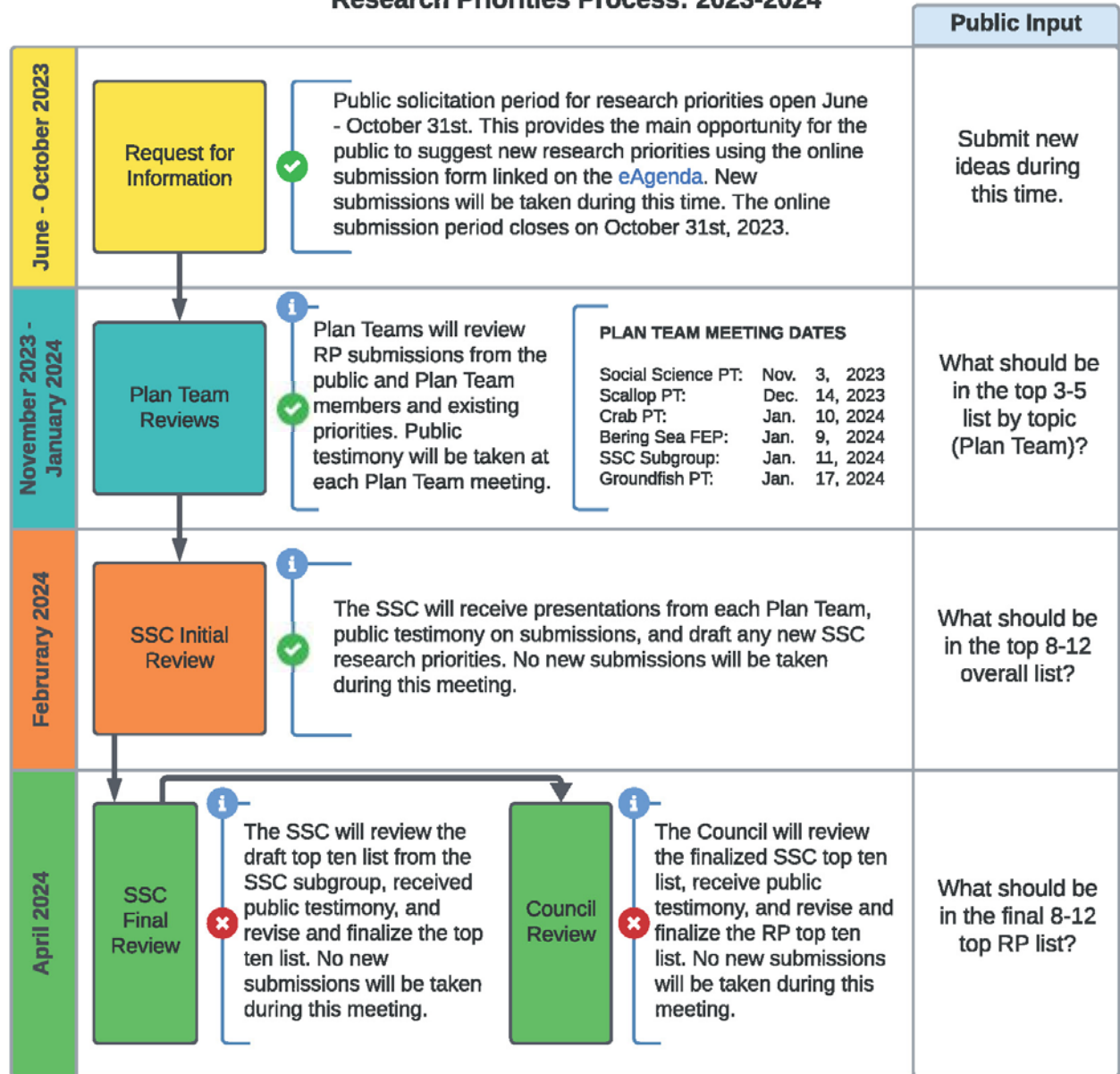
- Public solicitation period for research priorities **OPEN**
 - Submit research priorities by October 31, through RP [eAgenda](#)
- Input/review by Council Plan Teams + SSC subgroup scheduled
 - Plan Teams review public & member submissions
 - Provide top 3-5 priorities for each category
- SSC agenda 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

SCS 8TH NATIONAL WORKSHOP: UPDATE (1/2)

Applying ABC Control Rules in a Changing Environment

August 26-28, 2024

Seaport Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts



*Located next to the
Boston Fish Pier
est. 1910
listed on
National Register of Historic Places*



Photos by NEFMC staff & Steve Kennedy.



SCS8 UPDATE (2/2)

Agenda under development: *Applying ABC control rules in a changing environment*

Potential sub-themes:

- Changes that regions have already experienced and what can be learned from management responses (noting not all changes may be perceived as adverse).
- Use of social science to understand (1) the potential for control rules to achieve management goals, and (2) how fisheries and fishing communities can adapt to dynamic conditions.
- Use of alternate reference points or indicators in the absence of analytical assessments.
- Identifying whether stocks are experiencing cyclic or directional change in productivity and/or distribution to inform the setting of reference time periods, stock status determination criteria, and rebuilding plans.



SSC 2024 WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Use as opportunity to launch IRA funding / climate readiness work

Potential topics for ½ or full day workshop in Feb (or Apr):

1. Sablefish as a case study for discussing how to include economic and socioeconomic factors in harvest specifications
 - MEY; discussion of external forces affecting markets and what NPFMC management can influence
2. Discuss and decide upon NPFMC case studies for SCS8 that set the Council up for evaluating potential changes to ABC control rules and tier system, to incorporate climate-enhanced reference points
3. ACLIM/CEFI case study - worked example of OY cap performance under climate change and alternative sub-designs below the 2m ¹⁴ mt cap; how can this work be used to better inform management?



SSC MEMBER AGENDA ITEM ASSOCIATIONS

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

