



Introduction to the Council Process

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

October 2019

What is the Council?

A group of decision-makers that work with experts, stakeholders, staff, and the public to balance conservation, economic, and social concerns to manage sustainable Federal fisheries for the greatest benefit to the nation.

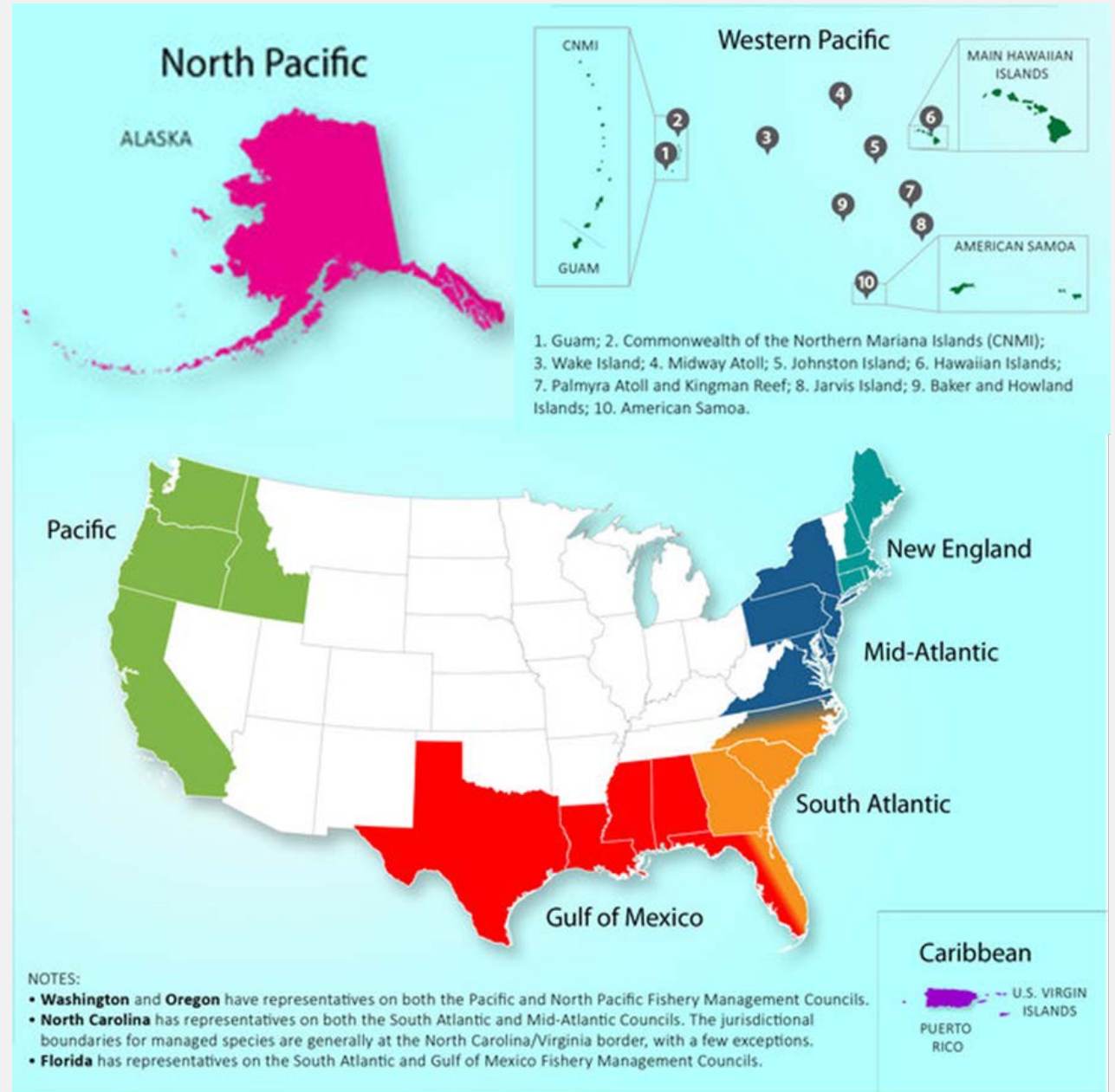


The Council is guided by the MSA

or the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Established:

- 8 Regional Fishery Management Councils composed of government and fishermen representatives
- a 3 to 200-mile limit for Federal fishery authority
- National Standards and other requirements for conservation and management



Who are the decision-makers?

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council and National Marine Fisheries Service

- Together manage U.S. Federal fisheries off Alaska, 3-200 nautical miles
- Management is coordinated, and in some cases jointly managed, with the State of Alaska
- Council makes recommendations to NMFS
- NMFS approves, implements and enforces them



Council Membership



Karla Bush
ADF&G alternate



Rachel Baker
ADF&G



David Witherell
Executive Director



Simon Kinneen
Chair



Bill Tweit
WA DF&G



Dave Hanson
PSMFC



Steve Marx



Andy Mezirow



Craig Cross



Nicole Kimball



John Jenson



Jonathan Gerken
USFWS

US Dept of
State

15 Council Members

11 voting

- 7 appointed: *AK (5), WA (2)*
- 4 agency representatives:
AK, WA, OR, NMFS

4 non-voting

- US Fish & Wildlife
- US Coast Guard
- PSFMC
- US State Dept.

Also at table

- Council Executive Director
- NOAA General Counsel



Cora Campbell



Kenny Down



Lt Yang
US Coast Guard



Jim Balsiger
NMFS Regional Dir



Glenn Merrill
NMFS alternate



NOAA GC



The Council's advisory bodies

When reviewing potential rule changes, the Council draws upon the services of various advisory bodies. Advisory bodies provide comments, both written and oral, on relevant issues being considered by the Council.

Advisory Panel

- 22 members
 - User groups
 - Environmentalists
 - Recreational fishermen
 - Consumer groups

Scientific & Statistical Committee

- 18 members
 - Federal employees
 - State employees
 - Academics
 - Independent experts

Plan Teams

- Scientists, managers, or academics
- Stock assessment:
 - BSAI/GOA Groundfish
 - BSAI Crab
 - Scallop
- Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan
- Social Science

Committees

- Issue-specific committees provide stakeholder advice on particular actions.
- Standing committees
 - Ecosystem
 - Enforcement
 - Fishery Monitoring
 - Charter halibut measures
- Ad hoc









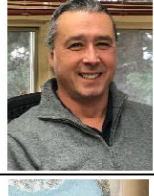



Directors and Administrative Staff

David Witherell, Executive Director		Council administration National issues MSA reauthorization, legislation Council history
Diana Evans, Deputy Director		Agendas, scheduling Staff Tasking Council process Ecosystem issues, including Bering Sea FEP Observer fee analysis
Maria Davis, Communications/ IT Specialist <i>Lead for administrative team</i>		Council meeting broadcasting Technical or communications issues Website and Agenda design Graphics or brochures
Shannon Gleason, Administrative Assistant <i>On leave Oct -Dec 2019; contact Maria Davis</i>		Travel arrangements/ reservations Council meeting planning/ logistics Council secretary – motions, minutes
Sarah La Belle, Administrative Assistant		Document formatting and 508 compliance Infographic design Agenda/Newsletter posting and distribution Advisory Panel secretary – motions, minutes
Nicole Schmidt, Finance Officer		Travel claims, reimbursements Council finances Technical and administrative support

Council Staff

Analytical staff

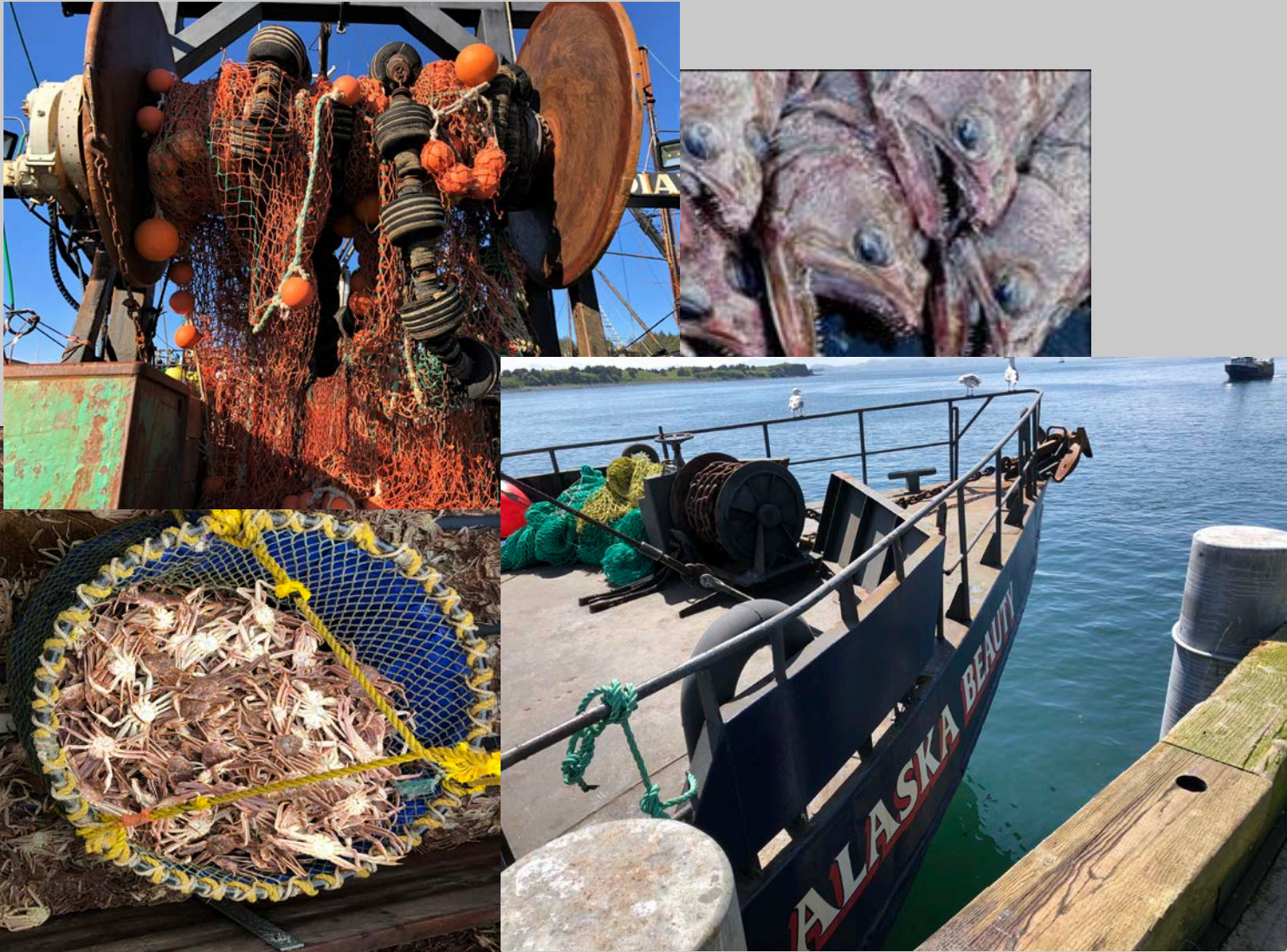
Diana Stram, Senior Scientist		Plan Team coordination Groundfish, crab biology BSAI salmon bycatch BSAI halibut bycatch NS1 guidelines
Jim Armstrong, Fishery Analyst/ Plan Coordinator		Scallop Plan Team BSAI Crab Plan Team Research priorities Salmon FMP Groundfish FMP objectives Sablefish discards
Sara Cleaver, Fishery Analyst/ Plan Coordinator		BSAI halibut, sablefish fisheries CQE program GOA FMP amendments GOA Groundfish Plan Team
Sam Cunningham, Economist		GOA groundfish allocation GOA salmon bycatch BSAI halibut bycatch IFQ/CQE issues Observer/EM issues
Kate Haapala, Fishery Analyst		NEW STAFF Observers LKTK

Anna Henry, Fishery Analyst		IFQ issues Halibut bycatch
Steve MacLean, Protected Species Coordinator/ Fishery Analyst/ Plan Coordinator		Marine mammals, seabirds Habitat, Arctic Charter halibut measures Halibut subsistence Outreach/engagement BSAI Groundfish Plan Team
Sarah Marrinan, Economist <i>On leave through Feb 2020; contact Diana Evans</i>		BSAI crab allocation Charter halibut CDQ IFQ, halibut allocations
Jon McCracken, Economist		BSAI groundfish allocation: A80, AFA, TLAS, MRAs, BS/AI splits GOA rockfish Enforcement
Mike Fey, Data Analyst, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission		Data – insights into data involved in the Council process: its use, interpretation and availability Fleet, community profiles

Who Manages What Fisheries off Alaska?

	North Pacific Fishery Management Council	National Marine Fisheries Service	Alaska Board of Fisheries/ Dept. Fish & Game	International Pacific Halibut Commission
Groundfish (pollock, cod, flatfish, rockfish, etc.)	Allocation & conservation	Implements Federal regulations	Some state fisheries (0-3)	
Crabs (king, snow, Tanner crabs)	Bering Sea fisheries – joint with State of Alaska	Bering Sea fisheries - regulations	GOA crab fisheries, Joint management in BSAI	
Scallops	Joint with State of Alaska - License limits	License regulations	Fishery management	
Halibut	Allocation	Allocation regulations	Sport fish data	Conservation
Herring			Fishery management	
Salmon	EEZ closed to fishing with exceptions		Fishery management	
Others (shrimp, urchins, etc.)			Fishery management	

Important Elements of Fishery Management Plans in the North Pacific



Elements of Fishery Management Plans (FMPs):

- Adherence to scientific advice
- Stakeholder involvement in development of regulations
- Conservative and strict catch and bycatch limits
- Effective monitoring, accounting, and enforcement including observers
- Limits on fishing capacity
- Precautionary approach to address uncertainty
- Habitat and protected species protections
- Ecosystem considerations

The Fishing Fleet Managed by the Council

(Vessel numbers are approximate and based on recent participation)

Catcher Vessels (deliver shoreside)



150 Trawlers
Pollock
Cod
Flatfish
Rockfish



500 Longliners
Cod
Halibut
Sablefish



15 Jig Gear
Cod



300 Pot Gear
Cod
Sablefish
Crab

Catcher-Processors (process at sea)



35 Trawlers
Pollock
Flatfish
Atka Mackerel
Rockfish



50 Longliners
Cod
Sablefish
Turbot



5 Dredge Gear
Scallops

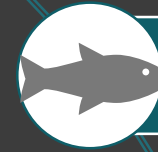


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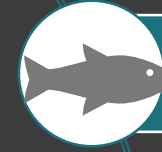
Types of Management Actions

Catch Quotas: Specify overfishing limits (OFL), allowable biological catch levels (ABC), and total allowable catch (TAC)



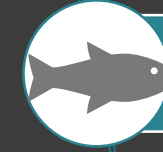
Catch Quotas

Gear Types and Seasons: identification of legal gear types, and seasons to distribute harvest in time to avoid gear conflicts, reduce bycatch and marine mammal interactions



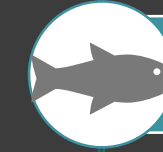
Gear Types and Seasons

Bycatch and PSC: Bycatch and prohibited species catch limits, time/area/ gear type closures



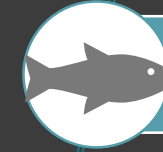
Bycatch and PSC Limits

Protected Resources: Time and area closures to protect critical areas, prey species limitations



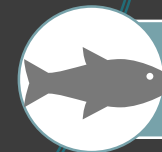
Protected Resources

Habitat: Description and identification of essential fish habitat for all managed species, gear/area closures to protect key areas



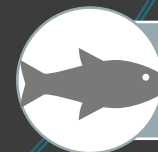
Habitat

Community Protections: Harvest quota set asides for communities, regional delivery restrictions



Community Protections

Limited Access Privileges: Create limited access programs, sector allocations, rationalization privileges



Limited Access Privileges

Council Decision Process



Proposal

Public testimony to the Advisory Panel or Council identifies a problem or need.



Review

Council develops problem statement and alternatives, often through a discussion paper or with Committee input.



Analysis

Council initiates analysis of alternatives.
1. Initial review – feedback on alts and impacts
2. Public review/Final action – adopt an alt.



Review/Approval

Council forwards proposed amendment to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval.



Rulemaking

1. Proposed Rule and Public Comment
2. Final Rule

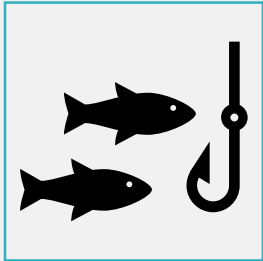


Implementation

Final decision by the Secretary of Commerce is implemented.

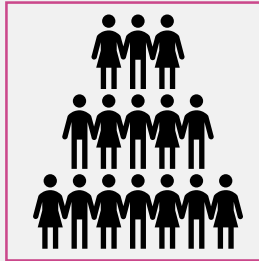


Council Meetings



5 Meetings Annually

3 in Anchorage
1 in local fishing community
1 in Seattle or Portland



Access

All meetings are open to the public



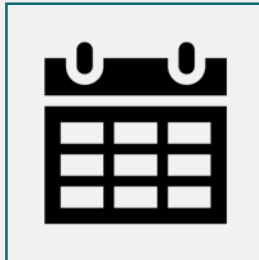
SSC & AP

AP and SSC provide input to Council at each meeting.



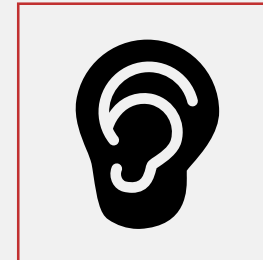
Public Testimony

Public testimony is taken for each agenda item at the SSC, AP, and Council.



Agenda & Schedule

Meeting agendas and schedules are published online.



Listen Live

Audio is available to listen to the Council meetings online in real-time.

Navigating the Council Website

North Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in 1976 to manage fisheries in the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone. [Learn More](#) →

Spotlights



October 2019 Meeting – Homer

[Agenda, Schedule, Review Documents, Agenda Summary.](#) The Council will meet September 30 - October 9, 2019, in Homer, AK. [Listen while the meeting is in session.](#) [Learn More](#) →



Introduction to the Council process – Homer

If you, or someone you know, is brand new or not very familiar with the NPFMC come and learn about how the Council works and how to participate. [Learn More](#) →



Halibut ABM Webinar

The Council is hosting a webinar September 20 ([Agenda](#)) to help the public understand the halibut abundance-based management prohibited species catch limits. There will be opportunities to ask questions of the analysts and to get clarifications on the draft document. [Learn More](#) →

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 1
NPFMC Meeting - Homer, AK
8:00am Community Engagem

Wednesday, October 2
NPFMC Meeting - Homer, AK
3:00pm Legislative Committee

Thursday, October 3
NPFMC Meeting - Homer, AK

Friday, October 4
NPFMC Meeting - Homer, AK

Saturday, October 5
NPFMC Meeting - Homer, AK

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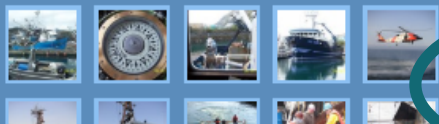
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NPFMC April 2019 - 244th

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Closed for comment at 03/29/2019 12:00 PM AKDT

37 Comments

Meeting Time: 04/01/2019 08:00 AM AKDT

AGENDA - 244th Plenary Session

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet the week of April 1st at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Scientific and Statistical Committee: April. 1-3, 2019 – King Salmon/Iliamna

Advisory Panel: April 2-6, 2019 – Dillingham/Katmai

IFQ Committee: April 1, 2019 – 9am-5pm, Dillingham/Katmai [AGENDA](#)

Ecosystem Committee: April, 1 2019 – 10:30am-5pm Birch/Willow [AGENDA](#)

Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee: April 2, 2019 – 10am-4pm, Aspen/Spruce
[AGENDA](#)

Cook Inlet Salmon Committee: April 2, 2019 – 9am-5pm, Birch/Willow [AGENDA](#)

Enforcement Committee: April 2, 2019 – 1-5pm, Cook Inlet Boardroom [AGENDA](#)

All meetings are open to the public except for executive sessions. Information on submitting comments in writing or in person can be found in the Public Comment Information attached under A1 below. The deadline for written comments—online or received through mail—

The Schedule

The Schedule provides detailed meeting times and locations by Agenda item and is available online.

- Visit www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings
- There are three main meetings that make up a Council meeting, the SSC, and the AP, and the Council.
- The SSC generally starts on Monday, The AP on Tuesday and the Council on Wednesdays.
- If you are planning to testify on an item, refer to the schedule for the day/time your item would be addressed in the meeting.
- After hour sessions and committee meetings are listed in the far left column on the day they are scheduled.
- The Schedule is approximate and subject to change.

Agenda SCHEDULE (updated 3/29/2019)

APRIL 2019

	SSC King Salmon/Iliamna	AP Dillingham/Katmai	Council Aleutian
Monday April 1 9a-5p IFQ Committee – AP room 10:30a-5p Ecosystem Cmte – Birch/Willow 5-7p Workshop on sablefish coop res.- AP room	8:00 am SSC procedures D2 Salmon SDC 1:00 pm C4 Scallop SAFE C6 CQE fish up in 3A ACLIM report		
Tuesday April 2 10a-4p FMAC – Aspen/Spruce 9a-5p CI Salmon Cmte – Birch/Willow 1-5p Enforcement Cmte - Boardroom	8:00 am D4 Halibut ABM 1:00 pm Work on minutes 2:00pm D5 EDR disc paper D9 Econ SAFE reports	8:00 am C2 Rockfish retention C3 BSAI cod trawl CV 1:00 pm C3 BSAI cod (cont) C5 BS snow crab PSC	
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The SSC's approximate schedule and agenda items.

Note: not all groups take up every agenda item.

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The Three-Meeting Outlook

The Three-Meeting Outlook provides a list of upcoming Agenda topics for the next 3 meetings.

- Visit www.npfmc.org/upcoming-council-meetings
- Items for future meetings are agenda topics that have not yet been scheduled. Check for Three-Meeting Outlook updates online to see when and where these items are scheduled.
- Scheduled items marked tentative (t) are subject to change.

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Topics	September 30-October 9, 2019 <i>Land's End, Homer, AK</i>	Council staff contact	December 2-10, 2019 <i>Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK</i>	Council staff contact	January 27-February 3, 2020 <i>Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, WA</i>	Council staff contact
EVENTS/ REPORTS*	Recreational fisheries roundtable Salmon FMP outreach AFSC Report: Overview of research activities	SML JA DE	IPHC Report (T) NMFS Report: Final 2020 ADP ADFG Report: Subsistence halibut NMFS Enforcement Report	DW DE DE DE	SSC workshop on research priorities NMFS Report: 2019 Cost recovery AFSC Report: Funding outlook Protected Resources Report Norton Sound RKC: <i>Final specs, Crab PT report</i>	JA DE DE SML JA
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REPORTING/ MONITORING	Obs. 2020 ADP: <i>FMAC, Action as nec.</i> Trawl EM: <i>Review EFPs, Committee Report</i> Observer fee analysis: <i>Final Action, FMAC report</i>	DE AH DE			Observer insurance requirements: <i>Update</i> Economic Data Report FMP/reg amd: <i>Initial review</i>	DE SM
GOA GFISH MGMT			Central GOA rockfish reauth.: <i>Initial Review (T)</i>	JMC		
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BYCATCH	BSAI Halibut ABM PSC limits: <i>Initial Review</i>	DS				
HALIBUT: IFQ/ CHARTER			2019 Charter halibut mgmt measures: <i>Final action</i> Non-guided halibut rental boat reg.: <i>Initial Review</i> BS FEP Action modules: <i>Progress report (T)</i>	SML SCiv DE		
OTHER	Cook Inlet Salmon FMP: <i>Cmte report, action as nec.</i>	JA			Research priorities: <i>Review</i> Marine mammal status: <i>Review (SSC only)</i> Ecosystem committee: <i>Report</i> Social Science Planning Team: <i>Report</i>	JA SML SML SC
ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:			Observer tender trip definition: <i>Initial review</i> Shoreside sampling for fixed gear EM: <i>Disc. paper</i> IFQ hired masters: <i>Discussion paper</i> IFQ quota share transfers: <i>Discussion paper</i> IFQ access opportunities: <i>Expanded discussion paper</i>		EDR programs proposed revisions: <i>Discussion paper</i> GOA sablefish pots: <i>3-year review (tent. June 2020)</i> RQE funding mechanism: <i>Discussion paper</i> GOA cod allocation review: <i>Complete in 2020</i>	SM SCiv/SC SM JMC

*Additionally, standard agency reports are provided at each meeting from the Council's Executive Director, NMFS management, NOAA General Counsel, ADFG, USCG, and USFWS

How to be Heard

Testimony at the Meeting

- You can testify on an agenda item to all three bodies: the SSC, the AP, and the Council
- You need to sign up on the sign-up sheet before the staff reports for your issue are completed.
- Before the Council, individuals or businesses get 3 minutes to testify, and persons representing organizations or associations get 6 minutes

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP SHEET

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Meeting Time: 04/15/2019 08:00 AM AKDT

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- Talk to an expert

Serve

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Speak-up

Provide a written comment and/or testify in person at a meeting

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