



WHAT DOES THE COUNCIL DO?

The Council, working with experts, stakeholders, staff and the public, is required to
BALANCE CONSERVATION, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CONCERNS
with the intent of managing sustainable fisheries for
THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO THE NATION.

THE COUNCIL SETS AND CHANGES FEDERAL LAW



MAGNUSON-STEVEN'S FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT { *the MSA* }

is the primary law governing fishery management in federal waters and allows the Council to:

- **SET** harvest quotas
- **SET** prohibited species catch limits
- **SET** gear/season/area restrictions
- **DESIGN** ecosystem and habitat protections
- **DEVELOP** community protections
- **CONSTRUCT** monitoring programs
- **CREATE** limited entry access privileges

5
meetings
A YEAR

3 in Anchorage
1 in an AK fishing community
1 in Seattle or Portland

meetings last approximately
8 DAYS

WHAT REGIONS AND FISHERIES ARE MANAGED BY THE COUNCIL?

INDUSTRY:

Trawl, longline, jig, pot and dredge fishermen; catcher vessels and catcher-processors

STOCKS:

Groundfish (pollock, cod, flatfish, rockfish etc.), Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab, scallops, salmon, and halibut (allocations only)



The Council manages federal waters 3-200 miles.

