



Meeting Summary

277th Plenary Session of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

December 2- 9, 2025

Hybrid – Anchorage Egan Center and Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 277th Plenary Session on December 2- 9 at the Egan Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The Council [Agenda](#), [Schedule](#), and [Newsletter](#). Recordings of Council deliberation and action can be accessed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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*The **eAgenda** contains all materials associated with each agenda item, including supporting documents (analyses, reports, discussion papers), presentations, written public comments, oral testimony sign-up lists (with names and affiliations), and final Council motions. Users may search the eAgenda to locate specific participants, organizations, or topics.*

*The **YouTube recordings** provide the full video record of the meeting, including presentations, testimony, and Council deliberations. Timestamp links in this summary correspond to specific points in the recordings, allowing users to quickly navigate to relevant discussions, motions (including text of initial drafts and amendments if applicable), or testimony.*

*The **newsletter summary** provides a concise overview of Council actions by agenda item.*

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Attendance

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council met December 4– 9, 2025 at the Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska. The following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings virtually (absent members are ~~stricken~~).

Council Members

Angel Drobnic, Chair <i>Appointed</i>	Chris Oliver (for Barry Thom) <i>Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission</i>
Rachel Baker (for Doug Vincent-Lang), Vice-Chair Karla Bush, Alternate <i>Alaska Department Fish & Game</i>	LCDR Jed Raskie <i>United States Coast Guard</i>
Nate Pamplin (for Kelly Susewind) <i>Washington Department Fish & Wildlife</i>	Brian Ritchie <i>Appointed</i>
Tahzay Jones, Jill Klein (for Sara Borio) <i>U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</i>	Rudy Tsukada <i>Appointed</i>
Jamie Goen <i>Appointed</i>	Anne Vanderhoeven <i>Appointed</i>
Nicole Kimball <i>Appointed</i>	Steve Williams (for Debie Colbert) <i>Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife</i>
Jon Kurland <i>National Marine Fisheries Service</i>	Dimitri Varmazis <i>U.S Dept. of State</i>
John Moller <i>Appointed</i>	Josh Fortenbery, Molly Watson <i>NOAA General Counsel</i>

Council Staff

Diana Evans, Interim Exec Director	Anna Henry	Danielle Mercurief
Sara Cleaver	Kaylah Hillary, Contractor	Serine Reeves
Maria Davis	Taylor Holman	Nicole Schmidt
Michael Fey PSMFC	Anita Kroska	Diana Stram
Kai Grady, Contractor	Katie Latanich	
Kate Haapala	Sarah Marrinan	

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

The SSC met December 2, 2025 – December 3, 2025:

Sherri Dressel, Co-Chair <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>	Ian Stewart – Co-Chair <i>Intl. Pacific Halibut Commission</i>	Jason Gasper – Co-chair <i>NOAA Fisheries—AKRO</i>
Alison Whitman, Vice Chair <i>Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>	Fabio Caltabellotta <i>Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>	Martin Dorn <i>University of Washington</i>
Mike Downs <i>Wislow Research</i>	Robert Foy <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>	Dana Hanselman <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>
Brad Harris <i>Alaska Pacific University</i>	Kailin Kroetz <i>Arizona State University</i>	Andrew Munro <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>
Franz Mueter <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	Chris Siddon <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>	Patrick Sullivan <i>Cornell University</i>
Robert Suryan <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>		

SSC members that were remote:

<i>Chris Anderson</i> <i>University of Washington</i>	<i>Jennifer Burns</i> <i>Texas Tech University</i>	<i>Curry Cunningham</i> <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
<i>Sarah Wise</i> <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>		

Advisory Panel (AP)

The Advisory Panel met December 3, 2025 – December 5, 2025:

Tiffany Agayar	James Johnson	Patrick O'Donnell
Tamara Briggie	Maktuayaq Johnson	Landry Price
Eva Dawn Burk	Julie Kavanagh	Chelsae Radell, Co-Vice Chair
Bernie Burkholder	Rick Laitinen	Annika Saltman
Shannon Carroll, Chair	Craig Lowenberg	Paul Wilkins
Nels Evens	Heather Mann, Co-Vice Chair	Suzie Zagorski
Lauren Howard	Chance Miller	

AP members that were remote:

Gretar Gudmundsson

Daily Item Log and Time Stamps

Final Council motions that have passed are linked to the eAgenda within this summary. For additional guidance on navigating our YouTube recordings, timestamps, and transcripts, please see our tutorial: https://youtu.be/lphfyrj5D1I?si=1aHAV_VsZtERv0AB.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

[YouTube Link](#)

A Call Meeting to Order

12/4/2025 8:01 AM Meeting called to order
12/4/2025 8:02 AM Land Acknowledgement
12/4/2025 8:03 AM Bob Mace Distinguished Service Award Announcement
12/4/2025 8:04 AM Recipient Darrell Brannan
12/4/2025 8:06 AM Terry Quinn Announcement
12/4/2025 8:10 AM Recipient Mike Downs

B Reports

12/4/2025 8:10 AM **B1 Executive Director Report** – Diana Evans
12/4/2025 8:13 AM **B1 NPFMC Recommendations on EO** – Diana Evans
12/4/2025 8:17 AM **B2 NMFS Executive Management Q & A** – Eugenio Pineiro Soler & Dr. Evan Howell (NMFS Headquarters' Asst. Administrator for Fisheries & Chief Science Advisor)
12/4/2025 8:43 AM **B2 NMFS Management Report** – Gretchen Harrington & Jon Kurland
12/4/2025 9:18 AM **B3 NOAA General Counsel Report** – Written only, Molly Watson available for questions
12/4/2025 9:19 AM **B4 AFSC Brief Report** – Dr. Robert Foy
12/4/2025 10:38 AM Break
12/4/2025 11:07 AM **B5 NOAA Enforcement Report** – Written only , Ben Cheeseman & Alex Perry available for questions
12/4/2025 11:20 AM: **B6 ADF&G Report** – Written only, Karla Bush available for questions
12/4/2025 11:21 AM **B7 USCG Report** – Written only, LCDR Jed Raskie available for questions
12/4/2025 11:30 AM **B8 USFWS Report** – Oral report, Tazhay Jones available for questions
12/4/2025 11:32 AM **B9 Bering Sea pollock industry spatial closure measures** – introduction by Anita Kroska, followed by presentations: Susie Zagorski (AFA CV & Inshore IPA Rep), James Mize (Mothership IPA Rep.), Caitlin Yeager (At Sea Processors Assoc.) & Austin Estabrooks (At Sea Processors Assoc. & CP IPA Rep.)
12/4/2025 12:16 PM Break
Public Testimony
12/4/2025 1:37 PM Lauren Wild

12/4/2025 1:42 PM Mickey Sharp
12/4/2025 1:48 PM Frank Woods
12/4/2025 1:55 PM Theresa Peterson
12/4/2025 2:07 PM Linda Behnken
12/4/2025 2:14 PM Megan Williams & Michael Levine
12/4/2025 2:23 PM Scott Goodman
12/4/2025 2:34 PM Cory Lescher
12/4/2025 2:43 PM Chris Woodley
12/4/2025 2:54 PM Jason Clark

12/4/2025 2:58 PM Break

Council Action

12/4/2025 3:22 PM Discussion on B Reports, **no action taken**

C1 Crab Arbitration – Final Action

12/4/2025 3:28 PM **Staff Presentation** – Taylor Holman (NPFMC), Darrell Brannan (Darrell Brannan and Associates) & Stephanie Warpinski (NMFS)
12/4/2025 5:11 PM **C1 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-Chair)
12/4/2025 5:16 PM Recess

Friday, December 5, 2025

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12/5/2025 8:02 AM Meeting called to order
12/5/2025 8:03 AM Bob Mace Distinguished Service Award Announcement
12/5/2025 8:03 AM Recipient Bill Tweit
12/5/2025 8:03 AM Recipient David Witherell

Public Testimony on C1

12/5/2025 8:04 AM John Lani
12/5/2025 8:18 AM Daniel Foe
12/5/2025 8:32 AM Craig Lowenberg
12/5/2025 8:41 AM Shannon Carroll
12/5/2025 8:57 AM Julie Decker
12/5/2025 9:04 AM Sinclair Wilt
12/5/2025 9:07 AM Heather McCarty
12/5/2025 9:23 AM Cory Lescher
12/5/2025 9:24 AM Mateo Paz-Soldan

12/5/2025 9:33 AM Break

Council Action

12/5/2025 10:40 AM **MOTION Crab Arbitration** – Rachel Baker, Second Nicole Kimball
12/5/2025 10:58 AM **Deeming Motion Amendment** – Nate Pamplin, Second Anne Vanderhoven adopt the authorization language that allows the Executive Director and Chairman to review draft rules from NMFS to make sure they match what the Council intended before those rules are officially sent forward

12/5/2025 10:59 AM Amendment passes without objection
12/5/2025 11:00 AM Discussion on amended Main Motion
12/5/2025 11:17 AM [MOTION Crab Arbitration](#) passes 9-2, Jamie Goen and Steve Williams in opposition

C2 Crab C-Shares – Final Action

12/5/2025 11:22 AM **C2 Staff Presentation** – Taylor Holman & Alicia Miller
12/5/2025 12:20 PM Break
12/5/2025 1:33 PM Discussion on Staff Presentation
10/3/2025 11:23 AM **C2 AP Report** – Heather Mann (Co Vice-Chair)

Public Testimony

12/5/2025 1:39 PM Cory Lescher
12/5/2025 1:50 PM Oystein Lone
12/5/2025 1:54 PM Canyon Willis
12/5/2025 1:56 PM Tim Willis
12/5/2025 2:02 PM Break

Council Action

12/5/2025 2:18 PM **MOTION C2 C-Shares** – Jamie Goen, Second Nate Pamplin
12/5/2025 2:32 PM **Deeming Motion Amendment** – Rachel Baker, Second Anne Vanderhoven to adopt the authorization language that allows the Executive Director and Chairman to review draft rules from NMFS to make sure they match what the Council intended before those rules are officially sent forward.
12/5/2025 2:32 PM Deeming motion amendment passes without objection
12/5/2025 2:32 PM [MOTION C2 C-Shares](#) passes 11-0
12/5/2025 2:32 PM Recess

Saturday, December 6, 2025

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12/6/2025 8:05 AM Meeting called to order
12/6/2025 8:05 AM **SSC Report Presentation in Full** – Sherri Dressel, Ian Stewart, Jason Gasper (SSC Co-Chairs)

C4 GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications 2026-2027 & harvest specifications process, context for C4/C5

12/6/2025 8:57 AM **C4 Staff Presentation** – Sara Cleaver
12/6/2025 9:33 AM **C4 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)
12/6/2025 9:39 AM Break

Public Testimony

12/6/2025 10:08 AM Heather Bauscher
12/6/2025 10:21 AM Mark Fina
12/6/2025 10:26 AM Ben Ley
12/6/2025 10:31 AM Ernie Weiss

12/6/2025 10:34 AM Jim Armstrong
12/6/2025 10:41 AM Chelsae Radell
12/6/2025 10:48 AM Julie Decker
12/6/2025 10:50 AM Linda Behnken
12/6/2025 10:55 AM Jamie O'Connor
12/6/2025 11:04 AM Hannah Heimbuch
12/6/2025 11:14 AM Break

Council Action

12/6/2025 11:39 AM [MOTION GOA Groundfish Specs](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
12/6/2025 11:46 AM Comment on MOTION GOA Groundfish Specs
12/6/2025 11:47 AM Motion passes without objection
12/6/2025 11:49 AM [MOTION C4 GOA Pacific Cod Specs](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second John Moller
12/6/2025 11:54 AM Discussion on the motion
12/6/2025 12:09 PM Comments on the motion
12/6/2025 12:28 PM Motion passes 9-2, Nate Pamplin & Anne Vanderhoeven in opposition
12/6/2025 2:29 PM Break

C5 BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications

12/6/2025 2:41 PM **C5 Staff Presentation** – Diana Stram
12/6/2025 3:06 PM **C5 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)
12/6/2025 3:08 PM Break

Public Testimony

12/6/2025 3:27 PM Francis Thompson
12/6/2025 3:39 PM Megan Williams
12/6/2025 3:49 PM Caitlin Yeager & Austin Estabrooks
12/6/2025 3:54 PM Chad See
12/6/2025 3:58 PM Buck Laukitis
12/6/2025 4:05 PM Erik Velsko
12/6/2025 4:12 PM Andrea Keikkala and Susie Zagorski
12/6/2025 4:15 PM Chris Woodley
12/6/2025 4:20 PM John Henderschedt
12/6/2025 4:25 PM Recess

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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12/7/2025 8:37 AM Meeting called to order

C5 BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications - continued

Council Action

12/7/2025 8:37 AM [MOTION BSAI Groundfish Specifications](#) – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Steve Williams
12/7/2025 9:00 AM Comment on the Motion

12/7/2025 9:04 AM Motion passes without opposition 11-0

C6 BSAI Crab Specifications

12/7/2025 9:07 AM **C6 Staff Presentation** – Anita Kroska & Katie Palof (ADF&G)

12/7/2025 9:21 AM **C6 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)

12/7/2025 9:25 AM Break

Council Action

12/7/2025 9:31 AM [MOTION BSAI NSRKC Crab Specs](#) – Rachel Baker, Second Anne Vanderhoeven

12/7/2025 9:33 AM Motion passes without opposition 11-0

12/7/2025 9:35 AM Break

C7 2026 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures

12/7/2025 10:25 AM **Presentation Introduction** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)

12/7/2025 10:2 AM **Management Measures for the are 2C and 3A Charter Halibut fisheries for 2026 Presentation** – Adam Saviour (ADF&G)

12/7/2025 10:52 AM **Charter Halibut Management Committee Report Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)

12/7/2025 11:08 AM **C7 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

12/7/2025 11:24 AM Rob Sanderson Jr.

12/7/2025 11:24 AM Linda Behnken

12/7/2025 11:29 AM Representative Rebecca Himshoot

12/7/2025 11:33 AM Heather Bauscher

12/7/2025 11:39 AM Forest Braden

12/7/2025 11:50 AM Patricia Phillips

112/7/2025 11:54 AM Chance Miller

12/7/2025 11:56 AM Frank Woods

12/7/2025 12:05 PM Aaron Brakel

12/7/2025 12:09 PM Break

Council Action

12/7/2025 12:17 PM [MOTION C7 Charter Halibut Mgmt Measures](#) – Brian Ritchie, Second John Moller

12/7/2025 12:23 PM Comments on the motion

12/7/2025 12:26 PM Motion passes without opposition 11-0

12/7/2025 12:29 PM Break

D1 NSRKC Fishery Participation Recency

12/7/2025 1:46 PM **D1 Staff Presentation** – Anna Henry (NPFMC) & Karla Bush (ADF&G)

12/7/2025 2:16 PM **D1 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-Chair)

Public Testimony

12/7/2025 2:18 PM Frank McFarley

12/7/2025 2:22 PM Randy Takak
12/7/2025 2:26 PM Simon Kinneen & Wes Jones
12/7/2025 2:34 PM Adem Boeckmann
12/7/2025 2:42 PM Phillip Pryzmont
12/7/2025 2:45 PM Kelci Ivanoff
12/7/2025 2:52 PM Landry Price
12/7/2025 2:58 PM Break

Council Action

12/7/2025 3:28 PM **MOTION D1 NSRKC Fishery Participation Recency** – John Moller, Second Rudy Tsukada
12/7/2025 3:30 PM Questions on the motion
12/7/2025 3:40 PM **Amendment** – Nicole Kimball, Second Steve Williams, add at end of first bullet, "and regulatory tools available to address latent capacity in a component of the fleet that is not currently required to have an LLP."
12/7/2025 3:43 PM Amendment passes without objection
12/7/2025 3:44 PM Comments on the motion
12/7/2025 3:53 PM [**MOTION D1 NSRKC Fishery Participation Recency**](#) passes without opposition

D2 Essential Fish Habitat 5-Year Review Plan – Review workplan

12/7/2025 3:54 PM **D2 Staff Presentation** – Anita Kroska (NPFMC) & Jodi Pirtle (NMFS)
12/7/2025 4:25 PM **D2 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

12/7/2025 4:28 PM Caitlin Yeager
12/7/2025 4:32 PM Jamie O'connor
12/7/2025 4:35 PM Sarah Webster
12/7/2025 4:41 PM Nick Jacuk & Megan Williams
12/7/2025 4:50 PM Cory Lescher
12/7/2025 4:56 PM Linda Behnken
12/7/2025 5:00 PM Lauren Hynes
12/7/2025 5:10 PM Break
12/7/2025 5:20 PM Question to staff

Council Action

12/7/2025 5:26 PM [**MOTION D2 EFH 5-Year Review**](#) – Jon Kurland, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
12/7/2025 5:31 PM Comments on the motion
12/7/2025 5:34 PM Motion passes without objection
12/7/2025 5:35 PM Recess

Monday, December 8, 2025

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E Staff Tasking

12/8/2025 8:31 AM Meeting called to order

12/8/2025 8:32 AM **E Staff Tasking** – Diana Evans (NPFMC)
12/8/2025 8:33 AM **E Social Science Planning Team Staff Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)
12/8/2025 8:52 AM **E Finance Committee Report** – Diana Evans (NPFMC)
12/8/2025 9:00 AM **E Staff Tasking Memo** – Diana Evans (NPFMC)
12/8/2025 9:03 AM **E IRA Funding Timeline Update** – Katie Latanich
12/8/2025 9:21 AM **E Groundfish Management Policy Review** – Katie Latanich
12/8/2025 9:48 AM **E Staff Tasking Three Meeting Outlook** – Diana Evans (NPFMC)
12/8/2025 9:54 AM **E AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)
12/8/2025 10:07 AM Break

Public Testimony

12/8/2025 10:39 AM Ayla Knodel
12/8/2025 10:45 AM Forrest Braden
12/8/2025 10:48 AM Jam Kearns
12/8/2025 10:52 AM Peter Lockuk
12/8/2025 10:54 AM Mickey Sharp
12/8/2025 11:00 AM Frank Woods
12/8/2025 11:17 AM Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian
12/8/2025 11:21 AM Hannah Heimbuch
12/8/2025 11:28 AM Judy (Judith) Brakel
12/8/2025 11:33 AM Becca Robins Gisclair
12/8/2025 11:39 AM Linda Behnken
12/8/2025 11:44 AM Nels Evens
12/8/2025 11:46 AM Caitlin Yeager
12/8/2025 11:47 AM Jamie O’Connor
12/8/2025 11:50 AM Jim Armstrong
12/8/2025 11:55 AM Kelci Ivanoff

Council Action

12/8/2025 1:23 PM Council discussion on E Staff Tasking public testimony
12/8/2025 1:27 PM **MOTION ECOSYSTEM CMTEE** – Nicole Kimball, Second Nate Pamplin
12/8/2025 1:32 PM Motion passes without objection
12/8/2025 1:33 PM **MOTION CHLAPP REVIEW** – Brian Ritchie, Second Nicole Kimball
12/8/2025 1:39 PM Motion passes without objection
12/8/2025 1:39 PM Statement on MOTION CHLAPP REVIEW, Brian
12/8/2025 1:43 PM **MOTION DYNAMIC SPATIAL MEASURES** – Rachel Baker, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
12/8/2025 1:49 PM Motion passes without objection
12/8/2025 1:49 PM Council discussion on E Staff Tasking on public testimony
12/8/2025 2:00 PM Appointments to the Advisory Panel and Statistical and Scientific Committee – Angel Drobica
12/8/2025 2:04 PM Meeting Adjourned