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Meeting Summary

278th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 5-11, 2026
Hybrid – Anchorage Egan Center and Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 278th Plenary Session on February 5 – 11th at the Egan Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The Council [eAgenda](#), [Schedule](#), and [Newsletter](#). Recordings of Council deliberation and action can be accessed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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This meeting summary, combined with the eAgenda, Schedule, Newsletter, and YouTube recordings (linked above), is provided to offer a complete overview and record of the Council meeting.

*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. Presenters and their affiliations are listed in the action memo posted for each agenda item, and public testifier affiliations are listed in the signup section on the eAgenda, unless noted in this meeting summary.*

*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 following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings either in person or virtually (as noted). Absent members are ~~noted with strikeout~~.

Council Members

The Council met February 5-11, 2026 (absent members are in ~~strikeout~~):

Angel Drobnica, Chair <i>Appointed</i>	Chris Oliver (for Barry Thom) <i>Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission</i>
Rachel Baker (for Doug Vincent-Lang), Vice-Chair <i>Alaska Department Fish & Game</i>	LCDR Jed Raskie (for Bob Little) <i>United States Coast Guard</i>
Nate Pamplin (for Kelly Susewind) <i>Washington Department Fish & Wildlife</i>	Brian Ritchie <i>Appointed</i>
Boyd Blihovde (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 Debbie Colbert) <i>Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife</i>
Jon Kurland <i>National Marine Fisheries Service</i>	Dimitri Varmazis U.S. Dept. of State
John Moller <i>Appointed</i>	Josh Fortenbery, Molly Watson <i>NOAA General Counsel, non-voting Advisors</i>

Council Staff

Diana Evans, Exec Director	Michael Fey, AKFIN/PSMFC	Danielle Mercurief
Anna Henry, Deputy Director	Kaylah Hillary, Contractor	Nicole Schmidt
Sara Cleaver	Taylor Holman	Diana Stram
Maria Davis	Anita Kroska	Serine Reeves
	Katie Latanich	

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

The Science and Statistical Committee met February 2-4, 2026 (absent members are in strikeout):

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>	Sarah Wise <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>	Jennifer Burns <i>Texas Tech University</i>

Virtual SSC Members

Chris Anderson <i>University of Washington</i>	Curry Cunningham <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
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Advisory Panel (AP)

The Advisory Panel met February 2-6, 2026 (absent members are in strikeout):

Tiffany Agayar	Lauren Howard	Landry Price
Tamara Briggie	James Johnson	Chelsae Radell, Co-Vice Chair
Eva Dawn Burk	Maktuayaq Johnson	Annika Saltman
Bernie Burkholder	Rick Laitinen	Paul Wilkins
Shannon Carroll, Chair	Craig Lowenberg	Suzie Zagorski
Nels Evens	Heather Mann, Co-Vice Chair	
	Chance Miller	AP Members who were virtual: 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, February 5, 2026

[YouTube Link](#)

A Call Meeting to Order

[2:50](#) Meeting called to order at 8:01 AM AKST – Angel Drobnica, Council Chair
Land Acknowledgement

B Reports

B Reports

- [5:34](#) **B1 Executive Director Report** – Diana Evans
B1 EO 14276 Public Comments received by NMFS – Diana Evans
B1 Risk Value Matrix presentation – Diana Evans
B1 IFQ Report to the Fleet – Mike Fey (PSFMC)
B1 BBSRI Chum Salmon Inseason Genetics presentation - Jordan Head, Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute
Break
- [2:34:38](#) **B1 Comments from Sam Rauch, NOAA Fisheries Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs**
- [2:56:51](#) **B2 NMFS Report and presentation on Inseason management report**– Gretchen Harrington and Krista Milani
- [3:44:18](#) **B2 Bycatch Report presentation** - Mike Fey
Lunch break
- [5:21:15](#) **B3 NOAA General Counsel Report** – Molly Watson
- [5:21:42](#) **B4 AFSC Report** – Robert Foy
- [5:38:18](#) **B5 ADF&G Report** – Karla Bush
- [5:40:54](#) **B6 USCG Report** – LCDR Jed Raskie
- [5:41:40](#) **B7 USFWS Report** – Boyd Blihovde
- [5:47:50](#) **B8 IPHC Report** – Jon Kurland
- [5:54:27](#) **B9 NPRB Report** – Lynn Palensky, Executive Director Matt Baker, Science Director
- [6:24:39](#) **B10 SSC Report on D2** – Sherri Dressel, Ian Stewart, Jason Gasper (Co-Chairs)

B Public Testimony

- [6:35:02](#) **Public Testimony**
- [6:35:56](#) Jamie O'Connor
- [6:41:43](#) Ben Enticknap
- [6:46:28](#) Kathy Hansen
- [6:49:11](#) Trent Hartill
Break
- [7:22:54](#) James Kearns

B Council Action

[7:26:22](#) Discussion on B Reports, **no action taken**

C1 GOA Pacific Cod Harvest Specifications

C1 Reports

[7:41:19](#) **C1 GOA Pcod assessment Presentation** – Sara Cleaver NPFMC, Pete Hulson AFSC , Bridget Ferris, Kalei Shotwell

C1 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report presentation – Sara Cleaver NPFMC, Jim Ianelli

[8:14:27](#) C1 SSC Report – Sherri Dressel, Jason Gasper

C1 Public Testimony

[8:20:05](#) Ben Ley

[8:24:33](#) Carlin Hoblet

[8:26:42](#) Alex Jackson

[8:28:40](#) Charlotte Levy

[8:37:36](#) Jim Armstrong

C1 Council Action

[8:47:25](#) C1 Council Motion – Nicole Kimball, seconded by John Moller

[8:51:56](#) C1 Amendment – Brian Ritchie, seconded by Anne Vanderhoeven to strike the word “adopts” and insert the word “revise”

[8:54:53](#) C1 Amendment passes 11-0

[8:59:23](#) **[MOTION GOA Pacific God Groundfish Specifications](#)** passes 11-0

[8:59:36](#) Recess for the day at 4:58 PM AKST

Friday, February 6, 2026

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[12:52](#) Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM AST

C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch – Final Action

C2 Reports

[13:32](#) **C2 Staff Presentation** – Kate Haapala, Sarah Marrinan
Break

[5:47:23](#) **C2 Staff presentation continued** – Kate Haapala, Sarah Marrinan
Break

[7:40:47](#) **C2 Draft EIS public comments report** – Doug Shaftel NMFS
Break

[8:11:19](#) **C2 AP Report** – Shannon Carroll (Chair), Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-Chair)

[8:30:50](#) Recess for the day at 4:21 PM AKST

Saturday, February 7, 2026

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SSC Report

[4:57](#) Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM AST

SSC Report Presentation in Full – Sherri Dressel, Ian Stewart, Jason Gasper (SSC Co-Chairs)

C2 Public Testimony

[1:25:10](#) Brian Ridley

[1:46:31](#) Jacob Ivanoff

[1:56:40](#) Isaiah Ivanoff

[2:10:02](#) Ernie Weiss

[2:16:05](#) James Sherman, Preston Rookok, Wes Jones

[2:24:38](#) Martin Andrew & Terese Vicente

[3:21:10](#) Nels Alexie & John McIntyre

[3:30:09](#) Thad Tikiun

[3:34:24](#) Julia Dorris

[3:41:01](#) Christina Changsak

[3:46:05](#) Vivian Korthuis

[3:56:21](#) Frank Kelty / Mayor Vince Tutiakoff

[4:11:39](#) Matt Upton

Break

[5:36:18](#) Thomas Tilden

[5:42:34](#) Tom Enlow

[5:57:19](#) Paul Cleveland

[6:01:39](#) Martin Nicolai

[6:06:15](#) Anthony Olick

[6:09:29](#) Jack Fagerstrom

[6:14:55](#) Lauren Hynes

[6:20:47](#) Jolene Nanouk

[6:27:40](#) Andrea Keikkala & Susie Zagorski

[6:47:17](#) Raymond Watson

[6:58:58](#) Chris Garbrick

[7:03:06](#) James Mize

[7:11:44](#) Philip Powell

[7:17:24](#) Peter Angasan

Break

[7:52:32](#) Elizabeth Ahkivgak

[7:56:34](#) Sven Paukan

[8:07:44](#) Rose Fosdick

[8:16:57](#) Johnson Eningowuk

[8:23:27](#) Karen J. Tocktoo

[8:27:26](#) Dorothy K. Barr

[8:32:15](#) Frieda Eningowuk

[8:35:03](#) Leonard Kuzuguk, Sr.

[8:37:29](#) Stanley Tocktoo

[8:46:32](#) Kimberly Takak

[8:50:39](#) Scott Adams

[8:54:15](#) Marvin Takak

[8:58:54](#) Louisa Paniptchuk

[9:03:16](#) Morris Nakarak, Sr.
[9:08:49](#) Henry hunter sr
[9:17:56](#) Ron Pitka, Sr.
[9:21:03](#) Amber Cunningham & Cassidy Cunningham
[9:35:22](#) Recess for the day at 5:32 PM AKST

Sunday, February 8, 2026

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[17:11](#) Meeting called to order at 8:12 AM AKST

Public Testimony C2 continued

Mike Jones
Darlene Trigg
Wayne Moses
Richard Nassuk Sr.
Kacey Okbaok
Katheen Demientieff
Stainslaus Sheppard
Shawnen Adams
Rochelle Adams
[1:39:12](#) Emma Pate
[1:56:29](#) Capt. Dave Helmerson
Break
[2:47:11](#) Rob Sanderson Jr.
[2:58:37](#) Andrea Akalleq Burgess
[3:06:38](#) Sinclair Wilt
[3:11:12](#) Alice Maxie
[3:14:22](#) Caitlin Yeager & Austin Estabrooks
[3:29:00](#) Carlin Hoblet
[3:38:19](#) Jonathan Samuelson
[3:55:58](#) Arnold Huntington
[4:01:57](#) Leo Lolnitz
Break
[5:36:21](#) Percy Lolnitz
[5:56:34](#) Michael Stickman
[6:04:14](#) Robert Albert
[6:14:19](#) Julie Decker
[6:21:00](#) Dan Martin
[6:36:53](#) Speedy Sam
[6:37:30](#) Tommy Kriska
[6:50:06](#) Avery Hoffman
[6:55:55](#) Francis Thompson
Break
[7:34:37](#) Robert Walker
[7:56:21](#) Janet Woods
[8:00:59](#) Leah Woods
[8:07:03](#) Charlie Wright

[8:20:01](#) Jazmyn Vent
[8:32:05](#) Esther O'Brien
[8:36:20](#) John Henderschedt
[8:40:15](#) Jimmy R. Hurley sr.
[8:43:53](#) Amber Vaska
[8:48:29](#) Krystal Lapp
[8:55:35](#) Libby Musolino
[9:00:08](#) Donald Mike
[9:05:40](#) Cheryl Cadzow
[9:11:03](#) Janet Erik
[9:16:04](#) Charles Hahn
[9:20:02](#) Glenn Merrill
[9:25:47](#) Ryan Astalos
[9:33:16](#) Tim Cusick
[9:36:56](#) Recess for the day at 5:31 PM AKST

Monday, February 9, 2026

[YouTube Link](#)

[10:28](#) Meeting called to order at 8:07 AM AKST

C2 Public Testimony continued

[13:10](#) Eva Dawn Burk
[30:13](#) Brooke Woods
[35:07](#) Steve Martell
[1:02:44](#) Craig Chythlook
[1:28:47](#) Steve D Ricci
[1:37:45](#) Heather Sauyaq & Jean Gordon
[1:41:42](#) Kelsi Ivanoff
[1:50:25](#) Leilani Luhrs
[1:55:36](#) John Samuel
[2:02:19](#) Florence Kargie
[2:08:47](#) Nate Stone
[2:14:15](#) Jack Wholecheese
[2:26:27](#) Gary Longaker
Break
[3:08:18](#) Jamie O'Connor
[3:14:58](#) Grayson Klampe
[3:18:42](#) Nathaniel Betz
[3:24:18](#) Deloras Lozano
[3:28:05](#) Carrie Stevens
[3:47:58](#) Jameson Yoder
[3:52:51](#) Ragnar Alstrom
[4:04:48](#) Kathleen Peters Zuray
[4:15:04](#) Trent Hartill
Break
[5:51:32](#) Aaron Bean
[6:00:32](#) Kristen Moreland

[6:07:22](#) Heather Mann
[6:16:33](#) Angela Totemoff
[6:21:58](#) Maija Katak Lukin
[6:25:42](#) Stanley Pete, Nunam Iqua
[6:31:41](#) Faye Ewan
[6:36:35](#) Marcus Alden
[6:47:50](#) Darlene Pete, Nunam Iqua
[6:51:44](#) Jason Teganlakla
[6:54:16](#) Jean Alstrom
[7:02:03](#) Paul Wilkins & Oscar Evon
[7:10:29](#) Clinton Weter
[7:14:37](#) Damion Pavlick
[7:17:02](#) Matthew Burket
[7:22:15](#) Rich Freireich
[7:26:20](#) Louise Paul
Break
[7:57:40](#) Eric Deakin
[8:02:16](#) Harry Alexie
[8:11:05](#) Larson Hunter
[8:15:38](#) Madeline Tulik
[8:20:49](#) Roy David, Sr
[8:37:44](#) Verla Weter
[8:39:14](#) Ben Juneby
[8:45:10](#) Don Ashley
[8:48:22](#) Austin Ahmasuk
[8:53:12](#) Jason Akerelrea
Anthony Zoch
[8:59:51](#) Ron Yatlin
[9:07:04](#) Elmer Beans
[9:11:45](#) George Smith
[9:17:48](#) Recess for the day at 5:14 PM AKST

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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[13:19](#) Meeting called to order at 8:06 AM AKST.

C2 Public Testimony continued

[14:24](#) Gale Vick
[18:58](#) Shannon Carroll
[25:57](#) Kimberly Nicholas
[31:51](#) Katie Kashatok
[36:19](#) Serena Alstrom
[42:25](#) Landry Price
[48:50](#) Theresa Clark
[1:11:12](#) faith Peters
[1:17:41](#) Chris Cooper
Fred Yeck

[1:28:44](#) Noah Wise
[1:34:14](#) Diloolo Erickson
[1:44:10](#) Mary K. Nicolai
[1:48:04](#) Virgil Umphenour
[1:54:07](#) Curtis Sommer
[2:01:38](#) Jessica Black
[2:07:26](#) Justin Johnson
[2:12:46](#) Charlie Green
Break
[3:05:44](#) Tiffany Agayar
[3:11:00](#) John W. Andrew
[3:16:32](#) Janessa Newman
[3:21:57](#) Luke Fanning
[3:28:32](#) Becca Robbins Gisclair
[3:36:16](#) Shelby Edmund
[3:41:42](#) Josie Edmund
Break

[5:21:36](#) **C2 Staff Questions** – Kate Haapala, Sarah Marrinan

[5:32:31](#) Recess for the day at 1:25 PM AKST

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

[YouTube Link](#)

[2:10:51](#) Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM ASKT

C2 Council Action

[2:11:51](#) **MOTION C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch** – Rachel Baker, seconded by John Moller

[3:34:21](#) Amendment – Nate Pamplin, seconded by Anne Vanderhoeven to adopt the authorizing 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.

[3:35:37](#) Amendment passes 11-0

[4:37:52](#) Motion passes 8-3 (Jamie Goen, Anne Vanderhoeven, and Steve Williams in opposition)

C3 Cook Inlet Salmon

C3 Reports

[5:31:12](#) **C3 Staff Presentation** – Diana Stram

C3 Public Testimony

[5:50:31](#) Robert Wolfe

[5:54:30](#) Samuel Schimmel

[6:02:21](#) Teague Vanek

[6:07:03](#) Dan Anderson

[6:12:17](#) Noah Swenson

[6:17:52](#) Dakota Alward

[6:20:38](#) Penelope Haas

[6:26:00](#) Revella Russell

[6:30:57](#) Janet Keating Carroll
[6:32:34](#) Maddie Lightsey
[6:39:05](#) Dyer VanDevere
[6:42:00](#) Matt Hockema
[6:45:02](#) Roland Maw
[6:53:59](#) Kirian Kuzmin
[6:56:54](#) Nick Jacuk
[7:03:54](#) David Martin
[7:13:22](#) Peter J. Probasco
[7:20:33](#) Callie Lambert
[7:24:37](#) Jessica Winnestaffer
[7:30:02](#) Chris Vanek
[7:33:38](#) Jim Sykes
[7:37:39](#) Cory Loos
[7:41:41](#) Steve Brown

C3 Council Action

[7:53:46](#) Motion C3 Cook Inlet Salmon – Jon Kurland, seconded by Anne Vanderhoeven
[8:03:44](#) **[MOTION C3 Cook Inlet Salmon](#)** passes 10-0 (Jamie Goen absent)
[8:06:47](#) Council Closing Statements
[8:10:16](#) Meeting Adjourns at 5 PM AKST