



Meeting Summary

270th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
June 3-12, 2024
Hybrid – Kodiak, AK, KANA Marketplace and Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 270th Plenary Session on June 3-11 at the KANA Marketplace in Kodiak, Alaska. The Council [Agenda](#), [Schedule](#), [Newsletter](#), and [Climate Scenario Workshop](#) materials are available. Recordings of Council deliberation and action can be accessed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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This meeting summary, along with the items on the eAgenda, the youtube videos and timestamps, and the newsletter summary, (linked above) are presented to provide a complete overview and record of the Council meeting. Please contact support@npfmc.org if you have questions or comments about the record.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council met June 3-12, 2024 at the KANA Marketplace, Kodiak, Alaska. The following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings either in person or virtually (absent members are ~~stricken~~).

Council Members

Angel Drobnica, Chair <i>Appointed</i>	Andy Mezirow <i>Appointed</i>
Bill Tweit (for Kelly Susewind), Vice Chair <i>Washington Department Fish & Wildlife</i>	Chris Oliver <i>Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission</i>
Rachel Baker (for Doug Vincent-Lang) Karla Bush — Alternate <i>Alaska Department Fish & Game</i>	LCDR Jed Raskie (for RADM Bob Little) <i>United States Coast Guard</i>
*Vacant Appointed member for <i>State of Washington</i>	Anne Vanderhoeven <i>Appointed</i>
Pete Fasbender (for Sara Borio) <i>U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</i>	Steve Williams (for Curt Melcher) <i>Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife</i>
John Jensen <i>Appointed</i>	Rudy Tsukada <i>Appointed</i>
Nicole Kimball <i>Appointed</i>	Dimitri Varmazis <i>U.S Dept. of State</i>
Jon Kurland <i>National Marine Fisheries Service</i>	Josh Fortenberry <i>NOAA General Counsel Advisor</i>

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

The SSC met June 3-4:

Sherri Dressel, Co-Chair <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>	Mike Downs <i>Wislow Research</i>	Kailin Kroetz <i>Arizona State University</i>
Franz Mueter, Co-Chair <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	Robert Foy <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>	Kathryn Meyer <i>Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>
Alison Whitman, Vice Chair <i>Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>	Jason Gasper <i>NOAA Fisheries—Alaska Regional Office</i>	Andrew Munro <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>
Chris Anderson <i>University of Washington</i>	Dana Hanselman <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>	Ian Stewart <i>Intl. Pacific Halibut Commission</i>
Amy Bishop <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	Brad Harris <i>Alaska Pacific University</i>	Patrick Sullivan <i>Cornell University</i>
Curry Cunningham <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	Michael Jepson <i>Independent</i>	Robert Suryan <i>Alaska Fisheries Science Center</i>
Martin Dorn <i>University of Washington</i>		

SSC members that attended virtually include:

Chris Siddon
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Advisory Panel (AP)

The Advisory Panel met June 4, 7-8:

Brian Ritchie, **Chair**
Heather Mann, **Co-Vice Chair**
Paul Wilkins, **Co- Vice Chair**
Tiffany Agayar,
Tamara Briggie,
Eva Dawn Burk,
Shannon Carroll,

Nels Evens,
Gretar Gudmundsson,
Tim Heuker,
Lauren Howard,
Jim Johnson,
Mellisa Johnson,
Julie Kavanaugh,

Rick Laitinen,
Craig Lowenberg,
Paddy O'Donnell,
Landry Price,
Radell, Chelsae
Suzie Zagorski,

Council Staff

David Witherell, **Exec Director**
Diana Evans, **Deputy Director**
Sara Cleaver
Shannon Cochran
Sam Cunningham
Maria Davis

Michael Fey (PSMFC)
Kate Haapala
Anna Henry
Kaylah Hillary (Contractor)
Sarah La Belle
Katie Latanich

Sarah Marrinan
Sarah Rheinsmith-Gardiner
Nicole Schmidt
Diana Stram

Friday, June 7, 2024

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A Call Meeting to Order

6/7/2024 8:00 AM	Meeting called to order
6/7/2024 8:01 AM	Council in Executive Session
6/7/2024 9:31 AM	Land acknowledgements – Dehrich Chya
6/7/2024 9:42 AM	Moment of silence for Kenny Down
6/7/2024 9:45 AM	The council approved the Agenda

B Reports

6/7/2024 9:46 AM	B1 Executive Director Report – NPFMC ED, David Witherell
6/7/2024 10:11 AM	B2 NMFS Management Report – Gretchen Harrington (NMFS), Kurt Iverson (NMFS SF), Anne Marie Eich (NMFS) & Dr. Bob Foy (AFSC)
6/7/2024 11:33 AM	B3 NOAA GC – written only
6/7/2024 11:33 AM	B4 NOAA Enforcement – Ben Cheeseman (NOAA OLE)
6/7/2024 11:38 AM	B5 AFSC Report – Dr. Bob Foy (AFSC)
6/7/2024 11:42 AM	B5 AFSC Science Updates – Dr. Cisco Werner (NMFS Director, Office of Science and Technology)
6/7/2024 12:17 PM	Break
6/7/2024 1:27 PM	B5 report continued
6/7/2024 1:36 PM	B5 AFSC Report presentation – Dr. Bob Foy

6/7/2024 2:27 PM	B9 NPRB Report – Lynn Palensky & Dr. Matthew Baker (NPRB)
6/7/2024 2:56 PM	B6 ADF&G – written only
6/7/2024 2:59 PM	B7 USCG – LCDR Jed Raskie (USCG)
6/7/2024 3:03 PM	B8 USFWS – written only
6/7/2024 3:04 PM	Break

Public Testimony

6/7/2024 3:23 PM	Kimberly Landeen
6/7/2024 3:26 PM	Gerry Knagin
6/7/2024 3:30 PM	Chad See
6/7/2024 3:37 PM	Chelae Radell
6/7/2024 3:41 PM	Linda Behnken
6/7/2024 3:42 PM	Chris Woodley

Council Action

6/7/2024 3:50 PM	Ms. Kimball requests letter to NOAA regarding extension of comment period
6/7/2024 3:57 PM	Ms. Kimball request letter to NOAA regarding survey prioritization
6/7/2024 3:58 PM	Break

C1 Observer Annual Report for 2023

6/7/2024 4:06 PM	C1 Introduction – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)
6/7/2024 4:08 PM	C1 Annual Observer Report – Jennifer Ferdinand & Geoff Mayhew (AFSC) & Dennis Jaszka (NOAA OLE)
6/7/2024 5:06 PM	Recess

Saturday, June 8, 2024

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6/8/2024 8:16 AM	Meeting called to order
6/8/2024 8:19 AM	C1 FMAC Report – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC) & Jennifer Ferdinand (AFSC)
6/8/2024 8:42 AM	C1 SSC Observer Report – Dr. Sherri Dressel & Dr. Franz Meuter (SSC co-chairs)
6/8/2024 8:49 AM	C1 AP Report – Paul Wilkins (AP co vice-chair)

Public Testimony

6/8/2024 8:58 AM	Daniel Munguia
6/8/2024 9:05 AM	Kiril Basargin

Council Action

6/8/2024 9:18 AM	C1 Motion – Nicole Kimball, 2 nd Andy Mezirow
6/8/2024 9:30 AM	Motion passed without objection
6/8/2024 9:31 AM	Break
6/8/2024 9:43 AM	SSC Report in full – Dr. Sherri Dressel & Dr. Franz Meuter (SSC co-chairs)
6/8/2024 10:57 AM	Break

C2 BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications

6/8/2024 11:13 AM	C2 Introduction – Sarah Rheinsmith-Gardiner (NPFMC)
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6/8/2024 11:14 AM **C2 Presentation** – Dr. Mike Litzow (AFSC)
6/8/2024 11:37 AM **C2 AP Report** – Paul Wilkins (AP co vice-chair)

Council Action
6/8/2024 11:40 AM **C2 Motion** – Rachel Baker, 2nd Steve Williams
6/8/2024 11:42 AM Roll call vote – Motion passes without objection 10-0
6/8/2024 11:45 AM Break

C3 Area 4 Vessel Caps

Karla Bush was the ADF&G representative during the C3 Area 4 Vessel Caps Agenda Item
6/8/2024 1:05 PM **C3 Introduction** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)
6/8/2024 1:05 PM **C3 Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC) & Alicia Miller (NMFS)
6/8/2024 1:48 PM Break

Public Testimony
6/8/2024 2:06 PM Robert Alverson
6/8/2024 2:17 PM John Moller
6/8/2024 2:28 PM Heather McCarty
6/8/2024 2:41 PM Mateo Paz-Soldan
6/8/2024 2:44 PM Kiril Basargin
6/8/2024 2:52 PM Linda Behnken
6/8/2024 3:04 PM Break

Council Action
6/8/2024 3:18 PM **C3 Motion** – Karla Bush, 2nd Rudy Tsukada
6/8/2024 3:29 PM Amendment – Nicole Kimball, 2nd Anne Vanderhoeven: to delete “in Area 4” from end of purpose and needs
6/8/2024 3:30 PM Amendment passes without objection
6/8/2024 3:33 PM **Motion as amended** passes without objection
6/8/2024 3:35 PM Recess for day, Council Executive Session

Sunday, June 9, 2024

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6/9/2024 8:02 AM Meeting called to order

C4 Small Sablefish Release

Karla Bush was the ADF&G representative during the C4 Small Sablefish Release agenda item
6/9/2024 8:02 AM **C4 Introduction** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)
6/9/2024 8:04 AM **C4 Presentation** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC), Andrew Olson (NMFS AKR), Jon McCracken (McCracken Associates)
6/9/2024 10:35 AM Break
6/9/2024 10:55 AM **C4 AP Report** – Heather Mann

Public Testimony
6/9/2024 11:10 AM Kiril Basargin
6/9/2024 11:12 AM Paul Clampitt
6/9/2024 11:27 AM Robert Alverson
6/9/2024 11:41 AM Hannah Heimbuch

6/9/2024 11:47 AM Linda Behnken
6/9/2024 11:59 AM Jim Armstrong
6/9/2024 12:04 PM Stephen Rhoads
6/9/2024 12:06 PM Questions for staff
6/9/2024 12:14 PM Break
6/9/2024 1:40 PM Cont. questions for staff

Council Action

6/9/2024 1:50 PM [C4 Motion](#) – Bill Tweit, 2nd John Jensen
6/9/2024 2:15 PM **Amendment 1** – Rudy Tsukada, 2nd Anne Vanderhoeven, to remove, “... that are not marketable,” from the purpose and need. Amended sentence should read: “*Action is needed to reduce the harvest of small sablefish.*”

6/9/2024 2:16 PM **Amendment 1** passed without objection

6/9/2024 2:17 PM **Amendment 2** – Nicole Kimball, 2nd Andy Mezirow, to remove, “...provide economic and community stability for the harvesting and processing sectors, and may be useful to maintain the fishery resource since it...” from the purpose and need. Amended sentence should read: *Limited operational flexibility to carefully release or avoid catching small sablefish may increase the value of the commercial harvest and could allow small fish to contribute to the overall biomass.*

6/9/2024 2:19 PM **Amendment 2** passed without objection

6/9/2024 2:26 PM [C4 Motion as amended](#) passed without objection
6/9/2024 2:26 PM Break

D1 Unobserved Fishing Mortality Workgroup

6/9/2024 2:33 PM **D1 Introduction** – Sarah Rheinsmith-Gardiner (NPFMC)
6/9/2024 2:34 PM **D1 Presentation** – Sarah Rheinsmith-Gardiner (NPFMC)
6/9/2024 3:03 PM **D1 AP Report** – Paul Wilkins (AP co vice-chair)

Public Testimony

6/9/2024 3:08 PM Cory Lescher
6/9/2024 3:19 PM Kristin Stahl-Johnson
6/9/2024 3:28 PM Oystein Lone
6/9/2024 3:30 PM The Prout Family
6/9/2024 3:45 PM Scott Goodman
6/9/2024 3:58 PM Questions for staff
6/9/2024 4:01 PM Break

Council Action

6/9/2024 4:13 PM [D1 Motion](#) – Rachel Baker, 2nd Anne Vanderhoeven
6/9/2024 4:24 PM Motion passed unanimously

D2 BSAI Crab Program Review

6/9/2024 4:26 PM **D2 Introduction** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)
6/9/2024 4:29 PM **D2 Presentation** – Darrell Brannan (Brannan & Associates LLC)
6/9/2024 5:20 PM Recess

Monday, June 10, 2025

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6/10/2024 8:02 AM	Meeting called to order
6/10/2024 8:02 AM	D2 Presentation Cont. – Darrell Brennan (Brannan & Associates LLC), Dr. Mike Downs (Wislow Research Associates LLC), Caleb Taylor (NMFS SF), Alicia Miller (NMFS SF), & Brian Brown (NMFS RAM)
6/10/2024 9:34 AM	D2 PNCIAC Report – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)
6/10/2024 9:37 AM	D2 AP Report – Paul Wilkins & Heather Mann (AP co vice-chairs)
Public Testimony	
6/10/2024 9:49 AM	Daniel Foe & Jake Jacobsen
6/10/2024 9:59 AM	Frank Kelty
6/10/2024 10:03 AM	John Iani
6/10/2024 10:15 AM	Shannon Carroll
6/10/2024 10:26 AM	Break
6/10/2024 10:43 AM	Mateo Paz-Soldan
6/10/2024 10:53 AM	Mike Woodley
6/10/2024 10:58 AM	Oystein Lone
6/10/2024 11:00 AM	Jamie Goen
6/10/2024 11:09 AM	Heather McCarty
6/10/2024 11:17 AM	Ron Kavanaugh
6/10/2024 11:21 AM	Break
Council Action	
6/10/2024 11:37 AM	D2 Motion 1 – Rachel Baker, 2 nd Nicole Kimball
6/10/2024 11:44 AM	Motion passed without objection
6/10/2024 11:44 AM	D2 Motion 2 – Rachel Baker, 2 nd Anne Vanderhoeven
6/10/2024 11:56 AM	Amendment – Nicole Kimball, 2 nd Anne Vanderhoeven, amend by adding a 4 th point as read: <i>Consider an alternate structure under low TAC levels in which binding arbitration would not apply, to remove the burden of the system in low TAC years while still providing stability and protection to both harvesters and processors.</i>
6/10/2024 11:59 AM	Amendment passed without objection
6/10/2024 12:06 PM	D2 Motion 2 passed without objection
6/10/2024 12:06 PM	D2 Motion 3 – Bill Tweit, 2 nd Anne Vanderhoeven
6/10/2024 12:12 PM	Motion 3 passed without objection
6/10/2024 12:12 PM	Break
D3 Central GOA Rockfish Program Review	
6/10/2024 1:16 PM	D3 Introduction – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)
6/10/2024 1:17 PM	D3 Presentation – Darrell Brannan (Brannan & Associates LLC)
6/10/2024 1:40 PM	D3 AP Report – Paul Wilkins & Heather Mann (AP co vice-chairs)
D3 Public Testimony	
6/10/2024 1:46 PM	Kristin Stahl-Johnson
6/10/2024 1:55 PM	Chelsae Radell
6/10/2024 2:00 PM	Jon Warrenchuk

6/10/2024 2:07 PM

Questions for staff

Council Action

6/10/2024 2:10 PM

[D3 Motion](#) – Nicole Kimball, 2nd Andy Mezirow

6/10/2024 2:13 PM

Motion passed without objection

D4 Pot Cod LAPP

6/10/2024 2:14 PM

D4 Introduction – Sam Cunningham (NPFMC)

6/10/2024 2:15 PM

D4 Presentation – Sam Cunningham & Darrell Brennan (Brannan & Associates LLC)

6/10/2024 3:21 PM

D4 AP Report – Heather Mann & Paul Wilkins (AP co vice-chairs)

6/10/2024 4:05 PM

Break

D4 Public Testimony

6/10/2024 4:16 PM

Hannah Heimbuch

6/10/2024 4:18 PM

Frank Kelty

6/10/2024 4:24 PM

Scott Campell

6/10/2024 4:30 PM

Mike Shelford

6/10/2024 4:35 PM

Craig Lowenberg

6/10/2024 4:49 PM

Chad Lowenberg

6/10/2024 4:51 PM

Pete Wilson

6/10/2024 4:57 PM

Oystein Lone & Frances Leach

6/10/2024 5:04 PM

Alexus Kwachka

6/10/2024 5:08 PM

Mary Boggs

6/10/2024 5:10 PM

Vojta Novak

6/10/2024 5:16 PM

Josh Cosby

6/10/2024 5:24 PM

John Hansen

6/10/2024 5:26 PM

Mike Woodley

6/10/2024 5:31 PM

Nikolai Siverstol

6/10/2024 5:37 PM

Lance Farr

6/10/2024 5:42 PM

Julie Kavanaugh

6/10/2024 5:45 PM

Ron Kavanaugh

6/10/2024 5:50 PM

Recess

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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6/11/2024 8:01 AM

Meeting called to order

Council Action

6/11/2024 8:02 AM

[D4 Motion](#) – Anne Vanderhoeven, 2nd Steve Williams

6/11/2024 8:27 AM

Amendment 1 – Nicole Kimball, 2nd Andy Mezirow, to remove the second bullet under the processor sector section, “Consideration of allowing for additional mothershiping opportunities.”

6/11/2024 8:32 AM

Amendment 1 fails 5-5 – Roll Call vote– Kurland, Tsukada, Tweit, Vanderhoeven, and Williams in opposition

6/11/2024 8:34 AM

Amendment 2 – Rachel Baker, 2nd Nicole Kimball, to add two bullet points under the processor sector section, “*Number of current active*

cod processors compared to 10-year average,” and “Tools to recognize current processor participants that also allow for new entrants.”

6/11/2024 8:37 AM
6/11/2024 8:50 AM

Amendment 2 passed without objection
[Motion as amended](#) passed 9-1 – Roll call vote with John Jensen in opposition

D5 Research Priorities

6/11/2024 8:51 AM
6/11/2024 8:52 AM
6/11/2024 9:20 AM

D5 Introduction – Diana Evans (NPFMC)
D5 Presentation – Dr. Chris Siddon (SSC Member)
D5 AP Report – Paul Wilkins & Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-Chairs)

D5 Public Testimony

6/11/2024 9:27 AM
6/11/2024 9:36 AM
6/11/2024 9:40 AM
6/11/2024 9:42 AM
6/11/2024 9:44 AM

Cory Lescher
Scott Goodman
Mellisa Maktuayaq Johnson
Craig Rose
Break

Council Action

6/11/2024 9:56 AM
6/11/2024 10:01 AM

[D5 Motion](#) – Bill Tweit, 2nd John Jensen
Motion passed without objection

E Staff Tasking

6/11/2024 10:01 AM
6/11/2024 10:14 AM
6/11/2024 10:32 AM
6/11/2024 10:38 AM
6/11/2024 10:52 AM

E Staff Tasking Oral Report – Diana Evans (NPFMC DD)
Climate Scenarios Workshop – Dr. Katie Latanich (NPFMC)
3 Meeting Outlook – Diana Evans
E AP Report – Paul Wilkins & Heather Mann (AP co vice-chairs)
Break

E Public Testimony

6/11/2024 11:01 AM
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6/11/2024 11:27 AM
6/11/2024 11:37 AM
6/11/2024 11:41 AM
6/11/2024 11:45 AM
6/11/2024 11:49 AM
6/11/2024 11:57 AM
6/11/2024 12:01 PM
6/11/2024 12:06 PM
6/11/2024 12:20 PM

Kiril Basargin
Steve Ramp
Alexis Kwachka
Patricia Phillips
Linda Behnken
Donald Stiles
Ron Kavanaugh
Theresa Peterson
Mellisa Maktuayaq Johnson
Brain Ritchie
Kristin Stahl-Johnson
Rebecca Skinner
Break

Council Action

6/11/2024 1:00 PM
6/11/2024 1:02 PM
6/11/2024 1:05 PM
6/11/2024 1:22 PM

[E Motion](#) – Jon Kurland, 2nd Nicole Kimball
Motion passed without objection
Comments from Rachel Baker, Bill Tweit and Nicole Kimball
Meeting adjourned