



Meeting Summary

276th Plenary Session of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

October 2-3 and 6-9

Virtual Session via Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 276th Plenary Session on October 2-3, 2025 virtually. The Council [Agenda](#), [Schedule](#), & [Newsletter](#) materials are available. Recordings of Council deliberation and action can be accessed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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*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 October 2-3 & 6-9, 2025 virtually, via Zoom. The following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings virtually (absent members are ~~stricken~~).

Council Members

Angel Drobnica, Chair <i>Appointed</i>	Chris Oliver <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>
Boyd Blinovde (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 <i>U.S. Dept. of State</i>
John Moller <i>Appointed</i>	Josh Fortenberry, Molly Watson <i>NOAA General Counsel, non-voting advisors</i>

Council Staff

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

Scientific and Statistical Committee

The SSC met virtually September 29, 2025 – October 2, 2025*:

Ian Stewart – Co-Chair <i>Intl. Pacific Halibut Commission</i>	Sherri Dressel, Co-Chair <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>	Jason Gasper – Co-chair <i>NOAA Fisheries—AKRO</i>
Alison Whitman, Vice Chair <i>Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>	Chris Anderson <i>University of Washington</i>	Jennifer Burns <i>Texas Tech University</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>	Curry Cunningham <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	

*Note Federal SSC members did not participate on October 1-2 due to the government shutdown.

Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel met virtually September 29, 2025 – October 1, 2025:

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



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, October 2, 2025

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A Call Meeting to Order

- 10/2/2025 8:00 AM Meeting called to order
10/2/2025 8:01 AM **Oath of officers**, Chair Angel Drobnica and Council Member, Nicole Kimball – Jon Kurland

10/2/2025 8:06 AM **Election of officers** – David Witherell
10/2/2025 8:06 AM **Election nomination** – John Moller, Second Brian Ritchie, Nomination: Angel Drobnica as Chair, and Rachel Baker as the Vice-Chair
10/2/2025 8:08 AM **Nomination passes** without objection
10/2/2025 8:09 AM **Land acknowledgements** – Angel Drobnica
10/2/2025 8:09 AM **Approval of Agenda** – Angel Drobnica
10/2/2025 8:14 AM **Bob Mace Distinguished Service Awarded** to Jennifer Mondragon – Diana Evans (NPFMC Deputy Director)

B Reports

- 10/2/2025 8:18 AM **B1 Executive Director Report** – David Witherell
10/2/2025 8:25 AM **B1 NPFMC recommendations in response to the EO 14276 Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness Presentation** – Diana Evans
10/2/2025 9:13 AM **B2 NMFS Management Report & status of BSAI FMP Biological Opinion)** – Jon Kurland
10/2/2025 9:59 AM **B3 NOAA General Counsel Report** – Written only, no opportunity for questions due to govt. shutdown
10/2/2025 10:01 AM Break
10/2/2025 10:17 AM **B4 AFSC Report** – Agenda item presentation is postponed to December 2025 council meeting
10/2/2025 10:18 AM **B5 ADF&G Report** – Written only, Rachel Baker & Karla Bush are available for questions
10/2/2025 10:22 AM **B6 USCG Report** – Written and presentation available, LCDR Jed Raskie
10/2/2025 10:32 AM **B7 USFWS Report** – Written only, no opportunity for questions due to govt. shutdown

Public Testimony

- 10/2/2025 10:33 AM Chad See
10/2/2025 10:39 AM Craig Lowenberg
10/2/2025 10:42 AM Robert Alverson
10/2/2025 10:52 AM Caitlin Yeager & Austin Estabrooks
10/2/2025 11:17 AM Andrea Keikkala & Susie Zagorski

10/2/2025 11:26 AM Heather Mann
10/2/2025 11:31 AM Steven Minor
10/2/2025 11:32 AM Julie Bonney
10/2/2025 11:42 AM Shannon Carroll
10/2/2025 11:44 AM Michael Lake & Stacy Hansen
10/2/2025 11:52 AM Lauren Hynes
10/2/2025 11:56 AM Linda Behnken
10/2/2025 12:03 PM Nicholas Jacuk & Megan Williams
10/2/2025 12:16 PM Break

Council Action

10/2/2025 3:01 PM Discussion on B Reports
10/2/2025 1:26 PM [MOTION on EO 14276](#), Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness Response
– Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
10/2/2025 1:33 PM Discussion on Motion
10/2/2025 1:49 PM Motion passes without objection
10/2/2025 1:50 PM Council discussion, Chum DEIS clarifications & request for Council review of
NMFS BSAI FMP Biological Opinion requesting clarification and more research
on some items – Rachel Baker
10/2/2025 1:53 PM Discussion

C1 MRA Adjustments – Final Action

10/2/2025 1:59 PM **C1 Staff Presentation** – Taylor Holman (NPFMC)
10/2/2025 3:32 PM Break
10/2/2025 3:37 PM **C1 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (AP Co Vice-Chair)
10/2/2025 3:48 PM Discussion on AP Report

Public Testimony

10/2/2025 3:57 PM Ruth Christiansen
10/2/2025 4:04 PM Recess

Friday, October 3, 2025

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10/3/2025 8:00 AM Meeting called to order

C1 Public Testimony Cont.

10/3/2025 8:01 AM Hannah Heimbuch
10/3/2025 8:11 AM Chad See
10/3/2025 8:17 AM Linda Behnken
10/3/2025 8:21 AM Andrea Keikkala & Susie Zagorski
10/3/2025 8:28 AM Glenn Merrill
10/3/2025 8:36 AM Todd loomis
10/3/2025 8:39 AM Heather Mann
10/3/2025 8:43 AM Julie Bonney
10/3/2025 8:52 AM Break

Council Action

10/3/2025 9:06 AM [MOTION C1 MRA](#) – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Steve Williams
10/3/2025 9:43 AM Discussion
10/3/2025 9:52 AM **C1 Deeming Motion Amendment** – Rachel Baker, Second Nate Pamplin 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.
10/3/2025 9:53 AM Amendment passes without objection
10/3/2025 10:16 AM Motion, as amended, passes without objection

C2 Observer 2026 Annual Deployment Plan – Review; Monitoring Committee Reports

10/3/2025 10:30 AM **C2 Observer 2026 Annual Deployment Plan** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)
10/3/2025 11:05 AM **C2 Monitoring Committee Reports** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)
10/3/2025 11:23 AM **C2 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (AP Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/3/2025 11:27 AM No testifier signups

Council Action

10/3/2025 11:28 AM [MOTION C2 2026 ADP](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second John Moller
10/3/2025 11:35 AM Motion passes without objection
10/3/2025 11:35 AM NMFS Announcement from Jon Kurland: NMFS staff reported that quota allocations for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab fisheries will be issued in time for the scheduled October opening despite the government shutdown, using industry cost recovery funds from the Limited Access System Administrative Fund.
10/3/2025 11:45 AM Break

D1 BSAI Pacific Cod Pot Gear limited access privilege program (LAPP) – Discussion Paper

10/3/2025 12:46 PM **D1 Staff Presentation** – Anna Henry (NPFMC) and Darrell Brannan (Darrell Brannan and Associates)
10/3/2025 1:49 PM **D1 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/3/2025 1:51 PM Josh Cozby
10/3/2025 1:56 PM Vojta Novak
10/3/2025 1:58 PM Craig Lowenberg
10/3/2025 2:04 PM Peter Wilson
10/3/2025 2:09 PM Mike Woodley
10/3/2025 2:13 PM Charlie Jackson
10/3/2025 2:16 PM Frank Kelty
10/3/2025 2:20 PM Oystein Lone and Frances Leach
10/3/2025 2:26 PM Mike Shelford
10/3/2025 2:32 PM Break
10/3/2025 2:39 PM Discussion

Council Action

10/3/2025 2:41 PM [D1 MOTION Pot Cod LAPP](#) – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Rachel Baker
10/3/2025 2:43 PM Comment on the Motion
10/3/2025 2:50 PM Motion passes without objection
10/3/2025 2:51 PM Recess, Executive Session at 3:00PM

Monday, October 6, 2025

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10/6/2025 8:00 AM Meeting called to order

C3 BSAI Crab Specs – Ecosystem Status Report review

10/6/2025 8:01 AM **C3 Staff Presentation** – Anita Kroska (NPFMC) & Katie Palof (ADF&G)
10/6/2025 9:01 AM **C3 SSC Report** – Ian Stewart & Sherri Dressel (SSC Co-Chairs)
10/6/2025 9:34 AM **C3 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)
10/6/2025 9:37 AM Break

Public Testimony

10/6/2025 9:51 AM Jeff Steele
10/6/2025 9:55 AM Cory Lescher
10/6/2025 10:01 AM Mateo Paz-Soldan

Council Action

10/6/2025 10:08 AM [MOTION C3 BSAI Crab harvest specs](#) – Rachel Baker, Second Jamie Goen
10/6/2025 10:12 AM Comments on the Motion
10/6/2025 10:13 AM Motion passes without objection
10/6/2025 10:16 AM Discussion on agenda Item

C4 Crab C-Shares – Initial Review

10/6/2025 10:22 AM **C4 Staff Presentation** – Taylor Holman (NPFMC)
10/6/2025 11:09 AM **C4 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/6/2025 11:12 AM Gabriel Prout
10/6/2025 11:16 AM Cory Lescher
10/6/2025 11:22 AM Gretar Gunderson
10/6/2025 11:24 AM Oystein Lone
10/6/2025 11:27 AM Break

Council Action

10/6/2025 11:40 AM [MOTION C4 BSAI Crab C-shares](#) – Jamie Goen, Second Rudy Tsukada
10/6/2025 11:42 AM Discussion
10/6/2025 11:46 AM Motion passes without objection
10/6/2025 11:46 AM Break

C5 Groundfish Harvest Specifications, Plan team reports, Spatial Apportionment Process – Review proposal, BSRE accountability measures – Discussion paper

10/6/2025 12:58 PM **C5 Staff Presentation** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)

10/6/2025 2:30 PM Break
10/6/2025 2:43 PM **C5 SSC Report** – Ian Stewart & Sherri Dressel (SSC Co-Chairs)
10/6/2025 3:20 PM **C5 BSAI Groundfish Specs AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)
10/6/2025 3:26 PM **C5 GOA Groundfish Specs AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/6/2025 3:29 PM Sarah Webster
10/6/2025 3:43 PM Julie Bonney
10/6/2025 3:49 PM Ruth Christiansen
10/6/2025 3:57 PM Recess

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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10/7/2025 8:01 AM Meeting called to order

Council Action C5 Groundfish Harvest Specifications, Spatial Apportionment

10/7/2025 8:01 AM [MOTION C5c Spatial Apportionment](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
10/7/2025 8:08 AM Motion passes without objection
10/7/2025 8:08 AM [MOTION C5a GOA Proposed Specs](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
10/7/2025 8:15 AM **C5 Motion Amendment** – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Nate Pamplin to adjust the octopus TAC from 980 to 964 mt.
10/7/2025 8:15 AM Amendment and main motion passes without objection
10/7/2025 8:15 AM [MOTION C5b BSAI Proposed Specs](#) – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Steve Williams
10/7/2025 8:24 AM Motion passes without objections
10/7/2025 8:25 AM [MOTION C5d BSRE](#) – Jon Kurland, Second Nate Pamplin
10/7/2025 8:31 AM Discussion
10/7/2025 8:34 AM Motion passes without objection

C6 Economic Data Reports Removal – Initial Review/Final Action

10/7/2025 8:37 AM **C6 Staff Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)
10/7/2025 9:30 AM **C6 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)
10/7/2025 9:37 AM Break

Public Testimony

10/7/2025 9:52 AM Chris Woodley
10/7/2025 9:58 AM Heather Mann
10/7/2025 10:04 AM Andrea Keikkala & Susie Zagorski
10/7/2025 10:12 AM Linda Behnken
10/7/2025 10:22 AM Megan Williams
10/7/2025 10:32 AM Cory Lescher
10/7/2025 10:37 AM Further discussion on presentation with Council Staff, Sarah Marrinan

10/7/2025 10:45 AM Break

Council Action

10/7/2025 11:05 AM [MOTION EDR Removal](#) – Jamie Goen, Second Brian Ritchie

10/7/2025 11:16 AM Comments

10/7/2025 11:18 AM **Deeming Motion Amendment** – Rachel Baker, Second Nate Pamplin 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.

10/7/2025 11:19 AM Amendment passes without objection

10/7/2025 11:21 AM Motion, as Amended with roll call vote, passes unanimously

10/7/2025 11:23 AM [MOTION SSPT](#) – Jamie Goen, Second Nicole Kimball – “The Council request the Social Science Plan Team finalize its economic data gap analysis for review by the Council if and when time and capacity allows.”

10/7/2025 11:30 AM Break

10/7/2025 11:36 AM **AMENDMENT** – Rachel Baker, Second Jon Kurland to add the following clarifications to the motion: “The Council requests **that staff provide an update on remaining work and available capacity** for the Social Science Plan Team to finalize its economic data gap analysis for review by the Council. **The Council will consider tasking after receiving this update.**”

10/7/2025 11:39 AM Amendment passes without objection

10/7/2025 11:41 AM Amended motion passes without objection

10/7/2025 11:50 AM Break

D2 IFQ/ CQE Transfer beneficiary changes – Discussion Paper

10/7/2025 12:55 PM **D2 Staff Presentation** – Anna Henry (NPFMC)

10/7/2025 1:28 PM **D2 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/7/2025 1:34 PM Steven K. Minor

10/7/2025 1:45 PM Duncan Fields

10/7/2025 2:00 PM Oystein Lone

10/7/2025 2:01 PM Linda Behnken

10/7/2025 2:11 PM Break

Council Action

10/7/2025 2:20 PM [MOTION D2 CQE/IFQ](#)– Nicole Kimball, Second John Moller

10/7/2025 2:25 PM **AMENDMENT**– John Moller, Second Rudy Tsukada to add the following statement at the end of the motion: “The expanded discussion paper should also provide background and clarification on whether current regulations allow CQEs in the Gulf of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands to hold federal processing permits.”

10/7/2025 2:30 PM Amendment passes without objection

10/7/2025 2:31 PM Motion as amended passes without objection

D4 Programmatic Evaluation – Discuss Next Steps

10/7/2025 2:33 PM **D4 Staff Presentation** – Katie Latanich (NPFMC)

10/7/2025 2:59 PM **D4 AP Report** – Heather Mann (AP Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/7/2025 3:00 PM Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian
10/7/2025 3:10 PM Caitlin Yeager
10/7/2025 3:15 PM Break

Council Action

10/7/2025 3:35 PM [MOTION D4 Programmatic Evaluation](#) – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Steve Williams
10/7/2025 3:46 PM Motion passes without objection
10/7/2025 3:49 PM Recess

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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10/8/2025 8:31 AM Meeting called to order

E Staff Tasking

10/8/2025 8:32 AM **E Staff Tasking** – Diana Evans (NPFMC)

Public Testimony

10/8/2025 8:58 AM Linda Behnken & Stephen Rhoads
10/8/2025 9:12 AM Brett Veerhusen
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10/8/2025 10:15 AM Jim Armstrong
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10/8/2025 10:20 AM Heather McCartney & Mateo Paz-Soldan
10/8/2025 10:41 AM Adem Boeckmann
10/8/2025 10:50 AM Break

Council Action

10/8/2025 11:12 AM [MOTION Herring PSC Limit](#) – Rachel Baker, Second Rudy Tsukada
10/8/2025 11:37 AM **Motion Amendment** – Jamie Goen, Second Nate Pamplin - to add “and its contributions to the pelagic forage fish complex” in the second paragraph of the purpose and need statement, following “herring conservation objectives”.
10/8/2025 11:39 AM **Amendment** passes without objection
10/8/2025 11:48 AM **Amended motion passes** without objection
10/8/2025 11:49 AM [MOTION Omnibus Action for recordkeeping and reporting](#) – Rachel Baker, Second Nicole Kimball
10/8/2025 12:01 PM Motion passes without objections
10/8/2025 12:03 PM Break
10/8/2025 1:26 PM [MOTION Exec. Finance Comm. TOR](#) – Steve Williams, Second Rachel Baker
10/8/2025 1:28 PM Motion passes without objection

- 10/8/2025 1:30 PM [MOTION LL2 Endorsement Requirements](#) – Nate Pamplin, Second Steve Williams
- 10/8/2025 1:35 PM Motion passes without objection
- 10/8/2025 1:36 PM Discussion: Cook Inlet Salmon EEZ Harvest Specs scheduling for February 2026 Council Meeting – Jon Kurland
- 10/8/2025 1:40 PM [MOTION EO Response on Sablefish](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second John Moller
- 10/8/2025 1:46 PM Motion Passes without objection
- 10/8/2025 1:47 PM [MOTION Norton Sound King Crab](#) – John Moller, Second Rudy Tsukada
- 10/8/2025 1:53 PM Motion passes without objection
- 10/8/2025 1:54 PM Discussion: Reschedule GOA Tanner Crab from December 2025 Agenda to June 2025 Agenda – Jamie Goen
- 10/8/2025 2:02 PM December tasking for the Ecosystem Committee appointments – Angel Drobnica
- 10/8/2025 2:03 PM Acknowledgement of David Witherell’s retirement
- 10/8/2025 2:05 PM Meeting Adjourned