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Meeting Summary

280th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 8-11, 2026
Hybrid – Anchorage Egan Center and Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 280th Plenary Session on October 8-11th, 2026 at the William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center. The Council Agenda, Schedule, and Newsletter are available. 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. Please contact support@npfmc.org with any questions or comments about the record.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council met October 8-11, 2026 at the Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska.

The following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings (absent members are ~~stricken~~).

Council Members

Angel Drobnica, **Chair**
Appointed

Nate Pamplin (for Kelly Susewind), **Vice-Chair**
Washington Department Fish & Wildlife

Rachel Baker (for Doug Vincent-Lang)
Alaska Department Fish & Game

Forrest Bowers
Appointed

Tahzay Jones, Jill Klein (for Sara Borio)
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Nicole Kimball
Appointed

Jon Kurland
National Marine Fisheries Service

Bruce McIntosh (for Curt Melcher)
Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife

John Moller
Appointed

LCDR Jed Raskie
United States Coast Guard

Brian Ritchie
Appointed

Scott Rumsey (For Barry Thom)
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Chad See
Appointed

Anne Vanderhoeven
Appointed

~~Joseph Freeman~~
~~*U.S Dept. of State*~~

Joshua Fortenbery
NOAA General Counsel

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

The SSC met October 5-7, 2026:

Sherri Dressel, **Co-Chair**
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Alison Whitman, **Vice Chair**
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Curry Cunningham
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Dana Hanselman
NOAA Fisheries—AFSC

Andrew Munro
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Robert Suryan
NOAA Fisheries—AFSC

Ian Stewart, **Co-Chair**
Intl. Pacific Halibut Commission

Chris Anderson
University of Washington

Martin Dorn
University of Washington

Brad Harris
Alaska Pacific University

Franz Mueter
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Jason Gasper, **Co-chair**
NOAA Fisheries—AKRO

Fabio Caltabellotta
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

~~*Vacant AFSC Seat*~~
~~*NOAA Fisheries—AFSC*~~

Kailin Kroetz
Arizona State University

Chris Siddon
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

SSC members that were remote:

Sarah Wise *NOAA Fisheries—AFSC*	Jennifer Burns *University of Maryland*

Advisory Panel (AP)

The Advisory Panel met October 7-9, 2026:

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

AP members that were remote:

Maktuayaq Johnson

Council Staff

Diana Evans, **Exec Director**	Kaylah Hillary, **Contractor**	Serine Reeves
Sara Cleaver	Anita Kroska	Nicole Schmidt
Michael Fey, **PSMFC**	Sarah La Belle	Diana Stram
~~Kate Haapala~~	Katie Latanich	
Taylor Holman	Sarah Marrinan	
Anna Henry, **Deputy Director**	Danielle Merculief	

Daily Timestamps

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 8, 2026 YouTube Link

A Call Meeting to Order

10/8/2026 8:01 AM	Meeting called to order
10/8/2026 8:05 AM	Election of officers/ Oath of new members, Forrest Bowers and Chad See
10/8/2026 8:06 AM	Approve Agenda – Jon Kurland

10/8/2026 8:07 AM	**MOTION** – Vanderhoeven, Second John Moller, propose Angel Drobnica as NPFMC Chair and Nate Pamplin as NPFMC Vice Chair
10/8/2026 8:08 AM	MOTION passes without objection
10/8/2026 8:10 AM	Land Acknowledgement

B Reports

10/8/2026 8:13 AM	**B1 Executive Director Report,** update on EO 14276 **–** Diana Evans
10/8/2026 8:32 AM	B1 Management Prioritization Framework
10/8/2026 9:17 AM	**B2 NMFS Management Report –**Jon Kurland, Gretchen Harrington
10/8/2026 10:09 AM	Break
10/8/2026 10:31 AM	Cont. B2 NMFS Management Report
10/8/2026 10:53 AM	EFP Presentation – Glenn Merrill (Glacier Fish Co) & Hannah Lindoff (Seashare)
10/8/2026 11:12 AM	**B3 NOAA General Counsel Report** –Written only
10/8/2026 11:13 AM	**B4 AFSC Report** – Jamal Moss
10/8/2026 11:51 AM	Comments on AFSC Report – Nicole Kimball
10/8/2026 11:52 AM	Recognition of Dr. Foy – Angel Drobnica
10/8/2026 11:53 AM	**B5 ADF&G Report** – Written only, Karla Bush available for questions
10/8/2026 11:57 AM	Comments on Walrus literature – Jill Klein
10/8/2026 11:58 AM	Break
10/8/2026 1:21 PM	**B6 USCG Report, Operation Frontier Sentinel – LCDR Jed Raskie**
10/8/2026 1:36 PM	**B7 USFWS Report – No report, No representatives in person for questions**

Public Testimony

10/8/2026 1:37 PM	Frank O'Hara
	Stacey Hansen
	Austin Estabrooks & Heidi Olson
	Ruth Christiansen
	Andrea Keikkala & Susie Zagorski
	Lauren Hynes
	Nick Jacuk
10/8/2026 2:18 PM	Break

Public Testimony Cont.

10/8/2026 2:35 PM	Shannon Carroll
	Terese Vicente
	Rebecca Skinner & Paddy O'Donnell
10/8/2026 3:22 PM	Break
10/8/2026 3:41 PM	Discussion on B Reports

Council Action

10/8/2026 3:50 PM	**B4 MOTION** – Nicole Kimball, Second by Forrest Bowers
10/8/2026 3:53 PM	Questions on the motion
10/8/2026 3:55 PM	MOTION passes without objection
10/8/2026 3:56 PM	Council Discussion on B Reports
10/8/2026 4:00 PM	Recess

Friday, October 9, 2026

YouTube Link

10/9/2026 8:00 AM Meeting called to order

C1 Observer Program Annual Report for 2027 – Review, PCFMAC Report

10/9/2026 8:01 AM **Draft 2027 Annual Deployment Plan Presentation** – Sean Lucey, Christian Gredzens, Geoff Mayhew & Jason Jannot (AFSC)
10/9/2026 9:20 AM **PCFMAC Committee Report Presentation** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)
10/9/2026 9:33 AM **C1 AP Report** – Chelsae Riddell (AP Co Vice-Chair)

Public Testimony – No testimony signups
10/9/2026 9:35 AM Break

Council Action
10/9/2026 9:50 AM **C1 MOTION** – Nicole Kimball, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
10/9/2026 10:01 AM Motion passes without objection

C2 BSAI Crab Specifications – Review SAFE Report Chapters, Adopt ABC/OFL for BBRKC, Tanner crab, snow crab, SMBKC, WAIRKC; BSAI Crab Plan Team Report

10/9/2026 10:01 AM **BSAI Crab Stocks Presentation** – Anita Kroska (NPFMC) & Katie Palof (ADFG)
10/9/2026 11:02 AM Break

10/9/2026 1:02 PM **SSC Report in Full – Sherri Dressel, Jason Gasper, Ian Stewart**

10/9/2026 2:31 PM **C2 AP Report** – Chelsae Radell (Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony
10/9/2026 2:32 PM Scott Goodman
Jamie Goen & Cory Lescher
Shannon Carroll
Doug Wells
Oystein Lone
10/9/2026 3:02 PM Break

Council Action
10/9/2026 3:26 PM **C2 MOTION** – Forrest Bowers, Second by Nate Pamplin
10/9/2026 3:31 PM Roll Call Vote – MOTION passes 11-0

C3 Groundfish Harvest Specifications – Proposed Specifications, GOA, BSAI, & Joint Plan Team Reports

10/9/2026 3:32 PM **C3 Staff Presentation** – Sara Cleaver & Diana Stram
10/9/2026 4:13 PM Recess

Saturday, October 10, 2026

YouTube Link

10/10/2026 9:00 AM Meeting called to order
10/10/2026 9:01 AM **C3 AP Report** – Heather Mann (Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/10/2026 9:13 AM Julie Kavanaugh
Jim Armstrong
Linda Behnken
Lancee Whetman
James Johnson
Glenn Merrill

Council Action

10/10/2026 10:07 AM **C3 MOTION GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications** – Nicole Kimball, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
10/10/2026 10:18 AM Motion Passes without objection
10/10/2026 10:18 AM **C3 MOTION BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications** – Anne Vanderhoeven, Second by Nicole Kimball
10/10/2026 10:31 AM Motion Passes without objection

D1 Charter Halibut Permit Use and Angler Effort Data Requests

10/10/2026 10:32 AM **D1 Staff Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan & Adam St. Saviour (ADF&G)
10/10/2026 11:54 AM Break
10/10/2026 1:11 PM **D1 AP Report** – Heather Mann (Co Vice-chair)

Public Testimony

10/10/2026 1:20 PM Lauren Howard
Norm Pillen
Woody Cyr
Nels Evens
Craig Evens
Jeff Farvour
Forrest Braden
Kim Landeen
Linda Behnken
Rebecca Skinner
10/10/2026 2:22 PM Break

Public Testimony Cont.

10/10/2026 2:50 PM James Kearns

Council Action

10/10/2026 3:00 PM **D1 MOTION** – Brian Ritchie, Second by Anne Vanderhoeven
10/10/2026 3:15 PM **Amendment** – Nicole Kimball, Second by Nate Pamplin, Strike out sentence, "The council is concerned that these limits may constrain the guided recreational fleet in Area 2C and limit the use of GAF, a regulatory tool that has high historic utilization." And modifying a separate sentence to, "Based on charter business' increased reliance on GAF leasing there may be a need to maintain GAF access for a limited period of time.
10/10/2026 3:18 PM Roll call vote – Diana Evans, 10-1 with Brian Ritchie in opposition
10/10/2026 3:22 PM **Amendment** – Nicole Kimball, Second by Nate Pamplin, Correcting Alternative 2, element 2 to say "the cumulative limit of 10% pm the transfer of IFQ to GAF and pounds of RFQ would be reimplemented after:"

10/10/2026 3:21 PM Amendment passes without objection
10/10/2026 3:28 PM **Roll call vote** – Motion passes 9-2, John Moller & Anne Vanderhoeven in opposition

10/10/2026 3:29 PM Recess for **Executive Session**

Sunday, October 11, 2026

YouTube Link

10/11/2026 8:31 AM Meeting called to order

D3 IFQ / CQE Transfer Changes

10/11/2026 8:32 AM **D3 Staff Presentation** – Sarah Marrinan & Lis Henderson (NMFS)
10/11/2026 9:55 AM **D3 AP Report** – Heather Mann (Co Vice-chair)
10/11/2026 10:07 AM Break

Public Testimony

10/11/2026 10:33 AM Duncan Fields & Freddy Christiansen
Steve Minor
Linda Behnken
Darren Muller

Council Action

10/11/2026 11:31 AM **D3 MOTION** – Nicole Kimball, Second by John Moller
10/11/2026 11:56 AM Motion passes without objection

E Staff Tasking

10/11/2026 11:56 AM **E Staff Tasking Presentation** – Diana Evans
10/11/2026 12:11 PM **USFWS and ADFG Brief on Qayassiq Walrus Commission tasking** – Tajay Jones (USFWS) and Rachel Baker (ADFG)
10/11/2026 12:15 PM Break

Public Testimony

10/11/2026 1:23 PM Philip Powell
10/11/2026 1:30 PM James Kearns
10/11/2026 1:34 PM Julie Kavanaugh
10/11/2026 1:40 PM Lauren Hynes
10/11/2026 1:50 PM Rob Wurm
10/11/2026 1:51 PM Ben Ley
10/11/2026 1:59 PM Loretta Brown
10/11/2026 2:06 PM Kiley Thompson
10/11/2026 2:09 PM Hannah Heimbuch
10/11/2026 2:20 PM Nels Evens
10/11/2026 2:23 PM Sarah Webster
10/11/2026 2:30 PM Kim Landeen and Forrest Braden
10/11/2026 2:35 PM Andrea Keikkala, Susie Zagorski, Ruth Christiansen, Rebecca Skinner, Patrick O'Donnell
10/11/2026 2:52 PM Carlin Hoblet
10/11/2026 2:55 PM Steve Minor

10/11/2026 3:00 PM	Break
10/11/2026 3:12 PM	Nick Jacuk
10/11/2026 3:22 PM	Shannon Carroll
10/11/2026 3:28 PM	Glenn Merrill
10/11/2026 3:35 PM	Duncan Fields
10/11/2026 3:41 PM	Linda Behnken
10/11/2026 3:49 PM	Chris Woodley
10/11/2026 3:53 PM	Lancee Whetman
10/11/2026 3:55 PM	Mary Beth Tooley
10/11/2026 4:00 PM	Break

Council Action

10/11/2026 5:38 PM	**E MOTION** – Rachel Baker, second by Nate Pamplin
10/11/2026 5:45 PM	**Amendment** – Chad See, Second by Nate Pamplin to add "Lead Level 2 Endorsement criteria" to bulleted list of staff task priorities.
10/11/2026 5:58 PM	Roll Call vote on amendment – Motion passed 7-4, Jon Kurland, Bruce Mcintosh, Nicole Kimball, Angel Drobnica in opposition
10/11/2026 6:08 PM	Roll call vote on Motion, 10-1, Brian Ritchie in opposition
10/11/2026 6:11 PM	**Meeting Adjourned**