

Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC)
Meeting Minutes and Recommendations
5.27.2025 12-1 pm AKT

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Sean Dwyer (Chair), Lance Farr (Vice Chair), Steve Minor, Jake Jacobsen, Gary Painter, Mark Casto, Shannon Carroll, Dana Rudy (Secretary, non-voting)

(Committee members not in attendance: Brett Reasor, Elizabeth Reed, Edward Poulsen)

Quorum = greater than or equal to 50% (≥ 5)

Others in Attendance:

NPFMC staff - Sarah Marrinan
ADFG staff – Kendall Henry
NOAA Fisheries staff – Andrew Olson
ABSC Staff - Cory Lescher, Jamie Goen
Mateo Paz-Seldon
Jacob Resnack
Sinclair Wilt

AGENDA

1. Consider the proposed actions in the Crab Arbitration Initial Review
2. Other business

MINUTES

Chairman Sean Dwyer called the meeting to order.

1. BSAI Crab Arbitration Initial Review

Darrell Brannen (NPFMC contractor) provided an overview of the four options under alternative 2. Also gave an overview of alternative 3.

One attendee asked Darrell if feedback from the arbitrators had been considering in this analysis.

Answer: It was not. Someone could submit a formal request for arbitrator input, but this could get political and have costs associated with it.

One attendee asked what happens if someone requests IPQ or IFQ, and then withdraws their application? Answer: There are very few reasons for an IFQ holder to withdraw their application (they would lose their quota). For IPQ, the withdrawn quota is reallocated proportionally to the other processors who have applied. There could be some burden on the remaining processors and a short timeline to figure out the new share matching and logistics. What if a processor doesn't want any additional IPQ? Wasn't discussed in the paper. If no processors apply for IPQ, the process is unclear. This is not a scenario that NMFS anticipated, and it is not addressed in the regulations.

One member noted that only one arbitrator has experience with crab arbitration (has done two arbitrations). Two others are on contract but have never been through a crab arbitration proceeding.

Concern shared about the timeline of withdrawing IPQ. One member noted that if IPQ is withdrawn, they would like it to happen before IFQ and IPQ are issued.

MOTION (Jake/Shannon): PNCIAC accepts the analysis as issued and thanks the authors for their work.

PASSED Unanimously (7Y, 0N).

2. Other business

One member thought PNCIAC should comment on the pot cod LAPP program since this program could help reduce crab PSC in the pot cod fishery, and it aligns with the long-term goals of the NPFMC. They wanted to see PNCIAC support the Council moving forward with the pot cod LAPP program.

Several members weren't up to date on the pot cod LAPP paper. Another member noted supporting the LAPP is more complex than just PSC issues, and they weren't ready to have PNCIAC support the LAPP at this time.

MOTION (Lance/Jake): A pot cod LAPP would allow harvesters to better manage PSC which supports the conservation efforts and aligns with the long-term goals of the NPFMC.

PASSED (6Y, 0N, 1 Abstention)

The chair, and others, agreed that due to the high-level nature of these motions, the PNCIAC minutes attached to the relevant e-Agenda items would suffice for presenting the motions. Council staff can highlight the PNCIAC minutes when they introduce the issues to the AP and Council.

ADJOURN (Lance/Jake)