

# E STAFF TASKING

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# COMMITTEES/ADVISORY GROUPS

## Committee membership

- Lists updated on website/eAgenda
- Vacancies / Chair may make appointments:
  - Charter Halibut Management Committee, IFQ Committee, PC/FMAC
- Committee Terms of References for Council review/approval:
  - IFQ, Enforcement drafts - posted
  - \*Reconstituted Ecosystem – memo and TOR for Council consideration



## For your information

- Scallop Plan Team report posted
  - No Council action required as have moved to biennial harvest specifications and this is an offyear
- \*Finance Committee report posted

*\* More detail in slides that follow*



# ECOSYSTEM AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE (ECC) PROPOSAL

- Council announced interest in reconstituting the standing Ecosystem Committee
- Broader focus: Ecosystem and Climate
- Purpose: Review, discuss, and advise on ecosystem and climate-related issues as directed by the Council.
  - Responsive to CCTF recommendation: review body with policy-based perspective on climate-related information in the Council process
- Potential tasking:
  - IRA climate readiness planning and projects
  - Ongoing implementation of Council's Climate Resilience Workplan
  - Development of Programmatic Evaluation
  - Emerging issues as needed (eg, EFH reviews, Arctic FMP/related, NMFS EBFM policy guidance)
- Operations: meet max 1-2x/year
- Membership: balanced representation of 7-10 persons, including agency staff



# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Met March 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss status of Council finances – report posted
- Discussed contingency planning scenarios should there be a reduction in funding
- Recommendations:
  - Remove February dates from all future scheduling
  - Proposal for 1-on/1-off cycle of in-person/virtual meetings IF NEEDED
  - Commit to holding all in-person meetings not yet contracted in least expensive venue, likely Anchorage (*noting several June contracts in Pacific Northwest already obligated*)
  - Explore options to control costs during in-person meetings, with tighter scheduling and perhaps no room blocks for public
  - Explore options for cheaper venue for hosting CCC meeting in 2026



# UPCOMING ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

Advisory Group	Dates and location	Draft agenda topics (may change)
<b>BSAI Crab Plan Team</b>	May 14-16, 2025 Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AI golden king crab SAFE chapter</li><li>• ESP and risk table discussions</li><li>• proposed model runs for fall assessments, and other modeling updates</li><li>• survey and BSFRF updates</li></ul>
<b>FMAC</b>	May 12, 2025 Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• review of the 2024 Observer Annual report</li><li>• NMFS updates, including budget</li></ul>
<b>Enforcement Committee</b>	end May, 2025 (T) Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommendations on pelagic gear definition analysis (T)</li></ul>



# FUTURE MEETINGS IN 2025

## June 2025 – Newport, OR

*Preliminary agenda posted; AP will meet M-Th*

- Observer program annual report
- Crab: AIGKC specs, arbitration initial review
- LAPPs: Pcod pot LAPP paper, AFA program review
- Pelagic trawl gear: innovations process paper, gear definition analysis initial/final action
- Guidance to groundfish Plan Teams for fall, SSC discussion of soc/econ info in TAC-setting (T)
- EFH workplan for next 5-year review (T)
- SSC only: (small) workshop on harvest specs process adjustments

## October and December 2025

- Tentatively planning for in-person in Anchorage, AK, at Egan Center
- If budget contingencies arise, October would become virtual
- December schedule will be challenging.  
**Stay tuned for further discussion in June.**
  - Chum final action
  - Groundfish final harvest specifications
  - Norton Sound RKC harvest specifications
  - Cook Inlet salmon preliminary harvest specs
  - Charter halibut annual mgmt measures 

	DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK – 4/7/2025					
	June 2-10, 2025		September 29-October 8, 2025		December 1-9, 2025	
Topics	Agate Beach Best Western, Newport, OR	Council staff contact	Egan Center, Anchorage, AK	Council staff contact	Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK	Council staff contact
EVENTS/ REPORTS*	ED report: CCC update NOAA Enforcement report	DW	Election of officers, new member oath ED report: CCC update AFSC, NPFC reports	DW	ED report: NMFS report: Final ADP, inseason report NOAA Enforcement IPHC halibut assessment presentation (T) Executive Session	DW DW DW SM DW
GROUNDFISH HARVEST SPECS	Subarea apportionments: <b>Report</b>	SC	BSAI Groundfish: <b>Proposed specs, PT reports</b> GOA Groundfish: <b>Proposed specs, PT reports</b>	DS SC	Ecosystem Status Reports: <b>Review</b> BSAI Groundfish: <b>PT report, Final Specifications</b>	SC DS
OTHER SPECS CRAB, SALMON, SCALLOP	BSAI BSRE accountability measures: <b>Report</b> BSAI Crab: <b>AIGKC specs, Plan Team report</b>	DS AK	BSAI BSRE accountability measures: <b>Discussion paper</b> BSAI Crab stocks: <b>ABC/OFL specs, Crab PT report</b>	DS AK	GOA Groundfish: <b>PT report, Final Specifications</b> NSRKC: <b>ABC/OFL specs, Crab PT report</b> Cook Inlet salmon: <b>Final specifications (T)</b>	SC AK DS
REPORTING/ MONITORING	Observer Annual Report for 2024: <b>Review, FMAC report</b>	SC	2025 Observer ADP: <b>Review, PCFMAC report</b>	SC		
BSAI/GOA GFISH MGMT	Pelagic trawl gear definition: <b>Initial / Final Action</b> Pelagic trawl gear innovation: <b>Discussion paper</b> BSAI Pot Cod LAPP: <b>Discussion Paper</b> AFA Program Review: <b>Review report</b> CGOA Rockfish Prog. Rev.: <b>Review report (Council only)</b>	TH AK AH KH AH	MRA adjustments: <b>Final Action (T)</b>	TH		
BSAI CRAB MGMT	Crab arbitration: <b>Initial Review</b>	SM	Crab arbitration: <b>Final Action (T)</b> Crab C-shares: <b>Initial Review</b>	SM TH		
BYCATCH					Chum Salmon bycatch: <b>Final action (T)</b> Pollock IPA reports: <b>Review (T)</b> Chinook genetics reports for BS, GOA: <b>Review (T)</b>	KH DS DS
HALIBUT: IFQ/CHARTER					2026 Charter halibut mgmt measures: <b>Final action</b>	SM
OTHER	Use of social/econ info in TAC-setting: <b>Review (T)</b> EFH 5-year review workplan: <b>Review (T)</b> Harvest control rule changes: <b>SSC workshop/ discuss</b>	AH AK DS				

#### ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:

AI GKC start date : *Discussion paper*  
 IFQ transfer and beneficiary changes: *Discussion paper*  
 Cost recovery program improvements: *Initial review*  
 Programmatic evaluation: *Discuss next steps*

Pot gear regulation consistency: *Discussion paper*  
 Sablefish motion scales: *Discussion paper*  
 Charter Halibut Mgmt Measures Timing: *Discussion Paper*  
 Economic Data Reports Removal: *Initial review*

# PUBLIC COMMENT

- 9 comment letters posted, some include proposals for Council actions
- Reminder that in B2 report, NMFS discussed their exploratory work with Tribes on a Cook Inlet salmon tribal fishery

