
E STAFF TASKING

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COMPONENTS OF AGENDA ITEM

1. Committee and Upcoming Meetings
2. Staff tasking memo
3. Preliminary December and February agendas
4. Optimizing SSC agenda time
5. Chum and Programmatic engagement feedback
6. Legislative Committee



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Advisory Group	Dates/Location	Draft agenda topics (may change)
Charter Halibut Management Committee	October 25, 2024 Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive final 2023 harvest estimates / preliminary harvest estimates for 2024 • Recommend charter management measures for analysis
BSAI Crab Plan Team	early Nov 2024 (T) Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSRKC harvest specifications
Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF)	Nov 6-7, 2024 Juneau, AK / virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap workshop, workplan, process, progress, and outcomes • Develop recommendations for moving forward and for a Council climate workplan • Draft a final report
Joint BSAI/GOA Groundfish Plan Teams	Nov 12-15, 2024 Seattle, WA / virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Ecosystem Status Reports (ESRs) • Stock assessment review and final specifications for groundfish
IFQ Committee	end Nov/Dec 2024 (T) Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review IFQ Program Review Report • Develop Terms of Reference
Charter Halibut Mgmt Committee	Dec 3, 2024 (T) Anch., AK / virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend 2025 charter management measures
BSAI Crab Plan Team Modeling Workshop	Jan 14-16, 2025 Anchorage, AK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for constructing model-based indices of survey data • GMACS coding updates, model developments, and simulations

** Also Recreation Fishery Fisheries Roundtable – December 3, 2024 (T), *Monday of Dec Council meeting*

STAFF TASKING MEMO

- Reminder: AP and SSC nominations for 2025 due by 10/31
- Normal tasking documents posted
 - 3 meeting outlook
 - Council staff - who does what
 - Groundfish workplan
 - Preliminary December and February agendas
- Description of projects in the 'items not yet scheduled' section of the 3 meeting outlook



DECEMBER 2024 AND FEB 2025 MEETINGS

- *Preliminary* Dec and Feb 2025 schedules posted under Council's E Staff Tasking agenda – subject to change
- **December**
 - Groundfish and NSRKC harvest specifications & charter halibut measures
 - Other actions:
 - *Crab C shares, arbitration discussion papers*
 - *Program Reviews: IFQ, Amendment 80*
 - *Climate planning – Climate Change Taskforce final report*
- **Feb Special Meeting**
 - 2 issues – Chum salmon bycatch, Cook Inlet salmon specs
 - *Possibly an SSC-only workshop if time allows*



OPTIMIZING SSC AGENDA TIME

- SSC has ~15 days of agenda time per year; can't keep adding meetings
- Increasingly, insufficient agenda time for the SSC to take up all the issues it would normally review
 - Trend is unlikely to change, esp as proposed legislation increases SSC tasks
- SSC/Council leadership have been working on other solutions
- But need to set expectation that SSC will not be able to review everything
 - Include all when possible
- Intent is to provide transparency about how those decisions are made
 - Opportunity for feedback



TYPES OF SSC AGENDA ITEMS (1/2)

- a) all harvest specifications and related documents (SAFE reports, Plan Team reports, ESRs, Econ SAFE and ACEPO, spatial management policy analyses) – **HIGHEST PRIORITY**
- b) initial review management analyses (peer review to ensure that the best scientific information is available for the Council to make its policy decisions) – **CASE BY CASE**
- c) LAPP reviews and other retrospective reports of Council actions – **ONLY WHEN debuting LAPP reviews for new programs or using a new format**
- d) ecosystem and climate reports (FEP team and taskforce reports and products, climate/IRA work) – **PRIORITY, AS POSSIBLE**



TYPES OF SSC AGENDA ITEMS (2/2)

- e) research priorities and other data collection-related items (e.g., survey changes, ADP, EDR changes, SSPT reports) – **PRIORITY**
- f) Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications and sometimes final reports – **CASE BY CASE**
- g) national or regional guidance with a scientific component that affects Council management (e.g. National Standard guidelines, Regional Climate Action Plans) – **PRIORITY/ CASE BY CASE**
- h) scientific presentations or workshops that are informational but important learning for SSC members to provide better advice to the Council in future (e.g., annual SSC workshop; marine mammal status updates) – **CASE BY CASE**
- i) anything else that the Council requests the SSC to review (e.g., crab conservation plan). – **HIGH PRIORITY**

