

# SSC ADMIN ISSUES

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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NPFMC MEETINGS

Participants in the Council process are expected to participate in a manner that is professional and respectful of Council members, staff, advisors, committee members, and the public. Harassment will not be tolerated. All Council participants are responsible for holding each other accountable to the following ground rules:

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Listen and seek to understand differing views or opinions.
- Represent information honestly and openly.
- Refrain from using offensive, disrespectful, or derogatory language.
- Personal or organizational attacks or insults will not be tolerated.

Reports of inappropriate behavior will be taken seriously and followed through to resolution per the Council's [Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures](#), which also includes the NPFMC policy on addressing allegations of harassment.

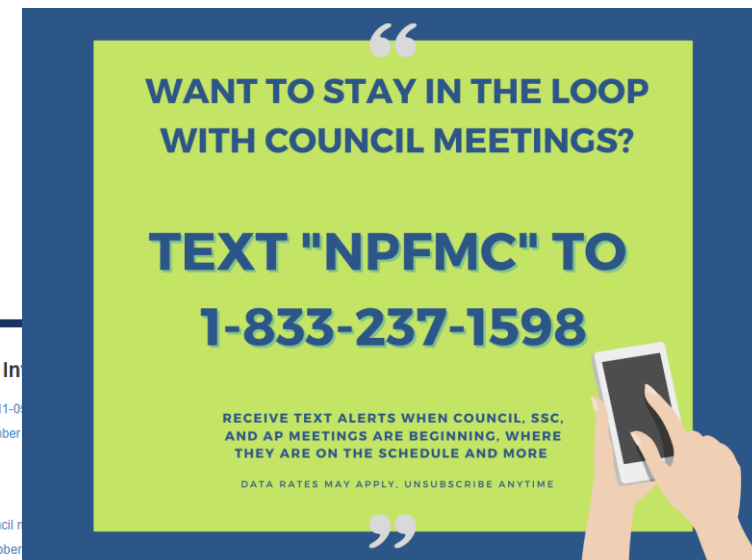
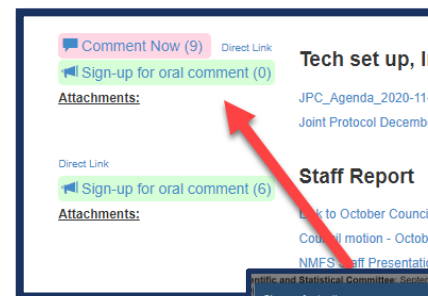


# PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, TEXT ALERTS

- Testimony by topic, under each agenda item
- 5-minute timer for oral testimony

1. Sign up through the SSC eAgenda, next to the agenda item you want to testify on
2. Fill out the form with your personal details
3. Attach handouts or ppts if desired. (Contact staff if you want to project a handout.)
4. All testimony will be remote.
  - If remote, please ensure a strong internet connection and be in a quiet area.
  - If calling from a phone, use that number on the signup form so we can unmute you

**Meeting is  
being  
recorded!**

A screenshot of the 'Sign up for testimony' form. It has fields for 'Agenda Item' (with 'Economic SAFE' selected), 'Name', 'Organization', 'Email Address', and 'Phone'. There is an 'Attachments' section with a 'Choose Files' button and a note: 'At the Council meeting, public comment is limited to 5 minutes per group/organization'. A yellow circle highlights the 'Choose Files' button.

**Need help?** Use Q&A feature in zoom program, or email [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov)

# Farewell and thank you to departing SSC members!



**Mike Downs**

SSC member since 2018  
NPFMC contractor since 1995



**Pat Sullivan**

SSC member  
since 2020



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM B REPORTS (1/2)

*more info on Council [eAgenda](#)*

## B1 Executive Director's Report

- NMFS HQ VIPs visiting on Thursday
  - Mr. Eugenio Pineiro Soler, Asst Administrator for Fisheries
  - Dr. Evan Howell, Chief Science Advisor
- Public comment period on EO 14276 (Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness) reopened through December 15
  - Council already submitted two letters

SSC reappointments for 2026 will be announced at end of Council meeting



## Impact of gvmt shutdown Oct 1-Nov 12

- Primarily on groundfish harvest specs agenda item
- No time for Federal stock assessment authors to complete new assessments; Groundfish Plan Teams canceled
- Contextual info reports in support of specs delayed (2025 pilot Econ report postponed)
- SSC (and AP) meetings shorter as less new information to present
- Council staff have assessed information available for specs and proposed a process consistent with MSA, Council, and other requirements

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM B REPORTS (2/2)

*more info on Council [eAgenda](#)*

## **B2 NMFS Management Report**

- Shutdown impacts as most Alaska Region personnel were furloughed
- Staff worked to provide critical services including monitoring and managing fisheries to avoid exceeding catch limits
- Status of rulemaking provided in B2 report, other updates

## **B4 AFSC report**

- Dr. Bob Foy is scheduled to provide an AFSC report to the Council on Thursday



# FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Feb 2026** – in-person at the Egan Center, Anchorage, AK
  - SSC: Cook Inlet salmon harvest specifications, EFH workplan, HCR adjustments progress check
  - Council taking final action on chum salmon bycatch (*not scheduled for SSC*)
- *NO APRIL MEETING*
- **June 2026** – currently planned for in-person in Vancouver, WA
- **E Staff tasking: Council's annual meeting cycle**
  - With switch to 4 meetings/year, staff still exploring new cycle beginning 2027
    - End Feb, mid-May, early Oct, early Dec *instead of Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec*



## EVENTS THIS WEEK / MISCELLANEOUS

- Wednesday, 12/3, 12-1pm: Q&A on halibut assessment, AP room
- Thursday, 12/4: [Council reception](#), 6pm-8pm, 49<sup>th</sup> State
- Chair/Members
  - Members will acknowledge any direct associations with SSC agenda items and/or financial conflicts of interest.
- Chair/Vice Chair – SSC report
  - Discuss deadlines for SSC report development

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*with any problems or questions*

