

# SSC ADMIN ISSUES

ANNA HENRY, JUNE 2026



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# CONDOLENCES

- A testimonial to Gretar, his years of experience, and his influence in Alaska fisheries can be found [at this link](#).
- More information regarding memorial arrangements will be shared when the family is ready.



# 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:

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- Listen and seek to understand differing views or opinions.
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C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS

C1 [Direct Link](#) [Council Sign-up \(0\)](#)

**GOA Pacific Cod Harvest Specifications assessment, recommend OFL/ABC/TAC (Council only)**

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
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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM B REPORTS

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

## **B1 Executive Director's Report**

- Updates from the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) meeting – forum for leadership of 8 regional fishery management councils and NMFS to discuss issues
  - NMFS risk/value matrix stock prioritization initiative paused.
  - NOAA Science Advisory Board Meeting Jun 4, 2026 <https://sab.noaa.gov/current-meetings/>
  - NPFMC Response [letter](#) to NOAA Questions on Examining Fishery Independent Surveys

## **B2 NMFS Management Report**

- Chum Salmon Excluder EFP Extension
- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) - Annual Consultation Report
- Protected Species Annual Update
- AKR Tribal Engagement Report

## **B4 AFSC Report (oral)**

## **B10 Salmon bycatch genetic stock composition reports**



# JUNE 2026 SSC MEETING

## SSC meeting topics

- C2 BSAI Crab specifications
- C3 Scallop harvest specifications
- C5 GOA Tanner crab protection measures- initial review
- D2 GOA 2025 Survey
- E2 Climate Workplan- workplan update, discussion paper on development of alternative HCRs
- E3 Economic and community indicator reports
- Research priorities (not on this agenda)
  - Since 2018, the Council has reviewed and approved 5-year research priorities for North Pacific fisheries on a triennial cycle.
  - If following previous process, a triennial cycle would require initiating a request for information after this June meeting.
  - Due to staff capacity and SSC agenda time constraints, **we propose to delay this one year and anticipate beginning the next consideration of research priorities in June 2027**, with Council final action intended for June 2028. This postponement will still keep us in compliance with our MSA obligations.



# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

*Meeting materials available on [Council eAgenda](#)*

- **C1 Observer program annual report**
- **D1 Pelagic trawl gear research updates**
- **E1 Groundfish objectives triennial report**



# CIE REVIEWS

Curry Cunningham represented the NPFMC SSC at a CIE review of the new NOAA FIMS (Fisheries Integrated Modeling System) stock assessment tool in April 2026.

The following reviews by the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) are scheduled in June. Each review includes a portion of the meeting that is open to the public.

- **Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab stock assessment** on June 9-11.
  - Room 2079 at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, Sand Point Way, N.E., Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115. Materials will be posted at: [https://github.com/noaa-afsc/TannerCrab\\_2026CIEReview](https://github.com/noaa-afsc/TannerCrab_2026CIEReview). For further information contact: Cody Szuwalski, [cody.szuwalski@noaa.gov](mailto:cody.szuwalski@noaa.gov).
- **Alaska sablefish stock assessment** on June 16-18.
  - Room 131 (Royce Room) at the Ted Stevens Marine Institute, 17109 Pt Lena Loop Rd. Juneau, AK 99801. Materials will be posted at: [https://github.com/dgoethel-noaa/2026\\_Sablefish\\_CIE/tree/main](https://github.com/dgoethel-noaa/2026_Sablefish_CIE/tree/main). For further information contact: Dan Goethel, [daniel.goethel@noaa.gov](mailto:daniel.goethel@noaa.gov).
- **Annual Deployment Plan for Observers and Electronic Monitoring** in the Groundfish and Halibut Fisheries off Alaska on June 16-18, 2026.
  - Traynor Room at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, Sand Point Way, N.E., Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115. For further information contact: Jason Jannot, [jason.jannot@noaa.gov](mailto:jason.jannot@noaa.gov).



# FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Oct/Dec 2026** –in-person at Egan Center in Anchorage, AK
  - Planning for SSC Review of Fall 2026 Groundfish Stock Assessments
  - 4 Day SSC meeting in December (Council portion will start Friday, extend a day)
  - MSA 50th anniversary reception on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Anchorage Museum
    - Arctic Marine Science: Sikuliaq to Shore exhibit supported by NPRB
- **Council meeting annual cycle changes beginning 2027**
- Travel changes- no adjustments without prior approval

Year	February/March	May	October	December
2026			Oct 5-13, Egan Center, Anchorage, AK	Nov 30-Dec 9, Egan Center, Anchorage, AK
2027	Feb 22-Mar 2, Marriott Hotel, Anchorage, AK	May 17-25, Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, WA	Oct 4-12, Virtual/TBD	Dec 6-14, Anchorage, AK
2028	Feb 28-Mar 7 TBD	May 15-23 TBD	Oct 2-10 Virtual/TBD	Dec 4-12 Anchorage, AK



## EVENT THIS WEEK / MISCELLANEOUS

- The Council, Pacific Seafood, and other industry partners are hosting a **reception** on Thursday, June 4th, from 6-8pm, at the hotel in the Oak/Hemlock Room on the 2nd floor
- Tuesday, 6/2: **SSC group picture** during morning break
- 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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# STAFF CHANGES

## Sarah La Belle Returning

- Administrative Team Lead



## Maria Davis Retiring

- ~27 years working for the Council!

