
SSC ADMIN ISSUES

OCTOBER 2024



HYBRID MEETING

- We have some SSC members, presenters, and testifiers participating remotely
- Meeting is being recorded

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



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Joint Protocol December 2009 -Uploaded: 10/30/2020 11:05 A

Staff Report

Link to October Council meeting materials (see item C4) -Upld

Council me

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2. Sign-up next to each agenda item

Scientific and Statistical Committee: September 28 - October 2, 2020, 8 am - 3 pm Alaska time - MEETING

Sign up for testimony

Agenda Item Economic SAFE

Name

Organization

Email Address

Phone

Attachments

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3. Fill out this form.

- Use drop down to select the agenda item
- Enter your personal details
- Attach handouts or ppts
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TESTIMONY TIPS FOR PUBLIC

Presentations during Public Testimony

- Staff can project your handouts during oral public testimony upon request
- Please attach the document to your public testimony signup on the eAgenda, and we can bring it up onscreen



Remote Testimony Audio

- SSC needs to be able to hear your testimony, which can be challenging for some remote audio
- Please ensure:
 - Your internet connection is strong
 - You are in a quiet area
- If calling from a phone, make sure it is the same number you listed when signing up, so staff can unmute you



HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- New Council members
 - Three new Council members: Brian Ritchie, John Moller, Jamie Goen
 - Anne Vanderhoeven has also been reappointed for a 2nd 3-year term
- 2 GOA Groundfish Plan Team nominations for SSC review
- Legislative Committee evaluation of pending fisheries legislation
- Council has received our first installment of IRA funds
- New Witherell and Fey publication available: “Fish Bycatch in the North Pacific Halibut and Groundfish Fisheries”



NEW COUNCIL STAFF



Taylor Holman,
Fishery Economist



Danielle Merculief,
Administrative
Specialist



Anita Kroska,
Fishery Analyst



Alaina Plauché,
Fishery Analyst/
AK Sea Grant Fellow

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 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 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**



MISCELLANEOUS

- Questions on travel claims? Contact nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov
- Feedback always appreciated!
 - Contact npfmc.admin@noaa.gov



SSC MEMBERS

- Members to acknowledge any direct associations with SSC agenda items and/or financial conflicts of interest.
- SSC report timing

