

SSC ADMIN ISSUES

DIANA EVANS, OCTOBER 2025



1. Introductions/ sound checks/ member associations
2. Meeting protocols
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MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS / SOUND CHECK



- Chair/Members
 - Members will acknowledge any direct associations with SSC agenda items and/or financial conflicts of interest.
- Alphabetical speaking order:

Chris Anderson	Bob Foy	Chris Siddon
Jennifer Burns	Jason Gasper	Ian Stewart
Fabio Caltabellotta	Dana Hanselman	Patrick Sullivan
Curry Cunningham	Brad Harris	Robert Suryan
Martin Dorn	Kailin Kroetz	Alison Whitman
Mike Downs	Franz Mueter	Sarah Wise
Sherri Dressel	Andrew Munro	



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.



VIRTUAL MEETING PROTOCOLS

- Only panelists will be able to speak during the meeting.
 - **Members:** please join from the personalized zoom email link, which will automatically join you as a panelist
 - **Presenters:** confirm with Council staff contact that you are on the master list for your agenda item. Admin staff will promote you when your agenda item begins. Check that zoom shows your full name.
 - **Testifiers:** staff will promote you when it is your turn to testify.
- NPFMC room is available to test your audio/video from 7.30-7.45am each day. We strongly encourage you to test your audio and video in advance.
- Please log in at least 10 minutes before the meeting start time, or before your agenda item.
- Members and presenters: **plan to use your webcam**, esp when returning from break and during questions/discussion (not necessarily during slides)
- Presenters will share from their own computer, but **you MUST send us the ppt before you begin presenting.**
- Meeting is being recorded.



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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
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recorded!**

A screenshot of the 'Sign up for testimony' form. The form has fields for 'Agenda Item' (with 'Economic SAFE' selected), 'Name', 'Organization', 'Email Address', 'Phone', and 'Attachments'. There is a checkbox for 'I'm not a robot' and a link to 'Choose Files'. A yellow circle highlights the 'Choose Files' link. At the bottom, there is a note: 'At the Council meeting, public comment is limited to 5 minutes per group/organization.'

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Potential SSC schedule changes due to shutdown possibility

CHAIR WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO SWITCH AT END OF MONDAY

Current schedule

Monday	AM	C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESR previewCrab PT report / surveysBBRKC
	PM	C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tanner crabSnow crab
Tuesday	AM	C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(Snow crab continued)PIBKC, PIRKCRest of CPT report, overfishing status
	PM	C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint groundfish – sablefishJoint – other items incl surveysJoint – spatial apportionment
Weds	AM	B4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AFSC report
		C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GOA Groundfish PT report / surveysGOA full assessments - pollock, RE/BS, POP, arrowtooth, rex sole, SWFF
	PM	C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GOA PT report/assessments continuedBSAI Groundfish PT reportBSAI full assessments – pollock, yellowfin sole, turbot, skates, northern RF, AI Atka ESP
Thurs	AM	C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BSAI PT report/assessments continued
	PM		<i>SSC continue as necessary / report writing</i>

Potential revised schedule

Monday	AM	C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ESR previewCrab PT report / surveysBBRKC
	PM	C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tanner crabSnow crab
Tuesday	AM	C3	<i>Spillover time for crab issues</i>
		C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GOA surveyEBS pollock
	PM	C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BSAI skatesGreenland turbotYellowfin sole
			Highgraded C5 issues – SSC will get through as many as possible, rest will be taken up within PT report
Weds	AM	B4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AFSC report <i>(if no shutdown)</i>
		C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Joint groundfish – sablefishJoint – other items incl surveysJoint – spatial apportionment
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Thurs	AM	C5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BSAI PT report/assessments continued
	PM	C3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PIBKC, PIRKC, Rest of CPT report, overfishing status
			<i>SSC continue as necessary / report writing</i>

Mon = SAME

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resume order

HIGHLIGHTS FROM B REPORTS (1/2)

more info on Council [eAgenda](#)

B1 Executive Director's Report

- David Witherell's last meeting
- New WDFW Council member – Nate Pamplin is replacing Bill Tweit (retirement)
- New email domain for Council staff (@npfmc.org rather than @noaa.gov)
- Council finances – we have received our funding for 2025.
 - In 2026, however, Council will not backfill departing SSC members - cost savings measure
- Final LAPP Reviews posted on Council website
 - [AFA Program](#)
 - [Sablefish and Halibut IFQ Program](#)
- Pelagic Trawl Gear Innovation Research Summaries avail on Council [Website](#)
- Cook Inlet salmon specifications
 - Council motion in June to have NMFS implement through Secretarial authority; NMFS letter in response directs Council to take action.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM B REPORTS (2/2)

more info on Council [eAgenda](#)

(B1 Executive Director's Report)

Council response to Executive Order 14276, Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness

- Council sent letter in September with initial recommendations
- NMFS discussion paper provides additional regulatory review
- Council may discuss additional recommendations to submit



B2 NMFS Management Report

- Status of rulemaking, tribal engagement
- 2025 Seabird working group report posted
- Protected Resource updates, including BSAI FMP Biological Opinion

B4 AFSC report

- Dr. Bob Foy is scheduled to provide a version of his AFSC report to the SSC on Wednesday AM



Council agenda items that may be of interest to SSC

Meeting materials available on [Council eAgenda](#)

- **C5d Blackspotted/roughey rockfish accountability measure options**
 - Council is considering two options to develop new accountability measures, given ABC exceedance in 3 of last 4 years: reducing TAC in specs, and increased inseason mgmt. authority
- **C6 Economic Data Report Removal**
 - Final action to remove requirement for Crab Rationalization, AFA, and A80
- **D3 Essential Fish Habitat 2028 5-year Review Workplan**
 - SSC will review later – potentially Feb 2026



FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Dec 2025 and Feb 2026** – in-person at the Egan Center, Anchorage, AK
 - December – final groundfish specs, NSRKC specs
 - February – will finalize SSC schedule after October meeting. Council's primary focus is final action on chum salmon bycatch (not scheduled for SSC)
- **June 2026** – currently planned for in-person in Vancouver, WA
- **E Staff tasking action memo: Council's annual meeting cycle**
 - Switch has been made to 4 meetings/year
 - Staff are exploring cost and feasibility of new timing beg. 2027, for discussion in Dec
 - End Feb, mid-May, early Oct, early Dec *instead of Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec*



TRAVEL / MISCELLANEOUS

- **Travel updates** from Nicole Schmidt
 - It is time to book travel for December meeting – email forthcoming
 - Alaska Airlines Easybiz is now Atmos Business
- Revised **SSC handbook** approved by Council in June and posted online
 - SSC reviewed changes in April
- Chair/Vice Chair – **SSC report**
 - Discuss deadlines for SSC report development

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