# SSC ADMIN ISSUES

DIANA EVANS, FEBRUARY 2025



# **NEW SSC YEAR**

Thank you to all returning members!

- Two new SSC members
  - Dr. Sarah Wise
  - Dr. Jenn Burns (will start in April)

• Election of Chair and Vice-Chair







### 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 <u>Statement of Organization</u>, <u>Practices</u>, and <u>Procedures</u>, which also includes the NPFMC policy on addressing allegations of harassment.

## HYBRID MEETING

- We may have some SSC members, presenters, and testifiers participating remotely
- Meeting is being recorded
- Sign up for text alerts to keep up with SSC, AP, and Council progress through the agenda







### SPECIAL MEETING - 2 AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

# C1 Cook Inlet Salmon harvest specifications

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year that the SSC is recommending ABC/OFL for Cook Inlet salmon species
- Note schedule requires a short turnaround time for SSC report on this issue

# C2 Chum salmon bycatch analysis – 2<sup>nd</sup> initial review

- SSC reviewed previous initial review draft in April 2024
- Staff will focus SSC attention on new elements of the analysis



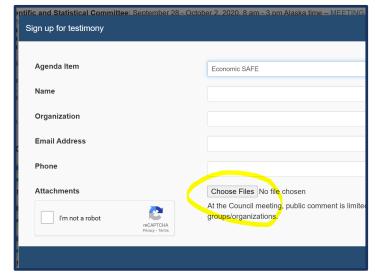
#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Testimony to the SSC should focus on the scientific evaluation of the issue or analysis, consistent with the SSC's role
  - SSC is the Council's scientific review body, and provides scientific and technical advice to the Council on fishery management decisions
  - SSC does not provide management or policy advice to the Council
- Testimony time limit is usually 5 minutes at the SSC
- However, if necessary to accommodate all testifiers being heard within the allotted meeting time, the Chair may announce a shorter time limit per person at the beginning of an agenda item's public testimony

### HOW TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Testimony by topic, under each agenda item
- Onscreen 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. (Staff can project upon request.)
- 4. Identify whether remote/in-person.
  - 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







#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Boxed lunch available this week for SSC members, Mon-Wed
- Future meeting planning
  - Preliminary agendas posted on Council website
  - April 2025 Anchorage, AK
    - Agenda topics will include survey modernization, and SSC framing discussion for Council priorities regarding changes to harvest control rules, tier system. SSC will also review updates to the SSC Handbook.
  - June 2025 Newport, OR \*\*\*PLEASE BOOK TRAVEL ASAP
    - NPFMC admin will send email this week with travel logistics
    - Agenda topics will include BSAI crab specs, discussion of availability and SSC review of social and economic information, and advance guidance to the groundfish Plan Teams regarding subarea apportionments and accountability measures



## SSC MEMBERS

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

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

