

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Clement V. Tillion, Chairman
Jim H. Branson, Executive Director

Suite 32, 333 West 4th Avenue
Post Office Mall Building



Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3136DT
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Telephone: (907) 274-4563
FTS 265-5435

DRAFT AGENDA
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
28TH PLENARY SESSION
SITKA, ALASKA
October 4 - 5, 1979

The Council meeting will convene on Thursday, October 4, 1979 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn on Friday, October 5, 1979, at 5:00 p.m. at the Centennial Building, Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. The SSC will meet on Tuesday, October 2, 1979, at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 3, 1979, at 8:00 a.m., if necessary, in the Centennial Building, Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. The AP will meet on October 2 and 3 (if necessary), 1979, at 9:30 a.m. and adjourning at 5:00 p.m. in the Centennial Building, Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. All meetings may be lengthened or shortened depending upon progress on the agenda. The meetings are open to the public.

SPECIAL NOTE: Preregistration (except in special or unusual cases) will be required for all public comments which pertain to a specific agenda topic. Preregistration is accomplished by informing the Agenda Clerk -- BY 10:00 A.M. OF THE FIRST DAY -- of the agenda items to be addressed and the time requested. Preregistration and public comment may be scheduled for: F. OLD BUSINESS, G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS, and H. NEW BUSINESS agenda items. There will be a general comment period (Agenda K) scheduled for late afternoon of the second day for testimony on matters not on the current agenda. Ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each person or group.

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- C. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES
- D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[No action required, no public comment scheduled.]

- D-1 Staff Assistant - Economist. Update on position announcement
- D-2 Report on Pribilof bottomfish meetings
- D-3 Tuna boat seizures off Canada
- D-4 Clam leasing study update
- D-5 AP Nominations
- D-6 1980 Meeting Schedule
- D-7 Update on Herring Workshop
- D-8 Status report on Management Plans

- E. SPECIAL REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

[No action required, no public comments scheduled.]

- E-1 ADF&G, Report of domestic fishing activities
- E-2 NMFS Report of foreign fishing activities
- E-3 USCG, Report of enforcement and surveillance activities
- E-4 SSC/AP, Report on matters not pertaining to the agenda

F. OLD BUSINESS

[Action required - Executive Director, SSC, AP, staff and pre-registered public comments scheduled prior to Council consideration of each item.]

F-1 FCMA Oversight Hearings, Council testimony for October 11 and 12, 1979.

F-2 St. George's Basin oil lease sale comments, deadline October 5, 1979.

F-3 Management Plan scheduling committee report.

G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

[Action required - Executive Director, SSC, Advisory Panel, staff and pre-registered public comments scheduled prior to Council action on each item.]

G-1 Troll Salmon FMP -- Amendments

Consideration of amendments for time and area closures, imposing a four-line limit offshore, filleting of salmon at sea, prohibiting hand trolling in the FCZ, and power troll limited entry in the offshore fishery.

G-2 Tanner Crab FMP -- Amendments

Amendments to reduce the ABC/OY for C. bairdi and C. opilio in the eastern Bering Sea, increase DAH and reduce or eliminate TALFF.

G-3 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - Update and possible amendments

The status of Amendment 7 (approved at the August Council meeting) will be discussed. A request to change OY's for squid, other rockfish, other species, and Atka mackerel to Gulf-wide OY's has been received from the Japan Trawl Association. Discussion of management philosophies and policies for trawl and longline fisheries, particularly in the U.S. sablefish fishery.

G-4 Halibut FMP - Update and further action

This FMP never completed Secretarial review. Consideration should be given for further action in case the current U.S./Canada agreement does not continue and as a vehicle for limited entry if desired.

G-5 Herring Draft FMP - schedule for public hearings

Herring Draft FMP schedule for public hearings will be presented for approval.

G-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Groundfish FMP - Update

The status of the Amendment approved at the August meeting will be discussed.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H-1 Council Charter Review

H-2 SSC Charter Review

Changes in these charters take approximately 3 months to make. Each expires in April requiring decisions to be made around the end of the year. No action is required at this time except to initiate a study and review of the charters.

H-3 Joint Board of Fisheries/Council Meeting

A joint meeting with the Alaska Board of Fisheries may be desired to discuss cooperative management issues associated with our Herring, Tanner Crab and Troll Salmon Plans. The agenda, issues, mechanisms and timing should be considered.

I. CONTRACTS, REPORTS, PROPOSALS

[Action required - Executive Director, SSC, AP, Finance Committee and other staff comments as appropriate.]

I-1 Contract 79-4; A Study and Analysis of Troll Salmon Fisheries Data by ADF&G (No action required...update.).

I-2 A proposal for funding; To Key punch and Re-edit 1975-78 Halibut Fish Ticket Data by CFEC.

I-3 A proposal for funding; To Assess the Distribution and Abundance of Certain Marine Mammal Populations (walrus) in Bristol Bay by Bud Faye (University of Alaska).

I-4 A draft of a request for a proposal (RFP); to provide information which will indicate whether access to the halibut fishery in Alaska should be limited.

J. FINANCE REPORT

J-1 FY80 Grant Information

J-2 Request by the State (ADF&G) for an increase in the pass-thru grant to at least \$50,000.

J-3 Other Business

K. GENERAL COMMENT PERIOD

Individual comments on matters not on the agenda can be scheduled here but will be limited to 10 minutes per person or group.

L. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS

Announce upcoming meetings
Announce AP nominations close
Announce Subcommittees

M. ADJOURNMENT

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Clement V. Tillion, Chairman
Jim H. Branson, Executive Director

Suite 32, 333 West 4th Avenue
Post Office Mall Building



Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3136DT
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Telephone: (907) 274-4563
FTS 265-5435

DRAFT AGENDA
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
28TH PLENARY SESSION
SITKA, ALASKA
October 4 - 5, 1979

The Council meeting will convene on Thursday, October 4, 1979 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn on Friday, October 5, 1979, at 5:00 p.m. at the Centennial Building, Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. The SSC will meet on Tuesday, October 2, 1979, at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 3, 1979, at 8:00 a.m., if necessary, in the Centennial Building, Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. The AP will meet on October 2 and 3 (if necessary), 1979, at 9:30 a.m. and adjourning at 5:00 p.m. in the Centennial Building, Harbor Drive, Sitka, Alaska. All meetings may be lengthened or shortened depending upon progress on the agenda. The meetings are open to the public.

SPECIAL NOTE: Preregistration (except in special or unusual cases) will be required for all public comments which pertain to a specific agenda topic. Preregistration is accomplished by informing the Agenda Clerk -- BY 10:00 A.M. OF THE FIRST DAY -- of the agenda items to be addressed and the time requested. Preregistration and public comment may be scheduled for: F. OLD BUSINESS, G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS, and H. NEW BUSINESS agenda items. There will be a general comment period (Agenda K) scheduled for late afternoon of the second day for testimony on matters not on the current agenda. Ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each person or group.

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- C. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES
- D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[No action required, no public comment scheduled.]

- D-1 Staff Assistant - Economist. Update on position announcement
- D-2 Report on Pribilof bottomfish meetings
- D-3 Support ships for J/V operations
- D-4 Clam leasing study update
- D-5 AP Nominations
- D-6 1980 Meeting Schedule
- D-7 Update on Herring Workshop
- D-8 Status report on Management Plans

- E. SPECIAL REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

[No action required, no public comments scheduled.]

- E-1 ADF&G, Report of domestic fishing activities
- E-2 NMFS Report of foreign fishing activities
- E-3 USCG, Report of enforcement and surveillance activities
- E-4 SSC/AP, Report on matters not pertaining to the agenda

F. OLD BUSINESS

[Action required - Executive Director, SSC, AP, staff and pre-registered public comments scheduled prior to Council consideration of each item.]

F-1 FCMA Oversight Hearings, Council testimony for October 11 and 12, 1979.

F-2 St. George's Basin oil lease sale comments, deadline October 5, 1979.

F-3 Management Plan scheduling committee report.

G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

[Action required - Executive Director, SSC, Advisory Panel, staff and pre-registered public comments scheduled prior to Council action on each item.]

G-1 Troll Salmon FMP -- Amendments

Consideration of amendments for time and area closures, imposing a four-line limit offshore, prohibit filleting of salmon at sea, prohibiting hand trolling in the FCZ, and continue moratorium on power troll limited entry in the offshore fishery.

G-2 Tanner Crab FMP -- Amendments

Amendments to reduce the ABC/OY for C. bairdi and C. opilio in the eastern Bering Sea, increase DAH and reduce or eliminate TALFF.

G-3 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - Update and possible amendments

The status of Amendment 7 (approved at the August Council meeting). A request to change Gulf-wide OY's for squid, other rockfish, other species, and Atka mackerel has been received from the Japan Trawl Association. Discussion of management philosophies and policies for trawl and longline fisheries, particularly in the U.S. sablefish fishery.

G-4 Halibut FMP - Update and further action

This FMP never completed Secretarial review. Consideration of further action in case the current U.S./Canada agreement does not continue and as a vehicle for limited entry if desired.

G-5 Herring Draft FMP - schedule for public hearings

Herring Draft FMP schedule for public hearings will be presented for approval.

G-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Groundfish FMP - Update

The status of the Amendment approved at the August meeting will be discussed.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H-1 Council Charter Review

H-2 SSC Charter Review

Changes in these charters take approximately 3 months to make. Each expires in April requiring decisions to be made around the end of the year. No action is required at this time except to initiate a study and review of the charters.

H-3 Joint Board of Fisheries/Council Meeting

Planning for joint meeting with the Alaska Board of Fisheries to discuss cooperative management issues associated with our Herring, Tanner Crab and Troll Salmon Plans. The agenda, issues, mechanisms and timing should be considered.

I. CONTRACTS, REPORTS, PROPOSALS

[Action required - Executive Director, SSC, AP, Finance Committee and other staff comments as appropriate.]

I-1 Contract 79-4; A Study and Analysis of Troll Salmon Fisheries Data by ADF&G (No action required...update.).

I-2 A proposal for funding; To Key punch and Re-edit 1975-78 Halibut Fish Ticket Data by CFEC.

I-3 A proposal for funding; To Assess the Distribution and Abundance of Certain Marine Mammal Populations (walrus) in Bristol Bay by Bud Faye (University of Alaska).

I-4 A draft of a request for a proposal (RFP); to provide information which will indicate whether access to the halibut fishery in Alaska should be limited.

J. FINANCE REPORT

J-1 FY80 Grant Information

J-2 Request by the State (ADF&G) for an increase in the pass-thru grant to at least \$50,000.

J-3 Other Business

K. GENERAL COMMENT PERIOD

Individual comments on matters not on the agenda can be scheduled here but will be limited to 10 minutes per person or group.

L. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS

Announce upcoming meetings
Announce AP nominations close
Announce Subcommittees

M. ADJOURNMENT