

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

57th Plenary Session NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

December 7-8, 1983
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 1983, at the Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will continue on Thursday, December 8 and there is a possibility, because of the press of business, that it may continue into at least part of Friday.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 1983 in the Old Federal Building, and will continue on Tuesday, December 6. The Advisory Panel will meet in the Old Federal Building on Tuesday, December 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Bering Sea Herring research group will meet from 8:30 a.m. to noon on December 5, 1983 in the Old Federal Building. Major topics will include herring research priorities and experimental design.

The Permit Review and Joint Venture Policy subcommittees will meet together at 1 p.m. on December 5, 1983 in the Old Federal Building. The subcommittees will review foreign vessel permit applications from Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, USSR, Taiwan, and West Germany to fish in the Alaska 200-mile zone and/or receive fish from U.S. trawlermen in joint ventures.

The subgroups will also discuss Council policy on joint ventures and how the Council can most effectively encourage the development of a purely domestic groundfish fishery where not only U.S. fishermen harvest the total resource, but it is processed completely by domestic processors. This may mean adopting criteria for selecting joint ventures where the foreign partner also agrees to purchase amounts of finished product from U.S. processors. Other criteria such as technology transfer also could be used.

Other meetings, including those of the plan teams, may be held on short notice during the Council meeting week. These meetings will be posted at the Council meeting site. All meetings are open to the public.

Halibut fisheries management will be a main topic of discussion at this meeting. The Council will hear a report from the Halibut Workgroup, decide whether or not to approve a moratorium on new entry into the halibut fishery for 1984, consider management objectives, and discuss long-term plans for management of the fishery. The Council also will hear from the International Halibut Commission on management measures for 1984 and may make its own recommendations for the fishery.

A second main item on the agenda will be the review of foreign fishing permit applications for 1984. There will be a number of applications for direct fishing and for joint ventures.

Under groundfish, the Council will make final recommendations on Total Allowable Catch (TAC), Joint Venture Processing Capacity (JVP), and Domestic Annual Processing Capacity (DAP) for Bering Sea groundfish, and discuss prohibited species by-catches with particular reference to U.S. trawling in the Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary. For Gulf of Alaska groundfish, the Council will consider setting new optimum yields for pollock and Pacific ocean perch, and redistributing the Pacific cod and pollock optimum yield. Final recommendations will be made on JVP and DAP for Gulf groundfish. Finally, the Council will hear a report from the Gulf of Alaska Prohibited Species Workgroup, and consider revising halibut incidental catch provisions in the plan to enable the winter/spring Shelikof Strait pollock fishery to proceed in 1984.

Other items on the agenda will include a report from the Bering Sea Herring research group, a discussion of the uses of pot limits and exclusive registration areas in Tanner crab management, and a review of current contracts and the 1984 budget.

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report

B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by Alaska Department of Fish and Game

B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by National Marine Fisheries Service

B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard

B-5 Joint Venture Operations

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 Halibut Fishery Management

(a) Report of Halibut Workgroup

(b) Consideration of objectives

(c) Decision on moratorium and long-term plans for halibut management

(d) International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)

Report on management alternatives for 1984

(e) Recommendations to IPHC for 1984 season

C-2 Foreign Vessel Permit Applications

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Herring FMP

Workgroup report on research needs

D-2 Tanner Crab FMP

Discussion of pot limits and exclusive registration areas as management tools.

D-3 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

(a) Prohibited Species Workgroup report

(b) Halibut incidental catch by U.S. trawlers in Central Gulf. The Council may have to revise the catch limit provisions in the plan to enable the winter/spring Shelikof Strait pollock fishery to proceed in 1984.

(c) Domestic utilization of sablefish in the Central and Western Gulf

(d) Final approval of joint venture processing (JVP) and domestic processing capacity (DAP) for 1984

(e) Consideration of amendment to increase pollock optimum yield (OY) and change area apportionments of Pacific cod and pollock OY

(f) Consideration of changes in Pacific ocean perch OY

D-4 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

- (a) Final recommendations and approval of Total Allowable Catch (TAC), DAP, and JVP for 1984
- (b) Discussion of prohibited species by-catches with particular reference to U.S. trawling in Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

E-1 Status of Contracts and Proposals

- (a) Sablefish Research: approve funding.
- (b) Fisheries Management Conference: approve funding.
- (c) Bering Sea Herring Scale Analysis - Part II: approve funding.
- (d) Incidental Salmon Catch Study - Part II: approve funding.

E-2 Review of FY84 Administrative Funding

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MEETING SUMMARY, CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE*

Wednesday, December 7, 1983		Thursday, December 8, 1983	
9:00 a.m.	(A) Approve agenda/minutes (B-1) Executive Director's Report (B-2) ADF&G Report	(D-4)	Bering Sea/Aleutian Groundfish
10:00 a.m.	(B-3) NMFS Report (B-4) Coast Guard Report (B-5) Joint Venture Operations		
11:00 a.m.	(C-1) Halibut Fisheries Mgmt	(C-2)	Foreign Vessel permits
12:00 noon	Lunch		Lunch
1:30 p.m.	(C-1) Halibut (cont'd)	(D-1)	Herring
3:00 p.m.	(D-3) Gulf of Alaska Groundfish	(D-2)	Tanner Crab
4:00 p.m.		(E-1)	Contracts and Proposals
		(E-2)	Review FY/84 Administrative Funding
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment		General Public Comments Adjournment

*The Council will try to follow this schedule, but times may be adjusted during the meetings as the need arises.

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ADVISORY PANEL
December 6, 1983

The Advisory Panel will convene at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, in the Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

10 a.m. - noon

1. Executive Director's Report (B-1)
2. Foreign Vessel Permit Applications (C-2)
 - (a) Discussion of halibut incidental catch limits on joint ventures in the Gulf of Alaska (refer to material under D-3)
 - (b) Joint venture permit applications.
 - (c) Directed fishing permit applications.

noon - 1 p.m.

3. Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

4. Halibut Fisheries Management (C-2)
 - (a) Report of Halibut Workgroup.
 - (b) Consideration of objectives.
 - (c) Decision on moratorium and long range plans for management of the fishery.
 - (d) Recommendations to IPHC for 1984 season.

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

5. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (D-3)
 - (a) Prohibited Species Workgroup report
 - (b) Consider changing OY for pollock and POP, and changing area distribution of OY for pollock and Pacific cod.
 - (c) Domestic utilization of sablefish in the Central and Western Gulf.
 - (d) Final approval of JVP and DAP for 1984.

4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

6. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP (D-4)
 - (a) Final approval of TAC, DAP, and JVP for 1984.
 - (b) Discussion of prohibited species by-catches with particular reference to U.S. trawling in the Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary.

5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

7. Herring FMP (D-1)

Workgroup report on research needs.
8. Tanner Crab FMP (D-2)

Discussion of pot limits and exclusive registration areas as management tools.

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SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE
December 5-6, 1983

The SSC will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 1983 and will continue on Tuesday, December 6, in the Old Federal Building.

The SSC meeting will be preceded by the Bering Sea Herring Research Workgroup which will meet from 8:00 a.m. to noon on December 5, 1983 in the Old Federal Building to discuss herring research priorities and experimental design.

Monday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

1. Tanner Crab FMP (D-2)

- (a) Discuss pot limits and exclusive registration areas as management tools.
- (b) Final approval of Crab Observer study (the final report will be placed under E-1 supplemental at the meeting).

Monday: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

2. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (D-3)

- (a) Prohibited Species Workgroup report
- (b) Discussion of limits on halibut incidental catch by U.S. trawlers in the Gulf of Alaska.
- (c) Consider changing levels of OY for pollock and POP, and area distributions of OY for pollock and Pacific cod.
- (d) Domestic utilization of sablefish in the Central and Western Gulf.
- (e) Final approval of JVP and DAP for 1984.

Tuesday: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

3. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP (D-4)

- (a) Final approval of TAC, DAP, and JVP for 1984.
- (b) Discussion of prohibited species by-catches with particular reference to U.S. trawling in the Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary.

Tuesday: 10:30 - noon

4. Herring FMP (D-1)

Workgroup report on research needs.

Tuesday: 1-2 p.m.

5. Contracts and Proposals (E-1)

- (a) Sablefish Research: consider funding.
- (b) Social and Cultural Aspects of the Pacific Halibut Fishery: review final report.
- (c) Incidental Salmon Catch Study - Part II: approval for agency review.
- (d) Fisheries Management Conference: approve funding.
- (e) Crab Observer Program: review final report.
- (f) Bering Sea Herring Scale Analysis: review final report and proposed further research.