



Agenda Topics

Virtual Council meeting, June 1-16, 2021

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Council Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting and Council members will approve the agenda.

B. REPORTS— *David Witherell*

In this section of the meeting, each agency represented on the Council provides a written and/or oral management report. After all the reports, the public has a chance to provide comment, and the Council will discuss action they need to take, either at this point or at the end of the meeting.

C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS

C1 Observer Report – *Kate Haapala*

The Council will hear a report on the 2020 observer program and covid effects. They may also make recommendations on electronic monitoring and next year's observer plan and electronic monitoring.

C2 Trawl Electronic Monitoring – *Anna Henry*

The Council will review recommendations and options for allowing electronic monitoring for pollock trawl fisheries off Alaska.

C3 BSAI Crab – *Jim Armstrong*

The Crab Plan Team met to discuss the size and status of two crab stocks in the Bering Sea to make recommendations on harvest limits. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review their recommendations and the Council will set appropriate harvest limits for those stocks for the upcoming crab seasons.

C4 BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl CV LAPP – *Jon McCracken*

The Council will review a paper that examines catcher vessels in the BSAI with existing licenses fishing Pacific cod. These licenses will be assigned an allocation based on a percentage of historical catch.

D. OTHER ISSUES

D1 BSAI Pacific Cod Small Boat Access – *Kate Haapala*

The Council will review a paper discussing allowing new access opportunities for smaller hook and line and pot boats to fish BSAI Pacific cod.

D2 Sablefish Trawl Overages – *Steve MacLean*

The Council will review a discussion paper that looks at possible tools to limit or prevent trawl fisheries exceeding their allowable catch of sablefish.

D3 BS Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Diana Evans, Diana Stram

The Council will review progress reports from advisory groups working on Bering Sea ecosystem issues and the effects of climate change on Bering Sea fisheries.

D4 Report from SSC Workshop on Risk Table Advice – Sara Cleaver

The SSC and Council will review a report from a recent workshop to discuss how best to use risk tables as part of the process of setting appropriate harvest limits.

D5 Finalize research priorities process – Jim Armstrong

The SSC and Council identified 3-year research priorities in April 2021, and at this meeting will identify the process they will use identifying priorities in the future.

E. Staff Tasking – Diana Evans, David Witherell

The Council will listen to public testimony about existing and new management measures that the public may be interested in and will provide feedback to staff and the Council Chair about how to prioritize staff work on existing and new projects. The Council will specifically discuss the different aspects of returning to in-person meetings.

The Council will also review its committee membership, identify agendas for any upcoming committee meetings, and discuss plans for returning to in-person meetings.