

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

64th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

February 5-7, 1985
Centennial Building
Sitka, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Centennial Building in Sitka, Alaska, February 5-7, 1985. If necessary, the meeting will continue into Friday, February 8. The Council will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, with its Advisory Panel to discuss proposed amendments to the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act and take staff and committee reports and public testimony on all Gulf of Alaska groundfish items except Southeastern shelf rockfish which will be considered on Wednesday with the Board of Fisheries.

Under Gulf groundfish the Council will review proposed changes to the fishery management plan, consider how the recent U.S./Japan industry fisheries agreement affected the Council's actions taken in December, clarify the Council's decisions in December on bycatch limits on sablefish, Pacific ocean perch, and other rockfish for joint venture trawlers in the Gulf, and discuss bycatch problems in all trawl fisheries. The Council also will consider passing an emergency regulation to make the sablefish fishery east of 147°W longline only. A longline-only fishery for the entire Gulf of Alaska is in the proposal package currently being reviewed by the Council during this year's formal amendment cycle for the Gulf groundfish plan. An evening session will be held on Tuesday if necessary to complete public testimony on all Gulf groundfish items except Southeastern shelf rockfish.

On Wednesday the Council will meet with the Alaska Board of Fisheries at the Centennial Building to hear reports on the draft U.S.-Canada salmon treaty and status of salmon stocks and discuss salmon management for 1985. The Board and Council also will discuss management of Southeastern shelf rockfish and schedule the annual king crab public hearing in Seattle.

Meeting alone on Thursday and Friday (if required), the Council will discuss Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutians groundfish. These discussions will include proposals for 1985 plan amendments to both plans, effects of the U.S./Japan agreement, and a voluntary U.S.-foreign industry agreement restricting foreign fishing in the Fishery Development Zone north of Unimak Pass in 1985.

On Thursday the Council will hold a closed session to discuss Advisory Panel nominations. On Friday or Thursday (schedule permitting), the Council will review foreign permit applications and a proposed regulation to restrict the discard of nets. Joint venture permit discussions will include applications from Poland, Japan, South Korea, West Germany, Portugal, and possibly other countries.

The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel will meet together on Monday afternoon in the Centennial Building, and then separately on Tuesday. The Advisory Panel will meet with the Council on Tuesday afternoon and then alone on Wednesday.

The Council's subcommittee on specific goals for the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan will meet on Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Centennial Building. The Permit Review Committee will meet at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday morning to review the U.S./Japan agreement and any available permit applications for directed or joint venture fisheries. Other Council committee and plan team meetings may be scheduled during the week and will be posted at the Centennial Building. Except for the closed Council session to discuss Advisory Panel nominations at noon, Thursday, all meetings will be open to the public.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. SPECIAL REPORTS^{1/}
 - B-1 Executive Director's Report
 - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
 - B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by NMFS
 - B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
 - B-5 Update on Joint Venture Operations
 - B-6 Results of IPHC Annual Meeting
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - C-1 SSC Officers
Approve new SSC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
 - C-2 Net Discard Regulation
 - (a) Review comments from other Councils on draft national regulation.
 - (b) Approve final draft of regulation for submission to NMFS.
 - C-3 MFCMA Reauthorization
Develop Council goals for reauthorization of MFCMA.
 - C-4 Advisory Panel Membership
Review candidates and appoint new panel.
 - C-5 Joint Venture and Foreign Fishing Permit Applications
Review any available permit applications.
- D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS
 - D-1 Salmon FMP
(See Draft Special Agenda for Joint Meeting)

^{1/} Special reports under items B-2 through B-5 will be written only, with no oral presentation.

D-2 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Review U.S./Japan industry agreement and its effect on Council's December action.
- (b) Clarification of Council action on bycatch limit for JV trawlers at December meeting and other bycatch problems.
- (c) Consider emergency rule to make directed sablefish fisheries longline only in the Eastern Regulatory Area.
- (d) Decide which proposals for plan amendments the Council will send out for public review.

D-3 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands FMP

- (a) Review U.S./Japan industry agreement and its effect on Council's December action.
- (b) Review agreement between U.S. and foreign industry on voluntary FDZ closure for 1985.
- (c) Decide which proposals for plan amendments the Council will send out for public review.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Report on Administrative and Programmatic funds.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

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Scientific and Statistical Committee
February 4-5, 1985
Centennial Building

Sitka, Alaska

1. Elect Officers (C-1)
2. Net Discard Regulations (C-2)
Review draft regulation.
3. MFCMA Reauthorization (C-3)
Develop Council goals for reauthorization of MFCMA.
4. Salmon (D-1)
Review treaty provisions and advise Council as necessary on salmon management for 1985.
5. GOA Groundfish (D-2)
 - a. Review request for longline only fishery for sablefish in GOA.
 - b. Decide which proposals for plan amendments the SSC will recommend be sent out for public review.
 - c. Review Jim Wilson's paper on Japanese markets for sablefish.
6. BSA Groundfish (D-3)
 - a. Review ABC for turbot.
 - b. Decide which proposals for plan amendments the SSC will recommend be sent out for public review.
7. Contracts (E)
 - a. Review topic for Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium.
 - b. Review Year-of-the-Oceans proposal.
 - c. Review NOS shortfall.
8. Halibut
Review staff report to Halibut Subcommittee on halibut management methods.
9. National Coastal Research Institute
Informational report by John Harville.

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Advisory Panel
February 4-6, 1985
Centennial Building

Sitka, Alaska

1. Executive Director's Report (B-1)
2. Net Discard Regulations (C-2)
Review draft regulation.
3. MFCMA Reauthorization (C-3)
Develop Council goals for reauthorization of MFCMA.
4. Salmon (D-1)
Review treaty provisions and advise Council as necessary on salmon management for 1985.
5. GOA Groundfish (D-2)
 - a. Review request for longline only fishery for sablefish in GOA.
 - b. Decide which proposals for plan amendments the AP will recommend be sent out for public review.
 - c. Comment on Council action in December on bycatch limit for JV trawlers and other bycatch problems.
6. BSA Groundfish (D-3)
 - a. Review agreement between U.S. and foreign industry on voluntary FDZ closure for 1985.
 - b. Decide which proposals for plan amendments the SSC will recommend be sent out for public review.
7. IPHC Recap (B-6)
Information only. No action required.
8. King Crab Public Hearing
Recommend dates for Board-Council spring hearing in Seattle.