

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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January 30, 2009

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**191st Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**February 4-10, 2009**  
**Renaissance Hotel, Seattle WA**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet Renaissance Hotel, 515, Madison Street, Seattle, WA. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Comprehensive Data Collection Committee  
Enforcement Committee  
Ecosystem Committee

Beginning

Feb 2, Mon – 8am – Northwest Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Feb 2, Mon -- 8am – East Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Feb 2, Mon – 5pm – 8pm -- Northwest Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Feb 3, Tue – 1pm – 3pm – Marion Room  
Feb 3, Tue – 4pm – 6pm – Marion Room

All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions of the Council. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

## **INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

**Submission of Written Comments.** Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office by 5:00 pm (Alaska Time) on **Tuesday, January 27, 2009**. Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax—please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of **25** copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel, appropriate staff, and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (**28**), Scientific and Statistical Committee (**18**), or the public after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

NOTE: Council may take action as necessary on all matters listed on the Agenda

**FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
ADVISORY PANEL**

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

**FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than three minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

**COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS**

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
<b>AI</b>	Aleutian Islands	<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>BS</b>	Bering Sea	<b>MRA</b>	Maximum Retainable Amount
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EFP</b>	Exempted Fishing Permit	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>FEP</b>	Fishery Ecosystem Plan	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SSL</b>	Steller Sea Lion
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>USFWS</b>	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota		
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		

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**Estimated Time**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- (a) Approval of Agenda
- (b) Approval of Minutes

**B. REPORTS**

(6 hrs)

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 NMFS Management Report/AFSC Report
- B-3 NMFS Enforcement Report
- B-4 ADF&G Report
- B-5 USCG Report
- B-6 USFWS Report
- B-7 IPHC Report
- B-8 Protected Species Report (update on schedule of SSL Draft Status Quo BiOp and EIS; BS and AI Pacific cod split).

**C. MAJOR ISSUES/FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

- C-1 AFA Coop Reports (2 hrs)  
Receive reports from BSAI pollock cooperatives.
- C-2 Arctic FMP (4 hrs)  
Final Action to adopt FMP for the Arctic region.
- C-3 Salmon Bycatch (4 hrs)  
Review ICA incentive proposals and Bycatch Committee Report.
- C-4 Amendment 80 (4 hrs)  
Initial Review of analysis for Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation.
- C-5 BSAI Fixed Gear (4 hrs)  
Initial Review of BSAI fixed gear parallel fisheries analysis.
- C-6 GOA Sideboards (4 hrs)
  - (a) Discussion paper on GOA Sideboards for AFA CVs.
  - (b) Initial Review of GOA P. cod sideboards for crab vessels.
- C-7 BSAI Crab Issues (6 hrs)
  - (a) Initial Review of BSAI Crab Regional Delivery Relief.
  - (b) Receive Committee report.
  - (c) Receive proposed workplan & timeline for crab analysis/discussion papers for changes to the program, and action as necessary.
  - (d) Receive progress report on Crab EDR surveys.
- C-8 MPA Nomination Process (2 hrs)  
~~Review NMFS letter and discuss next steps. (T)~~

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**D. OTHER ISSUES**

- D-1 Halibut/Sablefish Issues (2 hrs)  
(a) Review/Rescind previous action to remove inactive IFQ quota shares.  
(b) Review halibut catch sharing plan discussion papers (SSC only).  
    (i) Maximum size limit analysis.  
    (ii) ADF&G charter halibut harvest projection methodology.
- D-2 Miscellaneous Issues (8 hrs)  
(a) Receive Committee report on comprehensive data collection.  
(b) Review of Halibut PSC Discard Survival EFP.  
(c) ~~Review of Halibut Sorting EFP.~~ (T) [Delayed until April]  
(d) Review discussion paper on BS bottom trawl sweeps.  
(e) Review discussion paper on GOA Rockfish Program changes.  
(f) Review revised discussion paper on AI Pacific cod processing sideboards.
- D-3 Staff Tasking (4 hrs)  
(a) Review Committees and tasking.  
(b) Receive report on Alaska Native/Community outreach.
- D-4 Other Business

(T) = tentative

Total Hours: (50 hrs)

## FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 SSC/AP - Seattle	3 SSC/AP	4 SSC/AP Council	5 AP/Council	6 AP/Council	7 AP/Council
8 Council	9 Council	10 Council	11	12	13	14
15	16 President's Day	17 EDR Am80 Workshop - Sea	18 Interim CCC mtg - DC thru 20th	19 Scallop Plan Team - Anchorage thru 20th	20 Sea Grant Pre-proposal review - Anch	21
22	23 AK Sea Life Center Science Advisory Committee Mtg - Seward thru 25	24	25	26	27	28

## MARCH 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Sea Grant workshop - Crabs & Climate changes thru 13th	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 SSC/AP - Anch Hilton	31 SSC/AP				

# APRIL 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> SSC/AP/Council	<b>2</b> AP/Council	<b>3</b> AP/Council	<b>4</b> AP/Council
<b>5</b> Council	<b>6</b> Council	<b>7</b> Council	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> NPRB Science Panel – Seattle thru 16th	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

# MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> AMFC TSC mtg – Juneau thru 6th	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Crab Workshop/Crab Plan Team – Sea – thru 15th	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> NAAFE – New Port, Oregon thru 20th	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Annual CCC mtg – Boston, MASS thru 22 ACL workshop (T) - Sea	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> SSC/AP - Anch Hilton	<b>2</b> SSC/AP	<b>3</b> SSC/AP Council	<b>4</b> AP/Council	<b>5</b> AP/Council	<b>6</b> AP/Council
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