

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

54th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

May 25-26, 1983
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The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene on Wednesday, May 25, 1983, at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Old Federal Building, 605 W. Fourth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The main topics of discussion will include groundfish management and optimum yields (OY) in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area, further consideration of the Bering/Chukchi Sea Herring Plan, a review of king and Tanner crab management decisions made by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in early April, and initial consideration of proposed amendments to the Tanner Crab Plan. NMFS has requested that the Council consider an appeals procedure for hardship cases caused by the proposed halibut moratorium. Because of procedural problems, the Council will again review and make a recommendation on the permit application from the Japanese Longline and Gillnet Association to conduct a joint venture with U.S. longline fishermen for sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska in August, 1983. This is the same permit application considered by the Council at its March meeting. The Council will meet until about 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 1983, or until Council business is completed.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on Monday, May 23, 1983, at approximately 9:30 a.m., and will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, in the Old Federal Building. The Advisory Panel will convene its meeting on Tuesday, May 24, at approximately 9:30 a.m., and will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m., in the Kenai Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton. The meetings may be lengthened or shortened depending upon progress on the agenda items.

All meetings are open to the public.

A G E N D A

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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 Fisheries Management

Status report on moratorium. Review of staff synopsis of Northwest Resources Analysis final report. Set schedule for public presentations and review objectives for halibut limited entry.

C-2 Foreign Permit Applications

Review and make recommendation on permit application JA-83-0620, RYUSHO MARU NO. 18 for a joint venture in the Gulf of Alaska for sablefish. Council made a recommendation in March, but because the permit application had not appeared in the FEDERAL REGISTER at the time, that recommendation was not valid.

C-3 An Appeals Procedure for the Moratorium

NMFS has asked the Council to consider an appeals procedure for hardship cases.

C-4 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon FMP

Status report on proposed U.S./Canada salmon interception treaty.

D-2 Herring FMP

Final Council review of herring plan for submission to Washington, DC. Consider changing status of herring caught in foreign trawl fisheries from Allowable Incidental Catch to Prohibited Species.

D-3 King Crab FMP

Review king crab regulations adopted by Alaska Board of Fisheries.

D-4 Tanner Crab FMP

Review of Tanner crab regulations adopted by Alaska Board of Fisheries. Initial review of Amendment 9 which will framework fishing seasons, revise ABC/OY estimates and field order authority for in-season management, and add a new section on pre-season adjustments. Initial review of Amendment 10 which will respond to recent regulatory actions taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

D-5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

Review of preliminary report on Phase I tasking for the prohibited species working group. Discussion of condition of groundfish resources, particularly Alaska pollock, and management of the foreign and domestic fisheries.

D-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

Final Council action on Amendment 8, which will set salmon Prohibited Species Catches for 1984 and 1985, to go to Secretarial review. Discussion of groundfish resources and management.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

E-1 Status of Contracts

E-2 FY 1983-84 Budget Review

E-3 Review of Programmatic Funds

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE
May 23 - 24, 1983

The SSC will convene at 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 23, 1983, and will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, in the Old Federal Building, Anchorage, Alaska.

Monday: 9:45 am - noon

1. Herring FMP (D-2)

Final SSC review of plan for submission to Secretarial review.

Monday: 1:15 - 3:00 pm

2. King Crab FMP (D-3)

Review king crab regulations adopted by Alaska Board of Fisheries.

3. Tanner Crab FMP (D-4)

- (a) Review Tanner crab regulations adopted by Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- (b) Initial review of Amendment #9 to framework fishing seasons, revise ABC/OY estimates and field order authority for in-season management, and add a new section on pre-season adjustment.
- (c) Initial review of Amendment 10 which responds to recent regulatory actions taken by the Board of Fisheries.

Monday: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

4. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP (D-6)

Final SSC review of Amendment #8, which will set salmon PSCs for 1984 and 1985.

5. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (D-5)

Review Japanese request for increased pollock OYs in Gulf.

Monday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm (Tuesday if necessary)

SSC meet in subgroups as necessary.

Tuesday morning

SSC complete discussions of FMPs and following items:

6. SSC meeting schedule

A change in meeting days during the week of the Council meeting has been suggested.

7. Research Proposals for FY84 (E-3)

Review proposals and agency comments for programmatic research funding for FY84.

8. Incidental Salmon Catch Study (E-1)

A quarterly report for Contract 81-5 is available for review.

9. An Economic Profile of the Southeast Alaska Salmon Industry (E-1)

A draft final report should be available for Contract 82-3. We will probably need to extend the contract through July and get your final approval then.

10. Social and Cultural Aspects of the Pacific Halibut Fishery (E-1)

Review proposed amendments to Contract 83-1.

11. Halibut Limited Entry Study (C-1)

Review a staff synopsis of Stoke's final report and a proposed contract amendment.

AGENDA A
Supplemental

Addition to Minutes of March 1983 Council Meeting.

Under Item C-1, Halibut Moratorium, on page 8, insert the following immediately after the third paragraph, "Council members discussed the moratorium provisions . . .":

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether eligibility determination hearings and appeal procedures to consider hardship cases should be provided in the moratorium regulation. Patrick Travers described how someone could call the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office or the Council office to get a determination of their eligibility to fish during the moratorium. Mr. Travers also detailed the appeal process that currently exists in the civil penalty proceedings that would be utilized during the moratorium. Mr. Travers then explained that the eligibility criteria in the proposed rule was drafted in a manner that limited agency discretion in determining who could fish during the moratorium. After it was pointed out that this restriction on agency discretion was intended to remove the need for a full-fledged administrative hearing process similar to that used by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, the Council did not further discuss the need for a hardship appeal procedure.