

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

76th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

March 18-20, 1987
Anchorage Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska, and continue through Friday, March 20. Other meetings to be held at the Hilton the week of March 16, are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	10:00 a.m., Monday, March 16
Advisory Panel	10:00 a.m., Monday, March 16
Presentations on Limited Entry Systems in New Zealand and Australia	7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17
Bycatch Workgroup	8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19

The Council may meet in executive session at least once during the week to discuss personnel. All other meetings are open to the public.

MAIN ISSUES

Of the items requiring Council attention in March the following are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment:

Groundfish Issues

The Council will review and approve for public review proposed amendments to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP.

Amendment 11 to Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands FMP addresses the following issues:

- (1) Establish priority access for domestic processors around Dutch Harbor by closing the area within 100 miles to all but DAP fishing.
- (2) Raise the upper limit of the optimum yield range from 2 million to 2.4 million metric tons.
- (3) Prohibit pollock roe-stripping and discard in JVP operations.

- (4) Establish a sablefish size limit to increase maximum sustainable yield from the resource.
- (5) Establish reporting requirements to verify at-sea transfers of groundfish catch.
- (6) Clarify the term "prohibited species".
- (7) Revise the definition of acceptable biological catch.

Amendment 16 to the Gulf of Alaska FMP addresses these issues:

- (1) Establish a sablefish size limit to increase maximum sustainable yield from the resource.
- (2) Establish reporting requirements to help verify at-sea transfers of groundfish catch.
- (3) Clarify the term "prohibited species".
- (4) Revise the definition of acceptable biological catch.
- (5) Establish a framework procedure to set fishing seasons without plan amendment.
- (6) Expand the existing halibut prohibited species bycatch framework to include salmon and crab.
- (7) Reorganize and update the Gulf groundfish FMP.

OTHER ISSUES

The Council has been asked by Under Secretary of Commerce Calio to review estimates of the amount of pollock from the Central and Western Gulf of Alaska that will be needed by American processors during 1987. Estimated at 84,000 mt at the December Council meeting, there has since been concern expressed that the estimate was too high. The total quota is also 84,000 mt; reductions of the DAP estimate would make fish available for joint ventures. This subject will be discussed under Agenda item D-2(a).

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Those wishing to testify at Council meetings on a specific agenda item must fill out and deposit a registration card in the box on the registration table before public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional cards generally are not accepted after testimony has begun. A general comment period (Agenda Item F) is scheduled toward the end of each meeting for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- B. SPECIAL REPORTS
 - B-1 Executive Director's Report
 - (a) Report on Alaska Region & Northwest Center Budgets
 - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
 - B-3 NMFS Management Report
 - B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
 - B-5 Joint Venture Operations
 - B-6 Predator-Prey Interactions
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - C-1 Legislative Update
 - C-2 Halibut Management
Informational Report on IPHC annual meeting.
 - C-3 Non-profit Fishery Research Foundation
Status Report.
 - C-4 APPRISE
Overview of study on the Association of Primary Production and Recruitment in a Subarctic Ecosystem.
 - C-5 Limited Entry
Overview of limited entry systems in Australia and New Zealand.
 - C-6 Other Business
- D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS
 - D-1 King and Tanner Crab FMP
 - (a) Review any Board actions on regulatory proposals.
 - (b) Summary of Seattle hearing.
 - (c) Crab Management Committee report on progress in developing new FMP.
 - (d) Public comments on Secretarial Amendment to repeal Tanner Crab FMP.

D-2 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Review domestic processing needs for pollock in the Western/Central Gulf of Alaska.
- (b) Approve proposed Amendment 16 and associated decision documents for public review.

D-3 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

Approve proposed Amendment 11 and associated decision documents for public review.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT