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COMMITTEE CHANGES

Appointments since February:

- New AP member: Marissa Wilson (*appointed through end of year*)
- Vacancy filled on BSFEP Climate Change Taskforce

Potential solicitations:

- Reconstituted Community Engagement Committee
 - Revised Terms of Reference posted
 - In addition to existing members, Council to solicit for members representative of small communities off the road system
- Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee
 - Vacancy for pollock trawl CP representative



COMMITTEES / UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings anticipated between now and summer 2021:

- **Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee** – April 19, 2021
- **Ecosystem Committee** – April 20, 2021
- **Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team** – May 3, May 24-25, 2021
- **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – May 17-21, 2021
- **Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC)** – May 17, 2021
- **EM Trawl Committee** – May 21, 2021
- **Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Taskforce** – May 10 and 13, 2021



FYI: NMFS' PSTAT workshop April 27-28, for sablefish fishery stakeholders

- <https://www.pacificsablefishscience.org/>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS

- Reconstituted Community Engagement Committee
 - Revised Terms of Reference posted; in addition to existing members, Council to solicit for members representative of small communities off the road system
- Tools to improve outreach, communication, accessibility
 - Intro to Council process presentations, fliers, short agenda summaries; option to waive questions during testimony; working on website; remote testimony options under consideration
- Staff working on cultural awareness training – for staff and Council members initially, subsequently will look to expand
- Rural Fisheries Community and Tribal Liaison role responsibilities assigned to Council staff Dr. Kate Haapala
- NMFS working internally on tribal consultation process, will report back



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (1/2)

- Approve AP/SSC handbooks – revisions discussed with groups in Feb
- Policy on recording Council meetings
 - Keep audio of Council meeting as official record, keep YouTube online
 - No audio kept for SSC, AP, other committee meetings, once minutes prepared
 - Video of AP/SSC kept online for 1-2 weeks after meeting then deleted



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(2/2)

- Changes to policy on written public comments: intent is to foster a welcoming and respectful environment for all public dialogue
 - Post written comment policy on website and summarize on eAgenda
 - Clarify 1 comment per person per agenda; individual can submit comments on behalf of organization as well as on behalf of self (as with oral testimony)
 - Consistent with DoC policy: no vulgar language, personal attacks, offensive terms targeting protected classes, promoting service or products, non-fisheries-related (off topic), unsupported accusations: <https://www.commerce.gov/about/policies/comments>
 - Don't show comments publicly until after comment deadline closes
 - Allow staff to remove comments that are inconsistent with policy
 - Changes to commenting period
 - Open comments only once materials posted online
 - Close earlier (Weds or Thurs) to allow staff to review comments for adherence to policy
 - Allow staff to sort comments to appropriate agenda item as practicable (comments not associated with an agenda item go in staff tasking)



JUNE 2021 DRAFT AGENDA

- Planning virtual meetings through end September 2021
- June Council meeting:
 - SSC: June 1-4, Tu-Fr (*Memorial Day is Monday 5/31*)
 - AP meets Th-Fr June 3-4, and M-Tu June 7-8; Weds June 9th is buffer day
 - Council: June 9-11 W-Fr, June 14-15 M-Tu, Weds June 16th is buffer day
- Preliminary June 2021 agenda posted for your review
 - Standard June issues: Crab specs, Observer Annual Report, Trawl EM
 - BSAI Pcod Trawl CV LAPP
 - Discussion papers – BSAI cod small boat access, sablefish overages



NEW THREE-MEETING

DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK – 4/15/2021

| | June 1-16, 2021 | Council staff contact | October 4-12, 2021 (T) | Council staff contact | December 6-14, 2021 (T) | Council staff contact |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Topics | Online | | Hilton Hotel, Anchorage (T) | | Hilton Hotel, Anchorage (T) | |
| EVENTS/ REPORTS* | NOAA Enforcement report | DW | Election of officers | DW | NMFS report: Final ADP | DW |
| | AFSC report | DE | EFP applications (T) | | ADFG report: Subsistence halibut | DE |
| | Plan Teams handbook | SCIV | | | NOAA Enforcement report | DE |
| | | | | | US Navy report on Northern Edge 2021 (T) | JMC |
| | | | | | IPHC report (T) | DW |
| | | | | | Council Executive Session | DW |
| BSAI CRAB SPECS | BSAI Crab (PIBKC, AIGKC): ABC/OFL specifications | JA | BSAI Crab (4 stocks): ABC/OFL specifications | JA | | |
| | Crab Plan Team: Report | JA | Crab Plan Team: Report | JA | | |
| GFISH SPECS | | | BSAI/GOA Groundfish: Proposed specs, PT report | SML | BSAI Groundfish: PT report, Final Specifications | SML |
| | Risk table SSC report: Review, draft advice (SSC only) | SCIV | Risk tables: Provide advice for Nov | SCIV | GOA Groundfish: PT report, Final Specifications | SCIV |
| | | | | | Ecosystem Status Reports: Review | SCIV |
| REPORTING/ MONITORING | Observer Annual Report: Review, PC/FMAC reports | KH | Observer Annual Deployment Plan: Review, PCFMAC | KH | | |
| | Trawl EM analysis: Adopt alts, Trawl EM Cmte report | AH | | | Trawl EM analysis: Initial Review | AH |
| GOA GFISH MGMT | | | | | | |
| BSAI GFISH MGMT | BSAI Pacific cod Trawl CV LAPP: Initial Review | JMC | BSAI Pacific cod Trawl CV LAPP: Final Action (T) | JMC | | |
| | BSAI Pcod sm. boat (<60') access: Disc. Paper | KH | | | | |
| CRAB MGMT | | | Crab FMP housekeeping amndmt: Initial/Final Action | JA | | |
| BYCATCH | | | BSAI Halibut ABM: Final Action (T) | DS | | |
| HALIBUT: IFQ/CHARTER | | | | | 2022 Charter Halibut mgmt measures: Final Action | JA |
| | | | IFQ/CQE omnibus analysis: Initial Review (T) | SCIV | IFQ/CQE omnibus analysis: Final Action (T) | SCIV |
| | | | RQE fee collection program: Initial Review (T) | SM | Halibut Catch Sharing Plan: Allocation review (T) | SM |
| OTHER | | | ACLIM Phase 2 report: Review (T) | DE | | |
| | Research priorities - SSC final report: Review | JA | EFH habitat description models: Review (SSC only) | SML | | |
| | BS FEP Team: PT report, Ecosystem Cmte | DE | | | | |
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| | | | Trawl sablefish overages: <i>Discussion paper</i> | | EDR programs revisions: <i>Discussion paper</i> | |
| | | | Small sablefish release: <i>Initial Review</i> | | Economic Data Report amd: <i>Final Action</i> | |
| | | | EFH fishing effects model: <i>Review (SSC only; Feb 2022)</i> | | MRSAM model: <i>Review (SSC only; Feb 2022)</i> | |
| | | | EFH 5-year review: <i>Review and Action as nec (June 2022)</i> | | | |

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:

RETURNING TO IN PERSON MEETINGS

- Timing: tentatively, first in person meeting will be October Council meeting
 - Will take into account State/Muni/CDC guidelines; whether members will travel
- Seeking feedback from Council to help with planning; more detail in June
- Remote participation: members, testifiers, presenters?
 - Staff recommendations: members all in person (or all remote); if remote testimony, condensed opportunities; broadcast SSC/AP
- Is this just for immediate COVID transition, or consider for longer term?
- Expect in-person to look different than before
 - COVID protocols TBD – social distancing, masks, limited beverages/handouts
 - May consider keeping SSC or AP virtual, to keep meeting attendance smaller (if so, would alternate)



QUESTIONS?

Feedback always appreciated on how virtual meetings are working, ideas for improvement, etc.

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