

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
Twenty-Third Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Sheffield House
Fifth and G Streets
Anchorage, Alaska
February 22-23, 1979

The Council will meet Thursday and Friday, February 22nd and 23rd in the Windsor Room of the Sheffield House in Anchorage, Alaska. The Council meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days. The Advisory Panel will meet February 21st at the Windsor Room #1 of the Sheffield House in Anchorage beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet February 21st and 22nd in the Council Conference Room in the Post Office Mall Building starting at 9:00 a.m. on the 21st and 8:30 a.m. on the 22nd.

A public comment period is scheduled for February 22nd at 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Draft Agenda
2. January 25-26, 1979 Minutes
3. Executive Director's Report
4. ADF&G Report
5. NMFS Report
6. U.S. Coast Guard Report
7. SSC Report

Since the SSC meets both the 21st and the 22nd, their report may be in two parts with the last half coming on the 23rd, Friday.

8. AP Report

9. Advisory Panel Appointments

Two appointments remain to be made to the Advisory Panel from the list of 14 nominees sent to the Council group in early February.

10. March 2nd release of reserves in the Gulf of Alaska

The second 25% release of reserves of groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska is scheduled for March 2nd. NMFS will have figures on the reserve amount that could be released at this time with current catch figures by all nations in the Gulf. A Council recommendation will be expected on whether all or part of the release should be made as scheduled.

No sablefish reserves have been released this year. Since the Council voted to maintain the OY for this species at 13,000 mt a release of some of the reserve for that species might be considered in March.

11. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP Amendments

Three proposed amendments remain to be considered at this Council meeting:

- a. Japanese request to fish landward of 500 meters from 140° to 157° W longitude for Pacific cod.
- b. Increase the Atka mackerel OY by 2,000 mt with the increase to be allocated to the Southeastern and Yakutat regulatory areas.
- c. A request from the Japanese to allow foreign longlining on Davidson Bank.

12. Alaska Board of Fisheries actions that affect Council FMP's

The Board of Fisheries has asked the Council to establish a closure on all foreign trawling in the central Bering Sea from November through March to protect wintering herring. The proposed closed area is from 57° North to 59°30' North latitude between 171° West and 175° West longitude.

The Board also asked that the Council incorporate in their herring management plan a prohibition on all United States trawling, purse seining and gillnetting for herring on the high seas North of 56° North latitude. South of 56° North in the Bering Sea trawls, purse seines and gillnets could be used both offshore and inshore. In addition they have asked the Council to prohibit any directed harvest of Bering Sea herring by foreign fishermen.

13. Status of Halibut legislation and negotiations

Negotiations with Canada on halibut and other fishery matters on the West Coast are being held in Juneau February 14, 15 and 16.

14. Joint Venture Permit Applications

The Council has two permit applications from Soviet processor/catchers asking to receive fish from American trawlers (Marine Resources, Inc.). The joint venture permits requested by Korea are being processed and the conditions of the permits will be available for Council discussion. As currently proposed by NMFS the proposed restrictions are as follows:

- (a) Restrictions on receipt of fish - if the Assistant Administrator determines that any one of the amounts designated as "reserve" in Table 1 of Section 611.32 (b) (1) of the foreign fishing regulations has been received by foreign fishing vessels in the FCZ from vessels of the United States, no further fish of any species may be received in the FCZ from vessels of the United States.
- (b) Area restrictions - processing of U.S. caught fish and other operations in support of vessels of the U.S. may be conducted in the FCZ of the Gulf of Alaska (i.e., between 3 and 200 miles from the baseline used to measure the U.S. Territorial Sea). Processing of foreign caught fish and other operations in support of foreign vessels may not be conducted between 3 and 12 miles from the baseline used to measure the U.S. Territorial Sea except in the areas and during the time specified in Section 611.90 (c)(2) of the Foreign Fishing Regulations.

15. U.S. Catcher/processor Information

None of the experienced U.S. fishermen/processors are available to attend the February meeting. I have postponed this Agenda Item until March.

16. Report on Shrimp Workshop in Kodiak

17. Presentation on Crab Population Trends and Management Strategies and Modelling Strategies and their use in Decision Making.

Approximately 50 minutes of presentations by Lee Alverson.

18. Contracts

The Steering Committee for the Computerized Fishery Information System Contract with ADF&G is meeting in Seattle this week. Recommendations for revising the Contract will be before the Council at this meeting.

19. Council review of foreign fishing permit application procedures and the development of review criteria.

The New England Council has suggested that objective criteria need to be developed for the review of permit applications. Our experience in this area indicates that a review of both the permit review procedure and allocation procedure is desirable if Council activity in this area is to be meaningful.

20. Future Agenda Items

A brief Council discussion at the close of the meeting on possible agenda items and priorities for March and future meetings.

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AGENDA ITEMS - February 22-23, 1979

1. Draft Agenda
2. Minutes for January 25-26, 1979 meeting
3. Executive Director's Report
 - Financial Status
 - Contract Status
4. ADF&G Report
 - Cumulative Shellfish Catch Report 1978
 - Preliminary Domestic Groundfish Catches for January 1979, by ADF&G
5. NMFS Report
 - Initial Allocation plus Jan. 2, 1979, Reserve Release (MT)
 - Catch (Metric tons) Reported by Designated Officials
compiled 2/15/79
6. Coast Guard Report
 - Report to NPFMC Concerning Coast Guard FCMA Enforcement
 - Article "Charges Filed Against Ship" From KODIAK DAILY MIRROR 2/6/79
7. SSC Report
8. AP Report
 - Agenda
 - Report
9. Nominations to Advisory Panel
 - 2/6/79 memo to Council fm Branson, Sbj: Advisory Panel Nominees
 - 2/14/79 memo to Council fm Murray, Sbj: Advisory Panel Nominees

10. March 2nd Release of Reserves in Gulf of Alaska

2/19/79 memo to Council fm Branson, Sbj: March 2nd Release of Reserves in Gulf of Alaska
Appendix 2A, table: G. of AK Groundfish Fishery (NMFS)
Appendix 3a FR Notice, 1/23/79 Rules and Regulations.
Appendix 4b 12/5/78 ltr to Pereyra fm Branson, Sbj: Marine Resources Co. plans for 1979. WITH incoming ltr 11 /27/78 to Tillion fm Pereyra
Appendix 5a FR Notice, 10/6/78, Proposed Rules.
Appendix 8A 2/14/79 ltr to Rietze, fm Paul MacGregor, Sbj: March 2, 1979 Reapportionment of Pacific cod and Sablefish (blackcod) Researves under the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan.
Appendix 9A (same as 2A)
11/27/78, (same as 4b.
Table: Revised Gulf FMP Figures (Jan. 1979).
Statement before the NPFMC, ANCHORAGE, AK 1/26/79, Marine Resources Co.

11. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Amendments

2/19/79 memo to Council fm Branson, Sbj: Proposed Gulf of Alaska FMP Amendments.
1/14/79 ltr to Tillion fm Paul MacGregor, Sbj: Fishery Management Plan for Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - Davidson Bank
2/20/79 ltr to Tillion fm H. Nakamura, Sbj: Fishery Management Plan for Gulf of Alaska Groundfish - Pacific Cod Fishery inside 500 m between 157° W and 140° W.

2/19/79 PDT Recommendations Re Bering Sea/Aleutian Groundfish FMP by H.A.Larkins
2/17/79 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP - PDT Comments, H.A. Larkins
2/16/79 ltr to Scott Stafne, fm William K. Deshler, Pacific Pearl Seafoods. Sbj: PP will buy blackcod from American vessels in Dutch Harbor, etc.
1/10/79 ltr to Branson, fm S.Stafne, Sbj: Enclosed a Position Paper on comments supporting sanctuary area in BS/AI Grdfish FMP.

12. Alaska Board of Fisheries actions that affect Council FMP's.

2/20/79 memo to Council fm Branson, Sbj: Actions taken by the AK Bd Fisheries that Affect the Council.
1/23/79 ltr to Branson from Greg Cook, same subject as above.ltr.

13. Status of Halibut legislation and negotiations.

1/26/79 ltr to John Negroponete fm Branson, Sbj: NPFMC wants State Dept. to initiate discussions w/Canada but wants to see agreements before they are signed by both governments.

14. Joint Venture Permit Applications

2/20/79 memo to NPFMC fm James K. White, Sbj: Joint Ventures.
2/15/79 and 2/15/79 additions, memo to Branson fm Perry Allen
Other activities authorized and additional conditions and restrictions applicable to permits for vessels BOOK NEUNG and SOO GONG No. 51.

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14. Continued.

1/19/79 ltr to Mr. Chairman, fm James A. Storer, St. Dept., Sbj: transmits USSR Permit Applications KAZATIN UR-79-0116 and KAMYSHIN UR-79-0231.

2/7/79 ltr to Branson fm H.A. Larkins, Sbj: Answers questions on catch compositions in the Western Gulf of Alaska vis-a-vis Marine Resources JV proposal.

2/15/79 ltr to Tillion, fm Pereyra, sbj: Joint Venture Permit Applications.

15. MOVED TO MARCH 1979 MEETING.

16. Report on Shrimp Workshop in Kodiak.

Article fm 2/16/79 KODIAK MIRROR.

17. Presentation on crab population trends and management strategies and Modelling strategies and their use in decision making.
Oral presentation by Dr. Dayton L. Alverson, NW&AFC, Seattle.

Article: Illustrations for a discussion of abundance trends and management of eastern Bering Sea king and tanner crabs.

18. Contracts:

2/13/79 memo to Council, fm Branson, Sbj: Report from the Contract Monitoring Committee

19. Council review of foreign fishing permit application procedures and the development of review criteria.

2/22-23/79 to Council fm Branson: Discussion Paper.

1/26/79 ltr to Don Young, U.S. Congressman, AK, from Terry Leitzell
Sbj: "third party" entries into U.S. FCZ.

1/10/79 memo to Executive Directors fm Spencer Apollonio, Sbj: Councils' input into Review of Foreign Fishing Permit Applications.
Includes Statement Policy.

20. Future Agenda Items:

1/2/79 memo to Larkins fm Felix Favorite, NW&AFC, Seattle. Sbj: Possibility of lecture(s) to Pacific and/or North Pacific Fishery Councils by distinguished European fisheries scientists involved in fisheries management.

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