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April 5, 2002

DRAFT AGENDA
156th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
April 10-17, 2002
Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet April 10-17, 2002 in the Aleutian Room at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

IFQ Implementation/Cost Recovery Committee
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Advisory Panel
GOA Workgroup
AK Board of Fisheries/NPFMC Joint
Protocol Committee

Beginning

6:30pm, Sunday, Apr. 7 [Katmai Room]
8:00am, Monday, Apr. 8 [King Salmon Room]
8:00am, Monday, Apr. 8 [Dillingham/Katmai Rm]
5:00pm, Tuesday, Apr. 9 [King Salmon Room]
1:00pm, Wednesday, Apr. 17 [Aleutian Room]

All meetings will be held at the hotel unless otherwise noted. 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. Any written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting materials must be received at the Council office by 5:00 p.m. (Alaska Time) on Wednesday, April 3. 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 18 copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (23), Scientific and Statistical Committee (13), staff (10) or the public (50) after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

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 ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ABC	Acceptable Biological Catch	MSFCMA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
AP	Advisory Panel	MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
ADFG	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	MRB	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
BSAI	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
CDQ	Community Development Quota	mt	Metric tons
CRP	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
CVOA	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
EA/RIR	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	OY	Optimum Yield
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	POP	Pacific ocean perch
FMP	Fishery Management Plan	PSC	Prohibited Species Catch
GHL	Guideline Harvest Level	SAFE	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
GOA	Gulf of Alaska	SSC	Scientific and Statistical Committee
HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	TAC	Total Allowable Catch
IBQ	Individual Bycatch Quota	VBA	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
IFQ	Individual Fishing Quota	VIP	Vessel Incentive Program
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
IRFA	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
IRIU	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
ITAC	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
LAMP	Local Area Management Plan		
LLP	License Limitation Program		

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA
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Estimated Hours

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| A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER | |
| (a) Approval of Agenda | • |
| (b) Approval of Minutes of Dec. 2001 & Feb. 2002 Meetings | • |
| B. REPORTS | |
| B-1 Executive Director's Report | • |
| B-2 NMFS Management Report | • |
| B-3 Coast Guard Report (NMFS Enforcement report in June | • |
| B-4 ADF&G Management Report | • |
| B-5 Board of Fisheries Report on Recent Crab Measures | • |
| B-6 USFWS Report on Sea Otters | • |
| B-7 Marine Exchange of Alaska | • |
| | (3 hours for
A/B items) |
| C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS | |
| C-1 <u>Observer Program</u> | (3 hours) |
| Regulatory amendments and program extension: Final action | |
| C-2 <u>Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program</u> | (6 hours) |
| (a) Implementation of regulatory amendments: Final action. | |
| (b) Community QS purchase: Committee report and final action. | |
| C-3 <u>Halibut Subsistence</u> | (4 hours) |
| (a) Report on Proposed Rle for October 2000 action. | |
| (b) Halibut Subsistence Committee Report. | |
| (c) Subsistence trailing amendments: Final action. | |

- C-4 CDQ Policy Amendment Package (6 hours)
Identify Preferred Alternative (final action in June).
- C-5 Crab Management (14 hours)
 - (a) Crab Rationalization analyses: Initial review.
 - (b) Crab FMP EIS: Discuss process and suite of alternatives.
- C-6 Draft Programmatic Groundfish SEIS (4 hours)
 - (a) Clarify purpose and need statement.
 - (b) Review alternatives for revised analysis.
- C-7 American Fisheries Act (10 hours)
 - (a) Processor sideboards; IR/TU adjustments; bycatch reduction measures; HMAP: Initial review.
 - (b) Additional Pacific cod sideboard measures: Initial review.
 - (c) Single Geographic Location (SGL) change: Initial review (Includes clarification of I/O and CVOA regulations).
- C-8 Essential Fish Habitat (2 hours)
Review progress and EFH Committee report.
- C-9 GOA Rationalization (2 hours)
Review progress from GOA Workgroup.
- C-10 Steller Sea Lions (2 hours)
 - (a) Trailing amendment for two issues: Initial review.
 - (b) Extend 2002 Emergency Rule.
- C-11 Research Priorities (1 hour)
Discuss and identify research priorities.
- D-1 Staff Tasking (2 hours)
 - (a) Review and provide direction.
 - (b) Discuss annual proposal cycle/SOPPs.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 59 hours