

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

75th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

January 21-22, 1987
Hotel Captain Cook
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet January 21-22, 1987, at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Public Forum: Need & Creation of a Private, Non-Profit Fishery Foundation	10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 18
Scientific & Statistical Committee	10:00 a.m., Monday, January 19
Advisory Panel	10:00 a.m., Monday, January 19
Finance Committee	7:00 a.m., Thursday, January 22
Advisory Panel/Industry Bycatch Committee	At conclusion of Council meeting.

All meetings will be held at the hotel unless otherwise noted. 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 January, the following are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment.

Halibut Management for 1987 (C-2)

The Council will review proposals for changes in the halibut regulations for 1987 and develop recommendations for the International Pacific Halibut Commission's meeting of January 26-29. Among the proposals that have been submitted to the Council and/or Commission are exclusive registration areas around Atka and within Bristol Bay where it is also proposed that a portion of the now closed "nursery area" be opened. Vessel clearance requirements, vessel size limitations, and hold inspections have also been proposed for some areas.

DAP Priority Access (C-4)

Representatives of several shorebased processing plants have proposed closing areas near the plants to joint venture and directed foreign fishing. The Council established an industry workgroup to consider these proposals as well as other methods of helping shorebased processors. The workgroup will meet prior to the January Council meeting to develop recommendations which may become amendments to either or both groundfish plans for processing in the 1987 amendment cycle.

Groundfish Issues (D-1/2)

January is the beginning of the groundfish amendment cycle. The Council will screen proposals for amendments and give direction to the plan teams on further development.

Additional Groundfish Amendment Proposal (D-1/2)

The Interim Action Committee at a teleconference January 15 agreed to allow a proposal to prohibit roe stripping and subsequent discard of the carcass in pollock joint venture fisheries into the 1987 groundfish amendment cycle. This means it will be considered with other groundfish issues by the Council for further action this year. The proposal, as submitted, is Agenda item D-2(d).

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
(Reports normally given by NMFS, ADF&G, and the Coast Guard are not expected at this meeting because of the short time since their reports at the December Council meeting. New developments or items of special interest will be covered in the Executive Director's Report.)
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - C-1 SSC and AP Officers
Council approval of new officers.
 - C-2 Halibut Management for 1987
 - (a) Summary of IPHC staff proposals for 1987 fishery.
 - (b) Proposals for exclusive registration areas, vessel clearance and hold inspections.
 - (c) Recommendations to IPHC for 1987.
 - C-3 Fishery-funded Organization for Research and Monitoring
Report from January 18 meeting.
 - C-4 DAP Priority Access
 - (a) Report of Workgroup.
 - (b) Recommendations for further Council action.
 - C-5 Other Business
- D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS
 - D-1 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP
Initial screening of proposals for 1987 amendment cycle and direction to Team on further development.

D-2 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

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E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Selection of contractor for groundfish management study.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT