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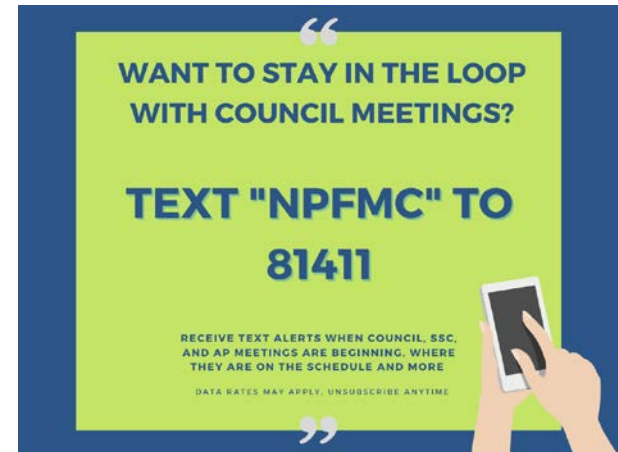
# ADVISORY PANEL ADMIN ISSUES

FEBRUARY 2022



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## HOW TO SIGN UP

- 5 minute timer for  
oral testimony



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**Staff Report**

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# AP MEETING PROTOCOLS – PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- 5 minutes per person
- The testifier may choose not to be asked questions (please indicate that when signing up).
- Testifiers may submit written materials when signing up; they will not be projected but are available for AP member review.
- AP members are allowed two questions per testifier (if taking questions). No “softball” questions from AP members.
- Testimony should be relevant to the agenda item at hand or be submitted under staff tasking.
- Start your testimony with who you are and your interest in the issue, what action you want the AP to recommend, and the reasons why.
- Follow the conventions of polite discourse. The Chair may pause or stop a testifier who makes personal attacks or unsupported personal accusations, or uses vulgar language or offensive terms targeting protected classes.



# AP MEETING PROTOCOLS

- Use “**raise hand**” feature on app to be acknowledged
  - Chat box is for tech problems only
- Chair encourages AP members to **hold questions for natural breaks** during presentation
  - Presenters will aim to pause at natural breaks
- **Webcams** encouraged for members
  - Videos will not be visible onscreen during staff powerpoints, but at all other times they are encouraged
- Testifiers will not be on webcam
- **Meeting is being broadcast to public and recorded.** SSC and AP recordings are posted on YouTube until the Council meeting ends, deleted shortly thereafter.
- AP will move through agenda at a natural pace
  - Issues may come up earlier or later than scheduled; signup for textmarks to get updates
- Meeting hours are 8am - ~4pm (AK); aiming for lunch 11.30-12.30pm (AK); breaks as appropriate
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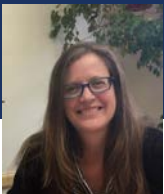
# AP HANDBOOK REVIEW

*Current version  
approved by the Council  
in 2019*

## AP Terms of Reference (p.3):

The Council relies on the AP for comprehensive advice on:

- how various fishery management alternatives will affect the industry and local economies,
- potential conflicts between user groups of a given fishery resource or area
- the extent to which the United States will utilize resources managed by the Council's fishery management plans.



# AP STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (PAGE 5)

- Act in a professional and courteous manner
- Collegial demeanor even during vigorous debate and highly contentious issues
- Be respectful to public and colleagues during testimony and AP discussion
  
- Prohibitions:
  - *Misuse of government resources, Council information, or affiliation with the Council*
  - *Political campaigning / outward show of political support during AP session*



## AP MEMBER DUTIES (PAGE 5-6)



Attend all meetings, stay until AP adjourns



Arrive at meeting prepared, read documents in advance



Stay engaged, participate in discussion, vote on all issues



Make motions when appropriate, in writing and with rationale



Review draft AP minutes in a timely fashion when requested



# TYPES OF AGENDA ITEMS AND ANALYSES

Section 5.5, pp.15-17

- Report
- Discussion paper
- Initial Review
- Final Action

**2021 Eastern Bering Sea Ecosystem Status Report: IN BRIEF**

**Current Conditions**

Along with much of the North Pacific, the eastern Bering Sea has returned to an extended **warm phase** since approximately V 2014. Satellite observations of sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in both the northern and southern Bering Sea have remained 30°C warmer than the average from 1980-2014. However, after the significant warming period of 2018 and 2019, conditions in 2020 and 2021 subsided to 1°C above average. The extended warm phase also impacted ice formation and melt. **Water temperatures** in **wildlife** also development and extent of sea ice.

Sea ice formation in July 2020 was delayed due to this season. This has become the only winter "July" ice-free throughout October 15, December 15, 2020, and across long-term periods. **Delayed freeze-up** could still have impacts on ice thickness, ice age, and melt with a significant temperature and seasonality shift.

Wild patterns in February 2021 highlight the **difference ecosystem dynamics** between the northern and southern Bering Sea. Over the northern shelf, cold northern seas and contributions to the productivity and biomass of sea life. Over the southern shelf, again, southerly winds provide formation in the north. These opposing conditions exist between the northern (shallow) and southern (deep).

The current warm phase is also present at depth. Below the northern Bering Sea were very warm (isothermal) in small areas of cold water (i.e., the "cold pool") to the east of St. Lawrence Island. The size of the **cold pool** in 2 the all-time on record. The southern shelf finds warm bottom waters.

**CATCH SHARING PLAN ALLOCATION REVIEW for the Area 2C and 3A commercial and charter halibut fisheries**

February 2022

For further information contact: Sarah M. Smith, Halibut (907) 271-1111

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Halibut Abundance-Based Management (ABM) of Amendment 80 Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) Limit September 2021**

This document analyzes a proposed management measure to link the Pacific halibut prohibited species catch (PSC) limit for the Amendment 80 commercial groundfish fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish fisheries to halibut abundance. The objective of linking the PSC limit is to minimize halibut PSC to the extent practicable under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), National Standard 1 and to continue achieving optimum yield in the BSAI groundfish fisheries on a continuing basis under MSA National Standard 1. This would also be expected to provide incentives for the Amendment 80 fish to minimize halibut mortality at all times. Achievement of these objectives could result in additional harvest opportunities in the commercial halibut fishery.

This document is a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). An EIS provides assessments of the environmental impacts of an action and its reasonable alternatives as well as the economic benefits and costs of the action alternative and their distribution. This DEIS addresses the statutory requirements of the MSA, the National Environmental Policy Act, and Presidential Executive Order 12866. A DEIS is a document produced by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Region to provide the analytical background for decision-making.

**Longline Pot Gear for Bering Sea Greenland Turbot Discussion Paper February 2021**

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**1 Introduction**

In April 2021, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff prepared a discussion paper considering the introduction of longline pot gear as legal gear for Greenland turbot (Greenland turbot) in the Bering Sea (BS) management area. The Council's action was responsive to the July 2019 Council recommendation that longline pot gear could be a viable mitigation measure to address killer whale depredation of Greenland turbot on the BSAI. The Council also requested that the Council consider the impact of longline pot gear on the BSAI fishery. The Council also requested that the Council consider the impact of longline pot gear on the BSAI fishery. The Council also requested that the Council consider the impact of longline pot gear on the BSAI fishery.



# TYPES OF AGENDA ITEMS AND ANALYSES

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## Report

Provides general information on a subject, e.g.:

- Program/ allocation/ management measure reviews
  - is a program operating as intended?
- Science or management reports
  - ESRs, AFSC, EFP reports
- Reports from Council advisory bodies
  - FEP team, Ecosystem Committee

## AP action?

No action is required.

Based on the report, does the AP want to recommend action? What?

- Respond to a question(s) posed in report
- Recommend the Council evaluate the issue further



# TYPES OF AGENDA ITEMS AND ANALYSES

*Section 5.5, pp.15-17*

## Discussion paper

First look at a problem using readily available information

- Not required, but helpful to groundtruth:
  - what is the issue,
  - who is affected,
  - what information is necessary to develop action alternatives to address the problem

## AP action?

Should the issue proceed further?

- If so, do you need more background information (another discussion paper)
- Or are you ready to recommend initiating an analysis with alternatives?



# TYPES OF AGENDA ITEMS AND ANALYSES

*Section 5.5, pp.15-17*

## Initial review

Analysis of alternative ways to solve an identified problem

- Detailed unbiased evaluation of:
  - the problem
  - alternative solutions
  - anticipated impacts of each alternative on fish species, the environment, directly and indirectly affected participants
  - requirements of applicable law
  - implementation, management, and enforcement concerns



## AP action?

Review the information in the document. Is it factual? Does it include all necessary considerations and perspectives? What information is missing?

- AP may also decide to recommend new or different alternatives – this may or may not require another initial review, if substantive
- AP may recommend a preferred or preliminary preferred alternative (PPA). Not required. When the Council signals a preference, it helps focus future public input on the current most likely course of action.

# TYPES OF COUNCIL ANALYSES

*Section 5.5, pp.15-17*

## Final Action

Analysis has been revised with public, SSC, AP, and Council input, and is now ready for a decision

## AP action?

Recommend what policy choice the Council should make (preferred alternative)

- Draw on information in the analysis to justify that recommendation
- Consider MSA and other reqs
- If AP members do not agree, what are the different perspectives on what are the pros/cons (rationale points)



## AP MEETING PROCEDURES AND MINUTES (PP 8-11)

- Parliamentary procedures based on Robert's Rules of Order, with flexibility determined by AP Chair
- For each agenda item:  
Staff report(s) – questions – public testimony – deliberations
- Minutes provide voting record of the meeting and rationale for actions
  - Vice Chairs may supplement the rationale as practicable
  - AP Chair has final approval/editing of the minutes
  - Minutes not distributed to public until approved by AP Chair
- SSC does not report to the AP, though staff may sometimes convey the essence of their recommendations



# THIS MEETING

- AP meeting is scheduled for Tues-Thurs
  - Final action: EDR amendments
  - Halibut Catch Share Plan allocation review
  - BSAI Crab specifications
  - Snow crab rebuilding update
  - Discussion paper: Greenland turbot in longline pots
  - Review of groundfish management policy objectives
  - Staff tasking
    - incl staff paper on Council process reflections and ideas for change
- AP report timing: Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>?



# COUNCIL STAFF NEWS

- New fishery analyst started in January
- Sarah Rheinsmith
  - MS Marine Biology from University of North Carolina, experience with field and laboratory fish research, teaching marine biology and envtl science, and scientific outreach
  - Council duties:
    - Plan Team coordinator for scallop and crab
    - Lead for EFH
    - Assist with snow crab rebuilding analysis





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL B REPORTS

- Presentations will be broadcast on Monday Feb 7th
- B1 ED report:
  - Council considering comments on America the Beautiful data atlas
  - Marine sanctuary proposals around the Pribilofs
  - US Senate bill to form an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force
  - Update on BREP project to test pot gear modifications to reduce crab bycatch in cod and halibut fisheries
- B2 AFSC report: State of Center, and survey planning for 2022
  - 5-year Strategic Science Plan
- B5 USCG report on IUU fishing and foreign activity



# MISCELLANEOUS

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