

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
158th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 2-8, 2002
Doubletree Hotel/SeaTac
Seattle, Washington

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet October 2-8, 2002 at the Doubletree Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Advisory Panel
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Binding Arbitration Committee
VMS Committee
GOA Rationalization Committee
SSL video

Beginning

8:00 am, Mon., September 30 (Evergreen 3-4)
8:00 am, Mon., September 30 (Evergreen 1-2)
5:30 pm, Mon., September 30 (Evergreen 1-2)
6:00 pm, Mon., September 30 (Evergreen 3-4)
6:00 pm, Tue., October 1 (Evergreen 3-4)
6:00 pm, Wed., October 2 (Northwest 3)

The Council, SSC and AP will meet at the Doubletree Hotel. 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. Because of special circumstances, for this meeting only, written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office **by 5:00 p.m. (Alaska Time) on Tuesday, September 24th.** However, materials will be accepted and copied for distribution outside of the notebooks until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25th. 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 **25** copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel, appropriate staff, and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (28), Scientific and Statistical Committee (18), or the public 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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September/October 2002 Council Meeting
Seattle, Washington

- A Election of officers/New members oath
- B-1 Executive Director's Report 6 hrs
B-2 NMFS Management Report
B-3 ADF&G Management Report
B-4 Coast Guard Report
B-5 Report from independent legal review team
B-6 Report from VMS Committee
- C-1 Crab Management 8 hrs
(a) Provide clarification on aspects of June 2002 motion and review letters recieved
(b) Receive Committee reports (3)
(c) Initial review of trailing amendments
(d) Receive update on Crab EIS progress and Congressional actions
(e) Crab Plan Team Report and PNCIAC report
- C-2 Steller Sea Lion management measures 4 hrs
(a) Receive update on litigation
(b) Final action on two trailing amendments
(c) Final action on Cape Sarichef closure
- C-3 DPSEIS 1 hr
Receive status report
- C-4 Improved Retention and Utilization 8 hrs
(a) Receive report from IR/IU Technical Committee
(b) Final action on amendment package for flatfish requirements
(c) Provide direction on trailing amendments
- C-5 Essential Fish Habitat 4 hrs
(a) Receive Committee report
(b) Identify final alternatives for analysis
- C-6 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Rationalization 2 hrs
(a) Review scoping paper and receive update on scoping meetings
(b) Receive Committee report and provide direction as necessary

- C-7 CDQ Program 2 hrs
Review and comment on the State's proposed CDQ allocations
- C-8 Observer Program 1 hr
Review Committee report and provide direction as necessary
- C-9 American Fisheries Act 3 hrs
(a) Initial review of Pacific cod sideboard amendment package
(b) Final action on single geographic location amendment
- C-10 Halibut Management 4 hrs
(a) Review implementation issues and data issues related to Charterboat
GHL and IFQ programs and proceed as appropriate
(b) Review discussion paper on implementation issues RE: April 2002 proposed
subsistence amendments (including community harvest permits)
(c) Request from Akutan for inclusion in GOA IFQ community
purchase program
- D-1 Groundfish Issues 8 hrs
(a) Report from F40 independent review team
(b) Final action on TAC setting process (Amendment 48/48)
(c) Review 'other species' breakout and associated issues
(d) Review 2002 draft SAFE report and recommend proposed and
interim groundfish specifications for BSAI
(e) Review 2002 draft SAFE report and recommend proposed and
interim groundfish specifications for GOA
(f) Set VIP rates for first half of 2003
- D-2 Other Business 3 hrs
(a) Approve SSC replacement for Dr. Al Tyler
(b) Approve appointment to GOA Groundfish Plan Team
(c) NPRB update: comment on Alaska Fisheries research and
development needs
(d) Amendment 67 - clarification of Council intent
- D-3 Staff Tasking 2 hrs
Review tasking and provide direction as appropriate (includes discussion
of fixed gear cod allocations, and review information and determine workplan
for differential gear impact analysis)