

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

80th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

January 20-21, 1988
Anchorage Sheraton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet January 20-21, 1988, at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Beginning

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| Scientific & Statistical Committee | 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 18 |
| Advisory Panel | 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 18 |
| Non-Profit Fishery Research Foundation | To be announced |
| Bycatch Committee | 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19 |

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

The following items are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment.

Groundfish Issues (D-1/2)

January is the beginning of the groundfish amendment cycle. The Council will screen proposals for amendments to the groundfish fishery management plans and give direction to the plan teams on further development. The Council will consider taking emergency action to delay the 1988 longline sablefish season in the Gulf of Alaska to coincide with the halibut fishery. They will also consider ways of limiting the bycatch of sablefish before the directed longline season opens. The Council will review the results of the scoping meeting on raising the 2 million mt optimum yield limit in the Bering Sea and Aleutians and determine how to process the proposed amendment.

Other Issues

C-4: The Council will review the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association petition to the Secretary of Commerce to establish procedures for enforcing the Magnuson Act in the international waters of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea.

C-6: The Council is examining two alternatives, share quotas and limiting the number of permits, for management of the longline sablefish fishery in the Gulf of Alaska. At this meeting a schedule will be adopted for developing these alternatives and holding workshops in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

C-7: The Council will consider placing conditions on foreign vessels to prevent joint ventures from targeting on roe-bearing rock sole before April 1.

C-8: The International Pacific Halibut Commission is proposing trip limits for the halibut fisheries off Alaska. The Council has been requested by NMFS to consider whether these are primarily allocative in nature and should be within the Council's purview.

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 and ADF&G 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.)
- B-2 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
- B-3 NWAFRC Marine Mammal Research Program
- B-4 S/K Crab Bycatch Experiment Video Presentation
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
- C-1 SSC and AP Officers
Council approval of new officers.
- C-2 Legislative Update
- C-3 Fishery-funded Organization for Research and Monitoring Status Report.
- C-4 Bering Sea Fishermen's Association Petition
Review petition to Secretary of Commerce.
- C-5 Domestic Observer Program
Status Report.
- C-6 Sablefish Management
Progress report and workshop schedule for 1988.
- C-7 Foreign Vessel Permit Conditions
Rock sole restrictions for joint ventures.
- C-8 Halibut Management
Advise IPHC on allocative nature of trip limits.

C-9 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Consider emergency action to delay sablefish season to coincide with halibut fishery for 1988.
- (b) Initial screening of proposals for 1988 amendment cycle and direction to Team on further development.
- (c) Limitations on bycatch of sablefish before the directed longline season opens.

D-2 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

- (a) Raising upper limit of OY range. Results of scoping meeting and schedule for processing amendment.
- (b) Initial screening of proposals for 1988 amendment cycle and direction to Team on further development.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT