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. Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office by 5:00 pm (Alaska Time) on TUESDAY December 3, 2013. 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, fax, email, or through the website npfmc.granicusideas.com. 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.

Submission of EMAIL Comments: The Council is accepting email comments at one email address: npfmc.comments@noaa.gov; or through the website npfmc.granicusideas.com

The Comments must identify the submitter by legal name, affiliation, and date, and must also identify the specific agenda item by number (C-1(a) for example), and must be submitted by the comment deadline. Comments received under these conditions, will be sorted, copied, and included in the Council notebooks. PDF attachments will be accepted, as long as the above criteria are met. Comment received after the deadline will not be copied and distributed, but will be treated the same as written late comments. Emails submitted for the comments must be to the above address, and not to specific Council staff or Council members. Additionally, email comments will only be accepted on items that are on the scheduled agenda. A return receipt will be issued automatically upon opening the electronic comment.
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. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. **Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

**Commonly used Acronyms**

AI - Aleutian Islands  
AFA - American Fisheries Act  
BBRKC - Bristol Bay Red King Crab  
BiOp - Biological Opinion  
BKC - Blue King Crab  
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands  
BSFRF - Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation  
BSIERP - Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program  
AK BOF - Alaska Board of Fisheries  
CDQ - Community Development Quota  
CIE - Center for Independent Experts  
CGOA - Central Gulf of Alaska  
CQE - Community Quota Entity  
EBFM – Ecosystem Based Fishery Management  
EBM – Ecosystem Based Management  
EDR - Economic Data Reporting  
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit  
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement  
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat  
FLL - Freezer longliners  
GOA - Gulf of Alaska  
GKC - Golden King Crab  
GHL - Guideline Harvest Level  
HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern  
IBA - Individual Bycatch Accounting  
IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota  
ICA - Inter-cooperative Agreements  
IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota  
IPQ - Individual Processor Quotas  
IP - Incentive Program Agreements  
MPA - Marine Protected Area  
NOI - Notice of Intent  
PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement  
PSC - Prohibited Species Catch  
RKC - Red King Crab  
ROFR - Right of First Refusal  
SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation  
SSL - Steller Sea Lion  
TAC - Total Allowable Catch  
VMS - Vessel Monitoring System