



# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## Agenda Topics

Council Meeting, October 3-11, 2022

In-person in Anchorage, Alaska, with remote participation opportunities

### A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Council Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting and Council members will approve the agenda. At this meeting we will also swear in new Council members and elect a chair and vice-chair.

### B. REPORTS – *David Witherell*

In this section of the meeting, each agency represented on the Council provides a written and/or verbal management report. After all the reports, the public has a chance to provide comment, and the Council will discuss action they need to take, either at this point or at the end of the meeting.

#### C1 BSAI Crab - *Sarah Rheinsmith*

A team of technical experts met in September to discuss the size and status of four crab stocks in the Bering Sea and to make recommendations on how much crab can be caught. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review the recommendations and the Council will set harvest limits based on their recommendations.

#### C2 BSAI Pacific Cod Small Boat Access – *Dr. Kate Haapala*

The Council will decide whether or not to recommend requiring smaller hook and line and pot vessels to fish for Pacific cod in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands off the jig sector's allocation.

#### C3 Trawl EM Analysis – *Anna Henry*

The Council will decide whether or not to allow electronic monitoring to be used in addition to shoreside observers on pollock catcher vessels and tender vessels that deliver pollock. This action is cost-effective, will improve data collection and monitoring of discards.

#### C4 Greenland Turbot in Longline Pots – *Sam Cunningham*

The Council will review a paper that considers the authorization of longline pot gear for fishing Greenland turbot in the Bering Sea. Greenland turbot is currently fished with trawl and hook-and-line gear; killer whales are known to take turbot catch from hook-and-line gear.

#### C5 BSAI/GOA Groundfish Proposed Specs, Plan Team Reports, spatial management discussion papers (GOA DSR, BSAI blackspotted/rougheye) – *Sara Cleaver/Dr. Diana Stram*

The Council will review information from teams of technical experts about the status of the ecosystem, available scientific information, and other issues relevant to the upcoming assessment of groundfish stocks. The Council will recommend proposed catch limits for the 20223 groundfish fisheries, however, final catch limits will not be chosen until December.

**D1 Stock Prioritization – Dr. Diana Stram**

The NMFS will review a plan that outlines how often fish stocks should be evaluated and assessed. The Alaska Fishery Science Center will update the Council on recommended improvements and changes to the plan and process.

**D2 BBRKC Expanded Discussion Paper– Sam Cunningham**

The Council will review a paper covering topics that might inform the Council or other Federal/State agencies as they consider strategies around the Bristol Bay Red King Crab (BBRKC) stock decline. Additionally, they will review public comments made in response to requests for information on voluntarily reducing BBRKC mortality.

**D3 Universal Data Collection Components Discussion Paper– Mike Fey**

The Council is reviewing a paper that identifies economic information, including data on crew, that could be collected to improve decision-making.

**D4 Amendment 80 Allocation Review workplan – Jon McCracken**

The Amendment 80 program split up several BSAI non-pollock trawl groundfish species among trawl fishery sectors, and allowed the formation of cooperatives among some trawl catcher/processors. The Council will review an outline for a document that will analyze if the program is still meeting its goals.

**D5 PCFMAC Report – Sara Cleaver**

The Council will review a report from a group of people familiar with observer-related issues met to review and make recommendations on an analysis that evaluates where money can be saved and how electronic monitoring fits in to the program. The analysis is scheduled to be released in 2023 and results incorporated into the Observer Annual Deployment Plan.

**D6 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Taskforce – Dr. Diana Stram**

The Council will review progress reports from advisory groups working on Bering Sea ecosystem issues and the effects of climate change on Bering Sea fisheries.

**D7 Ecosystem Committee Report – Diana Evans**

A group that advises the Council on how fishery actions impact the ecosystem will provide recommendations on habitat, climate change, and other issues.

**E. Staff Tasking – Diana Evans, David Witherell**

The Council will listen to public testimony about existing and new management measures that the public may be interested in and will provide feedback to staff and the Council Chair about how to prioritize staff work on existing and new projects.

The Council will also review its committee membership and identify agendas for any upcoming committee meetings.