



## Agenda Topics

June 8-10, online at: [npfmc.adobeconnect.com/june2020](https://npfmc.adobeconnect.com/june2020)

### **A CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Council Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting and Council members will approve the agenda.

### **B REPORTS**

In this section of the meeting, each agency represented on the Council provides a management report. Additionally, the Alaska Fisheries Science Center will provide an update on how fishery surveys have changed because of Covid-19. 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 Scallop SAFE Report – Jim Armstrong**

The Scallop Plan Team met in Kodiak in February to discuss the status and appropriate harvest level for weathervane scallops off Alaska. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and the Council will review the Plan Team's report and set appropriate harvest limits for the 2020/2021 scallop season.

#### **C2 BSAI Crab Specifications and Crab Plan Team Report – Jim Armstrong**

The Crab Plan Team met online from May 4-7, 2020 to discuss the size and status of three crab stocks in the Bering Sea to make recommendations on harvest limits. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review their recommendations and the Council will set appropriate harvest limits for those stocks for the 2020/2021 crab seasons.

#### **C3 St. Matthew Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan – Jim Armstrong**

The Council will choose its preferred approach for rebuilding the Saint Matthew Island blue king crab stock, which was declared overfished in October 2018. Because of poor ecosystem conditions, the rebuilding time frames are 14 to 24 years, and the Council will choose whether or not to allow for some harvest of the stock as it rebuilds.

#### **C4 Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Amendment – Jim Armstrong**

The Council may change its Salmon Fishery Management Plan to include the driftnet fishery that fishes for salmon in federal waters of Cook Inlet and will review an analytical document that will explain the impacts of different approaches for managing that fishery. The Cook Inlet Salmon Committee met to discuss the document, and will provide comments to the Council.

#### **D1 Observer update with respect to Covid-19 Response and FMAC Report – Kate Haapala**

Observer deployment and data collection in the full and partial coverage fleets has changed because of Covid-19. This agenda item will update the Council on these changes.

**D2 Sablefish Apportionment Workshop Report (SSC Only) – Diana Stram**

In February 2020, there was a meeting describing different methods for how sablefish catch quota should be divided amongst fishing regions in Alaska. The SSC will review the results and recommend which strategies will be used in future stock evaluations.

**D3 Species Distribution Models for EFH (SSC Only) – Steve MacLean**

The SSC will review and provide feedback on several different projects that model the distribution of fishery species which may be helpful to the Council in identifying the habitat that is considered essential to those species.

**D4 Marine Mammal Conservation Status (SSC Only) – Steve MacLean**

The SSC will receive an overview of the status of marine mammals that interact with Council-managed fisheries.

**E Staff Tasking**

The Council will consider the effect of cancelled and curtailed meetings on its existing workload, and will provide feedback to the Executive Director and the Council Chair about how to prioritize staff work and scheduling of future meetings.