
E STAFF TASKING

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE / PLAN TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- 3 Plan Team nominations – Chair will announce at end of meeting
- Interim vacancy on AP – Chair will announce how he plans to address
- Partial Coverage FMAC has vacancy for active observer
 - In past, we have typically appointed 2 persons to share an active observer seat, given the difficulty of coinciding the FMAC meeting schedule with observer deployments



COUNCIL COMMITTEE / PLAN TEAM MEETINGS

- No advisory groups currently scheduled for summer
- September 2020:
 - BSAI and GOA Groundfish Plan Teams
 - BSAI Crab Plan Team
 - Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee
- Postponed meetings that might be rescheduled (depends on prioritization)
 - EM Trawl Committee (likely with FMAC), Ecosystem Committee, IFQ Committee, Community Engagement Committee
 - BS FEP Taskforces will continue work over the summer/fall and may hold virtual meetings



ECONOMIC DATA REPORT (EDR) WORKSHOP

- Planning a series of facilitated stakeholder discussions to explore revisions to EDRs
- Iterative sessions to inform the Social Science Planning Team (SSPT)
- SSPT to draft purpose and need and alternatives for Council consideration
- Council will receive these recommendations, recap of process, meeting reports
- Objectives and logistics described in attachment on e-Agenda and will be current on website at: <https://www.npfmc.org/edr/>



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TASKING AND SCHEDULING

- Executive Director and Council Chair looking for input from Council on how to prioritize agenda items for remainder of year
 - April meeting canceled, June meeting curtailed, October was already busy
- Even with 'normal' meeting mode and fully scheduled (7 Council days) Oct/Dec meetings, we can't catch up on all 2020 items
- Several items in action memo to help consider options:
 - Annotated 3 meeting outlook shows items cancelled and items to be rescheduled
 - Memo lists which items must occur in Oct or Dec and potential timing of others
 - Also allocation review schedule and considerations for future meeting planning



TIME-SPECIFIC / MUST DO AGENDA ITEMS

- B reports, SSC report in full, Executive Session, staff tasking

= 13 hours agenda time

■ October 2020

- BSAI Crab Specifications
- BSAI and GOA Groundfish Proposed Specs
- Review of the 2021 Observer ADP
- Initial review: Cook Inlet Salmon FMP amendment

= 11 hours
agenda time



■ December 2020

- BSAI and GOA Groundfish Specifications
- Charter Halibut Management Measures for 2021
- Final action: Cook Inlet Salmon FMP amendment

= 18 hours
agenda time



FLEXIBLE AGENDA ITEMS (ORIGINAL 2020 SCHEDULED DATE / AGENDA TIME NEEDED)

Status report on each item on page 4 of E Staff Tasking Action Memo

■ Final action:

- Squid/sculpin product types (APR/ 2 hr)

■ Initial review:

- BSAI Pcod pot CP (APR / 3 hr)
- BSAI Pcod Trawl CV LAPP (JUN / 16 hr)
- BSAI halibut ABM - discussion paper (JUN) + analysis (OCT) (together 12 hr)
- SBRM amendments (JUN, OCT / 3 hr)
- Small sablefish release (OCT / 4 hr)
- BSAI crab PSC limit reductions (OCT/ 4 hr)



■ Program reviews:

- GOA sablefish pots (APR / 4 hr)
- GOA pcod allocation review (DEC / 3 hr)

■ Discussion papers:

- IFQ access opportunities (APR / 4 hr)
- RQE funding mechanisms (OCT / 2 hr)
- BSAI Pcod small boat access (DEC / 2 hr)

■ Reports: (1-2 hrs each)

- BS FEP team (APR), Climate change taskforce (APR), Plan Team policies (JUN), Trawl EM Committee (JUN), Community Engagement Committee (JUN), EDR workshops (OCT)



ALLOCATION REVIEW SCHEDULE

- Council asked in February about timing of GOA Pcod allocation review
 - Could delay this and Halibut CSP review until as late as 2022 without violating its 10-year review policy
 - BUT Council chose this schedule to eliminate overlap of reviews / staffing challenges
 - Also note that the recent revision to the rockfish program ‘restarted the clock’, so schedule change

Allocation	Last Review	Next Scheduled Review
American Fisheries Act	2017	2024
Aleutian Islands Pollock	2017	2024
BSAI Crab Rationalization	2016	2023
Amendment 80	2015	2022
Halibut / Sablefish IFQ	2016	2023
Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish	2017; reauthorized in 2019	2024 2026
GOA Pacific Cod Sector Allocation	Am 83 Implemented in 2012	2020
BSAI Pacific Cod Sector Allocation	2019	2029
Halibut Catch Sharing Plan	Implemented in 2014	2021



FUTURE MEETING PLANNING

- Not clear if we will return to ‘normal’ meeting mode in 2020
 - Some may continue to need remote access (members, presenters, or public testimony)
- 3 potential meeting modes:
 - In person, with remote presentation and testimony options, more meeting space as necessary
 - Hybrid: panel members in person (if possible) / broadcast on video
 - Virtual
- Executive Director and Chair will decide which mode based on health and safety factors and logistics, and if possible provide advance notice of approximately 4-6 weeks



FEEDBACK ON PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS?

- How do we decide which agenda items are more/less difficult to address virtually vs in person – characteristics?
- Virtual meetings
 - Tradeoffs exist between a full agenda, staggering the meetings (SSC, AP, Council), and keeping with the existing dates. How important are each of these?
 - What is reasonable re length of meeting day, number of meeting days, meeting on weekends?
 - If travel efficiency is not driving our long meetings, is it worth considering changes to the meeting schedule? Add 1-2 day, issue-specific meetings?



PUBLIC COMMENT

- All comments available through e-Agenda
 - Jig IFQ fishery – supplemental regulatory information provided by NMFS on e-agenda
 - Request for emergency action to increase the BSAI herring PSC allowance from 1% to 2% of the EBS herring biomass, thus not triggering Herring Savings Area closures
 - Dr. Diana Stram can provide additional data with respect to this request – powerpoint posted
 - Emergency rule criteria:
 - An emergency must exist (results from recent, unforeseen events or recently discovered circumstances; presents serious conservation or management problems in the fishery; and immediate benefits of emergency regulation outweigh value of advance notice, public comment, and deliberative consideration of normal rulemaking process)
 - Action demonstrably complies with MSA and the National Standards



QUESTIONS?

Council staff are also available for questions

- *Jim Armstrong*
- *Sara Cleaver*
- *Sam Cunningham*
- *Diana Evans*
- *Kate Haapala*
- *Anna Henry*
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