



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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E Staff Tasking

February 2020 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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- Action Required:
1. Review Committees / Meetings
 2. Provide direction on tasking and scheduling

BACKGROUND

Committees / Meetings

Attached is the updated Council committee list reflecting Council changes in December 2019.

Council Committee and Plan Team meetings that are currently anticipated between February and June 2020 include:

Between February and April meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scallop Plan Team, February 19, Kodiak, AK • Cook Inlet Salmon Committee, February 25-26, Anchorage, AK • Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Action Module Taskforce, Feb 26-28, Seattle, WA • Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team, March 3-5, Seattle, WA
During April meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFQ Committee, March 30, Anchorage, AK • Cook Inlet Salmon Committee (T), March 30 or 31, Anchorage, AK • Enforcement Committee (T), March 31, Anchorage, AK
Between April and June meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Action Module Taskforce, April (date TBD), teleconference • Community Engagement Committee, April 20 (T), Dillingham, AK • Social Science Planning Team, May (date TBD), location TBD • BSAI Crab Plan Team, May 4-8, Juneau, AK • Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee, May 18-19, Seattle, WA • Trawl Electronic Monitoring Committee, May 20, Seattle, WA

The Council member Chairpersons for upcoming committee meetings may wish to share their preliminary agendas during this agenda item.

NMFS' Sablefish Apportionment Workshop – February 11, 2020

AFSC staff will be hosting the fishing industry and the public for presentations and open discussions about ongoing spatial modeling of the sablefish stock and potential impacts on apportionment during harvest specifications. The intent for this meeting is to solicit any stakeholder concerns or input that may be useful for developing the analysis of apportionment alternatives. Following the workshop, AFSC staff hope to develop the analysis and present apportionment alternatives for review at the Council's Groundfish Plan Team meetings in September. The workshop will be held at Juneau's Auke Bay Lab, tentatively scheduled for the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, Feb 11. It will be open to the public and will be broadcast for remote participation. If you are interested in attending in person or remotely, or have questions, please contact Kari Fenske, 907-789-6653 or kari.fenske@noaa.gov.

Ecosystem Committee report

The **Ecosystem Committee** meets on January 28, 2020, and while the Committee's comments on the BS FEP Taskforce reports is to be addressed under that agenda item, there are other items in their report that the Council may wish to hear during staff tasking.

Tasking and Scheduling

Attached are various tasking documents. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

- Three-meeting outlook
- Council staff responsibilities
- Groundfish workplan update
- Status of IFQ projects

While the Council generally reviews the status of Observer Program projects as well during this agenda item, this review is deferred until February 2020 for staff to reevaluate priorities based on the Council's direction in October 2019 to prioritize partial coverage efficiency work.

April Council meeting – BSAI Trawl CV Pacific cod LAPP

Currently, the BSAI Pacific cod trawl CV LAPP analysis is scheduled for preliminary review during the April meeting. As discussed at a previous meeting, the April preliminary review draft will not include an analysis of impacts from the alternatives, or the environmental assessment, and will focus on a writeup of as many of the key elements of the analysis as possible. To set appropriate expectations, the following sections of the RIR/EA document are likely to be completed in time for an April preliminary review:

- Purpose and Need (Section 2.2)
- History of the Action (Section 2.3)
- Description of the Alternatives, Elements, and Options (Section 2.4)
- Partial work on Description of the Fisheries (Section 2.6)
- Element 1 – Cooperative Style Systems (Section 2.8.1.1)
- Element 2 – Allocation to LLP Licenses (Section 2.8.1.2)
- Element 3 – Prohibited Species Catch Limits (Section 2.8.1.3)
- Partial work on Element 6 – Aleutian Islands Processor Provisions (Section 2.8.1.6), and
- Partial work on Element 8 – Ownership and Use Caps (Section 2.8.1.8).

For clarity, these are the elements that will not be completed for the April review, but will be evaluated in the initial review draft currently scheduled for October 2019:

- Element 4 – Gulf of Alaska Sideboards (Section 2.8.1.4)
- Element 5 – Processor and Community Provisions (Section 2.8.1.5)
- Element 7 – Transferability (Section 2.8.1.7)
- Element 9 – Cooperative Provisions (Section 2.8.1.9)
- Element 10 – Share Duration (Section 2.8.1.10)
- Element 11 – Monitoring (Section 2.8.1.11)
- Element 12 – Reporting and Program Review (Section 2.8.1.12)
- Element 13 – Cost Recovery (Section 2.8.1.13)
- Element 14 – Gear Conversion (Section 2.8.1.14)

Public comment

The public comment letters submitted for your review and consideration are linked to the agenda.