

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA
142nd Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
February 9-14*, 2000
Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet jointly with the Alaska Board of Fisheries on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and begin their normal plenary session on Wednesday, February 9, at 8:00 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

Committee/Panel

Ecosystems Committee

Advisory Panel

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Steller Sea Lion Research Presentation (NMFS)

Crab Co-op Status Meeting

Beginning

12:30 pm, Sun. Feb. 6 (King Salmon Room)

8:00 am, Mon., Feb. 7 (Dillingham-Katmai Room)

8:00 am, Mon., Feb. 7 (King Salmon Room)

7:00 pm, Tues., Feb. 8 (Aleutian Room)

7:00 pm, Wed., Feb. 9 (Aleutian Room)

All meetings will be held at the hotel and are open to the public except Council executive sessions. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

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. Any written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting materials must be received at the Council office by 5:00 p.m. (AK DST) on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. 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 or fax--please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **Material received after the deadline will not be included in notebooks for this meeting. 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 18 copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (23), Scientific and Statistical Committee (13), staff (10) or the public (50) after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

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. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

| | | | |
|------------------|---|---------------|--|
| ABC | Acceptable Biological Catch | MSFCMA | Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act |
| AP | Advisory Panel | MMPA | Marine Mammal Protection Act |
| ADF&G | Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game | MRB | Maximum Retainable Bycatch |
| BSAI | Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands | MSY | Maximum Sustainable Yield |
| CDQ | Community Development Quota | mt | Metric tons |
| CRP | Comprehensive Rationalization Program | NMFS | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| CVOA | Catcher Vessel Operational Area | NOAA | National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm. |
| EA/RIR | Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review | NPFMC | North Pacific Fishery Management Council |
| EEZ | Exclusive Economic Zone | OY | Optimum Yield |
| EFH | Essential Fish Habitat | POP | Pacific ocean perch |
| FMP | Fishery Management Plan | PSC | Prohibited Species Catch |
| GHL | Guideline Harvest Level | SAFE | Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document |
| GOA | Gulf of Alaska | SSC | Scientific and Statistical Committee |
| HAPC | Habitat Areas of Particular Concern | TAC | Total Allowable Catch |
| IBQ | Individual Bycatch Quota | VBA | Vessel Bycatch Accounting |
| IFQ | Individual Fishing Quota | VIP | Vessel Incentive Program |
| IPHC | International Pacific Halibut Commission | | |
| IRFA | Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis | | |
| IRIU | Improved Retention/Improved Utilization | | |
| ITAC | Initial Total Allowable Catch | | |
| LAMP | Local Area Management Plan | | |
| LLP | License Limitation Program | | |

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| | <u>Estimated Hours</u> |
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| A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER | |
| (a) Approval of Agenda | • |
| (b) Approval of October Meeting Minutes | • |
| B. REPORTS | |
| B-1 Executive Director's Report | • |
| B-2 Reports | • |
| (a) NMFS Management | (2 hours for |
| (b) IPHC Annual Meeting Report | A/B items) |
| C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS | |
| C-1 <u>Halibut Charter GHL</u> | (20 hours) |
| (a) Final action on GHL and management measures. | |
| (b) Application of IFQs to charter fishery: discuss. | |
| C-2 <u>Steller Sea Lions</u> | (2 hours) |
| (a) Status of implementation of RPAs. | |
| (b) Regulatory amendment for Chiniak closures required for research on pollock fishery effects off Kodiak. | |
| C-3 <u>American Fisheries Act</u> | (8 hours) |
| (a) Comment on proposed rule for 2000 and initiate regulatory action as appropriate. | |
| (b) Analysis of Groundfish Processor Sideboards/Pollock Excessive Share: Initial review. | |

- C-4 License Limitation Program (4 hours)
Pacific cod species/area endorsements: Initial review.
- C-5 Groundfish SEIS (1 hour)
Status report.
- C-6 Council/Board of Fisheries Issues (2 hours)
 - (a) Summary of joint meeting.
 - (b) Comment on BOF proposals (including State waters P. cod closure).
 - (c) Further direction on stand-down measures and Crab FMP revisions.
- C-7 Research Priorities (1 hour)
Review and approve.
- D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS (3 hours)
- D-1 Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
Initial review of analysis.
- D-2 Staff Tasking (5 hours)
Review groundfish & IFQ proposals/direction to staff.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 48

TIME SUMMARY

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total agenda hours | 48.0 hours |
| Lunches - 6. days (1 hr ea) | 6.0 hours |
| Breaks (3/day, 15 min ea x 6 days) | <u>4.5 hours</u> |
| Total estimated hours required: | 58.5 hours |

Meeting as follows:

Wed. - Mon - 8am-5:30pm = 9.5 hours x 6 = 57.0 (Total number of hours available)