

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## DRAFT AGENDA

72nd Plenary Session  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

June 25-27, 1986  
Kodiak Community College  
Kodiak, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, at the Kodiak Community College in Kodiak, Alaska, and continue through mid-day on Friday, June 27. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Beginning</u>
Scientific & Statistical Committee	9:00 a.m., Monday, June 23
Advisory Panel	9:00 a.m., Monday, June 23
GOA Goals Workgroup	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24
Finance Committee	7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24
	Sheffield Hotel

Other meetings may be held on short notice. Though the Council will meet in executive session at least once during the week to review ongoing litigation and foreign affairs, all other meetings are open to the public. All will be held at the Kodiak Community College unless otherwise noted.

## MAIN ISSUES

Of the items requiring Council attention in June the following are expected to involve the most discussion and public comment:

### Magnuson Act Amendments

The industry Americanization Committee will report its recommendations on ways to fully develop the U.S. groundfish fisheries. Based on these recommendations and other considerations, the Council may propose changes to the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

### Joint Venture Policy Revisions

The Council will receive recommendations from its Permit Review Committee on joint venture policy for 1987. The Committee will recommend that joint ventures fish target species from a pool and that bycatch guidelines be established by company for fully utilized and prohibited species. If the Council accepts these recommendations, the 1987 fishery will be conducted the same as it was this year.

### Salmon FMP

The Council will review its future role in managing Alaska salmon fisheries. The five options published for public comment were:

1. Withdraw the FMP (and federal management).
2. Make minor revisions to the FMP but not substantive changes.
3. Delegate management authority to the State (this still requires an FMP).
4. Make major changes to make the FMP current and provide greater federal management flexibility.
5. Close the Fishery Conservation Zone (FCZ) to all salmon fishing.

The comment period on these alternatives ended June 10.

### Tanner Crab & King Crab FMPs

We have been told by NMFS that they will follow through on the Council's recommendation to suspend the Tanner crab regulations. We also expect a letter from Governor Sheffield declining the delegation of federal management authority for king crab through the Council's framework FMP. The Council will have to decide the kind and timing of action on both crab FMPs.

### Groundfish Issues

Draft revisions to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP are scheduled to be approved for public review. The Council may include some or all of the revisions originally proposed as Amendment 15. These revisions change major sections of the plan and framework management measures that set harvest levels, field order authority, and level and handling of bycatch. The Council will also consider adding the recommendations of an industry workgroup on Kodiak trawl/king crab problems to the amendment. Final decisions on the amendment will be made in September.

The Council expected to approve Amendment 10 to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands groundfish plan for Secretarial Review. The amendment expands field order authority, places controls on bycatch, and provides priority access for DAP fisheries. However, it is probable that a more specific, modified version of the amendment will have to be developed by the Council because NMFS has said the frameworked measures now proposed are too general to pass legal review. The Council will also review the history of trawl restrictions in the Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary and the emergency restrictions and observer requirements for U.S. domestic trawlers in the Eastern Bering Sea.

### INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Those wishing to testify at Council meetings on a specific agenda item must fill out and deposit a registration card in the box on the registration table before public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional cards generally are not accepted after testimony has begun. A general comment period (Agenda Item F) is scheduled toward the end of each meeting for comment on matters not on the current agenda.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- B. SPECIAL REPORTS
  - B-1 Executive Director's Report
  - B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G
  - B-3 NMFS Management Report
    - (a) Foreign Fishing
    - (b) Domestic Groundfish Report
    - (c) NMFS Regulatory Actions
    - (d) Joint Venture Bycatch Monitoring
    - (e) Funding of Groundfish Data Programs
  - B-4 Joint Venture Update
  - B-5 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
  - B-6 IPHC Report on Halibut Fishery
- C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS
  - C-1 Legislative Update
    - (a) Status Report
    - (b) Report by Americanization Committee
    - (c) Council recommendations for Magnuson Act amendments or other action.
  - C-2 Domestic Observer Program  
Status of State and Federal Programs
  - C-3 Permit Review Activities
    - (a) Joint Venture Policy revisions
    - (b) Terms of Reference for Permit Review Committee
    - (c) DAP Estimation
    - (d) D.C. Foreign Allocation Computer Model
  - C-4 Funding of Commercial Research Charters  
Discussion of issues involved with using harvest proceeds to support commercial research charters.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon FMP

- (a) Review NMFS discussion paper on future plan alternatives and public comments.
- (b) Final decision on how to proceed with FMP revision.

D-2 Tanner Crab

- (a) Status report on suspension of federal regulations.
- (b) Further direction to plan team and NMFS.

D-3 King Crab

- (a) State declines delegation through framework plan - Council review.
- (b) Council direction for future action.

D-4 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- (a) Review and approve Amendment 15 package (FMP revision) for public review.
- (b) Review recommendations of industry workgroup on Kodiak trawl closures to protect king crab and incorporate as appropriate in Amendment 15.

D-5 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

- (a) Final approval of Amendment 10 and implementing regulations.
- (b) Review the history of trawl restrictions in the Bristol Bay Pot Sanctuary.
- (c) Status of Emergency Rule for Eastern Bering Sea.
- (d) Recommendations to NMFS on sablefish closure.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) Council budget projections and approval of FY87 budget.
- (b) RFP for Survey on Groundfish Management Alternatives.
- (c) Review NMFS budget projections and priorities.
- (d) Staff response to audit suggestions.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

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June	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27
AM					
9:00	<u>SSC</u> D-5(a) BSAI Am. 10	9:00 <u>AP</u> D-5(a) BSAI Am. 10	9:00 <u>Council</u> B-1 ED Report B-2 ADF&G Report B-3 NMFS Report B-4 JV Update B-5 Coast Guard Report B-6 IPHC Report C-1 Legislative Update C-2 Domestic Observers C-4 Research Charters D-5 BSAI Groundfish	9:00 <u>Council</u> D-4 continued	9:00 <u>Council</u> D-5 BSAI Grfsh D-4 Gulf Grfsh
	<u>AP</u> D-4 Gulf Groundfish	<u>SSC</u> D-4 Gulf Groundfish			
		12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	
PM			Council Executive Session		
		1:00 GOA Goals Workgroup			
1:30	<u>SSC</u> D-5(a) continued D-5(d) Sablefish closure	1:30 <u>SSC</u> D-4 continued E(b) Groundfish RFP	1:30 <u>Council</u> D-5 continued D-4 Gulf Groundfish	1:30 <u>Council</u> D-1 Salmon FMP D-2 Tanner Crab FMP D-3 King Crab FMP C-3 Permit Review E Financial Report	
1:30	<u>AP</u> D-4 continued	1:30 <u>AP</u> D-5(a)(d) BSAI Groundfish C-1 Legislative Update C-2 Domestic Observers C-4 Research Charters D-1 Salmon FMP D-2 Tanner Crab FMP D-3 King Crab FMP	7:30 Reception hosted by ADA/JFA/Kodiak Chamber Kodiak Senior Citizens Center		
		7:00 Finance Committee Sheffield Hotel			

ALL MEETINGS AT KODIAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members, SSC and AP Chairmen

FROM: Helen Allen *HA*  
Executive Secretary

DATE: June 19, 1986

SUBJECT: Invitation

Oscar and Peggy Dyson have invited Council members to a reception at their home on Thursday evening, June 24, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Oscar can provide you with directions.