



Agenda Topics

January 27 – February 2, 2020, Renaissance Marriott, Seattle, WA

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. 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 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures for Area 3A –*Steve MacLean*

C2 Norton Sound Red King Crab –*Jim Armstrong*

A team of technical experts (the Crab Plan Team) is meeting in Kodiak in January to discuss the status and appropriate harvest level for Norton Sound red king crab as well as to review scientific information on Alaska crab stocks. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and the Council will review the report and recommendations of the Plan Team and will set harvest limits based on that information.

C3 Central GOA Rockfish Reauthorization –*Jon McCracken*

Action is required to continue the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program which allocates certain rockfish to specific vessels and processor groups. Changing allocation of Pacific cod and rockfish and changing limits that apply to crab vessels may also be considered.

C4 Economic Data Report regulatory changes –*Sam Cunningham*

The Council will examine the benefits and costs of changing or removing administrative reporting requirements for Economic Data Reporting (EDR) programs for certain fisheries. The intent of any change would be to improve the usability, efficiency, and consistency of data collection programs while minimizing cost to industry and the Federal government.

C5 Sculpin/Squid Product Types –*Steve MacLean*

The Council will review an analysis to determine whether squids and sculpins should be allowed to be processed and sold when they are caught as bycatch in other fisheries.

D1 Partial Coverage Cost Efficiencies –*Kate Haapala*

The Council raised the observer fee to 1.65 percent and is now reviewing options for cost efficiencies in the Partial Coverage Observer Program.

D2 Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology in FMPs –*Sara Cleaver*

All Fishery Management Plans must establish a standard way to report the amount and type of bycatch that happens in a fishery. The Council will determine whether the way reporting is done now is consistent with national guidance, or if FMP changes are necessary before the February 2022 deadline.

D3 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Action Modules – Diana Stram, Kate Haapala

The Council will receive an update from the Climate Change and the Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforces established under the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan. Both Taskforces are new and identifying priorities.

D4 BSAI Halibut ABM – Diana Stram

D5 Crab e-logbooks Cost Analysis – Sarah Marrinan

The Council will be considering whether regulations should be developed so that BSAI Crab Rationalization Program fisheries could voluntarily shift from paper to electronic logbooks (eLogbooks). The report shows cost estimates for designing the program and its functions based on stakeholder input.

D6 Social Science Planning Team – Sam Cunningham

D7 Economic SAFE report – Jon McCracken

The SSC will review the Economic Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation status report for groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska.

D8 Multi Regional Social Accounting Matrix tool – Anna Henry

NMFS economists will present a model that calculates economic impacts resulting from a change in the amount of fish caught by species or by vessel type. The impacts can be calculated for various economic sectors including commercial fishing, household income, and employment for three regions in the US: Alaska, West Coast and the rest of the US. The SSC would like to review this model if it is to be used in future Council analyses.

D9 Marine Mammal Conservation Status – Steve MacLean

The Council will receive an introduction to a project to use bioenergetics and spatial data to quantify how northern fur seals interact with prey, fisheries, and climate.

E Staff Tasking

The Council will listen to public testimony about existing and new management measures that the public may be interested in and will provide feedback to staff and the Council Chair about how to prioritize staff work on existing and new projects.

The Council will also review its committee membership and identify agendas for any upcoming committee meetings.