WHAT DOES THE COUNCIL DO?

The Council, working with experts, stakeholders, staff and the public, is required to balance conservation, economic, and social concerns with the intent of managing sustainable fisheries for the greatest benefit to the nation.

THE COUNCIL SETS AND CHANGES FEDERAL LAW

MAGNUSON-STEVEN'S FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

{the MSA}

is the primary law governing fishery management in federal waters and allows the Council to:

- set harvest quotas
- set prohibited species catch limits
- set gear/season/area restrictions
- design ecosystem and habitat protections
- develop community protections
- construct monitoring programs
- create limited entry access privileges

5 meetings a year

3 in Anchorage
1 in an AK fishing community
1 in Seattle or Portland

meetings last approximately 8 DAYS

WHAT REGIONS AND FISHERIES ARE MANAGED BY THE COUNCIL?

INDUSTRY:
Trawl, longline, jig, pot and dredge fishermen; catcher vessels and catcher-processors

STOCKS:
Groundfish (pollock, cod, flatfish, rockfish etc.), Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab, scallops, salmon, and halibut (allocations only)

The Council manages federal waters 3-200 miles.