



# NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

NPFMC Council/AP October 2023 - 266th

October 2-10, 2023

**Council**, October 5-10, 2023; Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska; 8am-5pm

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**Advisory Panel**, October 3-7, 2023; Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska; 8am-5pm

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*Related meetings:*

**Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)**, October 2-4, 2023; [AGENDA](#)

## A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**A1 New members; election of officers**

**Attachments:**

[Oath of Office](#)

[Guidelines for Discussion](#)

**A2 Approval of Agenda**

**Attachments:** [Schedule \(LINK\)](#)  
[Pre-Meeting Review Documents \(LINK\)](#)  
[October Newsletter \(link\)](#)  
[YouTube Recordings \(link\)](#)  
[October 2023 Time Log](#)  
[Council Summary October 2023](#)

**B. REPORTS****B1 Executive Director's Report (including IRA funding proposal) (oral)**

**Attachments:** [B1 ED report October 2023](#)  
[B1 IRA Funding Staff Paper](#)  
[B1 MREP 2024 Announcement](#)  
[B1 Public Input Flyer Research Priorities](#)  
[B1 NPFMC comments on ANPR](#)  
[B1 Oceana Flyer - GOA Habitat Workshop](#)  
[PPT B1 NMFS IRA Overview](#)  
[PPT B1 NPFMC IRA paper](#)

**B2 NMFS Management Report (including Salmon FMP Secretarial amendment (T), NEPA changes) (oral)**

**Attachments:** [B2 NMFS Report OCT 2023](#)  
[B2 NEPA Changes](#)  
[B2 SF Organization Chart](#)  
[B2 Status of Amendment Oct 2023](#)  
[B2 NMFS request to AFSC re Halibut](#)  
[B2 AFSC Response to NMFS re Halibut](#)  
[B2 NMFS to IPHC re FISS Index](#)  
[B2 Aquaculture opportunities](#)  
[B2 Inseason Report October](#)  
[B2 Notice of Intent to prepare EIS 4](#)  
[B2 Guided Angler Fish Report](#)

**B3 NOAA General Counsel Report**

**Attachments:** [B3 Litigation Update - AVCP v. NMFS](#)  
[B3 Designated Official Memorandum](#)  
[B3 Recusal Determinations](#)  
[B3 Litigation Update - AVCP v. NMFS](#)  
[B3 Litigation Update WFC v. Quan](#)

**B4 AFSC Report (oral)**

**Attachments:** [PPT B4 AFSC Report](#)

**B5 ADF&G Report**

**Attachments:** [B5 Chinook index 2023 letter to NMFS](#)  
[B5 ADFG Report](#)

**B6 USCG Report (oral)**

**Attachments:** [B6 USCG Report](#)  
[PPT B6 USCG Russia HYDROPAC](#)

**B7 USFWS Report**

**Attachments:** [B7 USFWS Report](#)

**B8 North Pacific Fisheries Commission Report (oral)**

Attachments: [PPT B8 North Pacific Fisheries Commission](#)

**B9 North Pacific Research Board Report (oral)**

Attachments: [PPT B9 NPRB](#)

**B10 Public Comment on B1 through B9 agenda items****B11 SSC Report**

Attachments: [C1 BSAI Crab DRAFT Report](#)  
[PPT C1 SSC Report BSAI Crab](#)  
[DRAFT SSC Report](#)  
[PPT Balance of SSC Report](#)  
[SSC Report](#)

**B12 AP Report**

Attachments: [PPT AP admin issues Oct 2023](#)  
[C5 AP Report](#)  
[D1 AP Report](#)  
[D2 AP Report](#)  
[PPT D3 AP Motion - IFQ Workplan](#)  
[D3 AP Report](#)  
[E AP Motion - Staff Tasking](#)  
[AP Report Combined](#)

**C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS****C1 C1 BSAI Crab specifications – review SAFE report; adopt ABC/OFLs for BBRKC, Tanner crab, snow crab, PIBKC; BSAI Crab Plan Team report; (SSC only) Ecosystem Status Report preview**

Attachments: [C1 Action Memo](#)  
[Crab Plan Team September eAgenda \(link\)](#)  
[C1 CPT Report September 2023](#)  
[C1 BSAI Crab SAFE 2023 Intro](#)  
[C1 BBRKC SAFE](#)  
[C1 BBRKC SAFE Appendix A](#)  
[C1 BBRKC SAFE Appendix B](#)  
[C1 Tanner Crab SAFE](#)  
[C1 EBS Snow Crab SAFE](#)  
[C1 PIBKC SAFE](#)  
[PPT AP C1 BSAI crab](#)  
[C1 AP Report](#)  
[PPT C1 BSAI Crab](#)  
[C1 Motion - Crab Specs](#)  
[C1 Motion - Risk Table Crab](#)

**C2 C2 Observer 2024 Annual Deployment Plan – Review; PCFMAC report**

Attachments: [C2 Action Memo](#)  
[PCFMAC September eAgenda \(link\)](#)  
[C2 Draft 2024 Annual Deployment Plan](#)  
[C2 PCFMAC Sept 2023 Report](#)  
[PPT AP C2 PCFMAC Report](#)  
[Observer Analytical Tasklist \(LINK\)](#)  
[C2 AP Report](#)

- [PPT C2 DRAFT ADP](#)  
[PPT C2 PCFMAC Report](#)  
[C2 Motion Observer ADP](#)
- C3 C3 BSAI/GOA Groundfish – Proposed specifications, Plan Team reports, discussion paper on GOA DSR/other rockfish**

**Attachments:**

- [C3 Action Memo](#)  
[C3 Chinook index 2023 letter to NMFS](#)  
[September Groundfish eAgenda \(link\)](#)  
[C3 Joint Groundfish Plan Teams Report](#)  
[C3 BSAI Groundfish Plan Team Report](#)  
[C3 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report](#)  
[C3 GOA 2024 Plan Team Proposed ABC-OFLs Table 1](#)  
[C3 GOA Groundfish 2024 Proposed Tables](#)  
[C3 BSAI Groundfish 2024 Proposed Tables](#)  
[C3 BSAI 2024 PT Proposed ABC-OFLs Table 1](#)  
[C3 GOA DSR Other Rockfish Spatial Management](#)  
[PPT C3 AP Joint GPT Report](#)  
[PPT C3 BSAI GPT Report](#)  
[PPT C3 AP GOA PT Report](#)  
[C3 Revised Groundfish Stock Assessment Definitions \(LINK\)](#)  
[PPT C3 Joint GPT Report](#)  
[PPT C3 BSAI GPT Report](#)  
[PPT C3 GOA GPT Report](#)  
[C3 AP Report](#)  
[C3 BSAI Specs Council Motion](#)  
[C3 GOA Specs Council Motion](#)  
[C3 Halibut DMR Council Motion](#)
- C4 C4 Chum salmon bycatch – Preliminary review**
- Attachments:**
- [C4 Action Memo](#)  
[C4 Chum Salmon Bycatch Analysis](#)  
[C4 Addendum 2023 B Season Chum Bycatch](#)  
[C4 Addendum revised Table 3-19](#)  
[C4 Addendum Tables 3-8 through 3-11 sorted by run size](#)  
[C4 Chum EIS Scoping Report](#)  
[C4 KRITFC Coop Agency Request](#)  
[C4 Response ltr - KRITFC Coop Agemcu Request](#)  
[C4 Request ADFG as Cooperating Agency](#)  
[C4 Cooperating Agency 1501.8 regs](#)  
[PPT AP C4 BS Chum Bycatch](#)  
[PPT C4 BS Chum Bycatch](#)  
[PPT C4 EIS - Scoping Report](#)  
[C4 AP Report](#)  
[C4 Addendum Chum PSC Limit Apportionment Options](#)  
[C4 Council Motion Chum Salmon Bycatch](#)

[C4 Press Release \(LINK\)](#)

**C5 C5 Crab facility use caps – Initial Review**

**Attachments:**

[C5 Action Memo](#)

[C5 Crab Facility Use Caps Analysis](#)

[PPT AP C5 Crab Facility Use Caps](#)

[C5 AP Report](#)

[PPT C5 Crab Processing Use Cap](#)

[C5 Council Motion Crab Facility Use Cap](#)

**C6 POSTPONED: Area 4 Vessel Use Caps – Initial Review**

**D. OTHER ISSUES**

**D1 D1 Bering Sea Local Knowledge/ Traditional Knowledge/ Subsistence information Protocol and Onramps – Final action to approve protocol and/or onramps**

**Attachments:**

[D1 Action Memo](#)

[D1 LKTKS Protocol](#)

[D1 Onramps for LKTKS Recommendations](#)

[D1 June 2023 LKTKS Report](#)

[D1 LKTKS Taskforce Final Report](#)

[Call for LKTKS Protocol and Onramp Recommendations \(link\)](#)

[PPT AP D1 LKTKS](#)

[PPT D1 LKTKS Protocol and Onramp Recommendations](#)

[D1 AP Report](#)

[D1 Council Motion LKTKS](#)

**D2 D2 BSAI Crab Program Review – Review workplan**

**Attachments:**

[D2 Action Memo](#)

[D2 BSAI Crab Program Workplan](#)

[D2 AP Report](#)

[PPT D2 Crab Review Workplan](#)

[D2 Council Motion CR Program Review Workplan](#)

**D3 D3 IFQ Program Review – Review workplan**

**Attachments:**

[D3 Action Memo](#)

[IFQ Committee September eAgenda \(link\)](#)

[D3 IFQ Committee Report](#)

[D3 IFQ Program Workplan](#)

[PPT AP D3 IFQ Workplan](#)

[D3 AP Report](#)

[D3 Council Motion IFQ Program Review Workplan](#)

**E. STAFF TASKING / COMMITTEES**

**E1 E Committees, New Business, and Tasking - Review (including Ecosystem Committee, Enforcement workshop reports)**

**Attachments:**

[E action memo - Oct 2023](#)

[E 3 Meeting Outlook - PRE-MEETING](#)

[E Council Staff Responsibilities](#)

[E Prelim Draft December 2023 Council schedule](#)

[E Prelim Draft February 2024 Council schedule](#)

[E Groundfish Workplan 2023](#)

[Trawl Performance Workshop eAgenda \(link\)](#)

[Trawl Performance Standard Workshop Summary](#)

[Ecosystem Committee September eAgenda \(link\)](#)

[E Ecosystem Committee Report Sep2023](#)

[PPT E Staff tasking - AP Oct 2023](#)

[E Proposed conceptual approach for NPFMC IRA funding](#)

[E AP Report](#)

[E 3 Meeting Outlook - DURING MEETING version](#)

[PPT E Ecosystem Committee Report](#)

[E Council Motion MRA](#)

[E Council Motion Scales in Sablefish A Share](#)

[E Council Motion IRA funding and PEIS DRAFT](#)