NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NPFMC Council/AP February 2026 - 278th
February 1-11, 2026

Council, February 5-11, 2026; Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska; 8 am-5 pm

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81451130091

Meeting ID: 814 5113 0091

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Advisory Panel, February 2-7, 2026; Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska; 8 am-5 pm

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Please submit written comment for the Council and Advisory Panel by clicking on the 'Comment Now' links next to the relevant agenda item, below. **The comment period will open on December 12, 2025, and the deadline for written comments is Friday, January 30, 2026 at 12pm AKT.** Submitted comments will be reviewed then visible online after the deadline closes, as per the Council's comment policy.

Oral testimony:

The Advisory Panel (AP) and Council will accept in-person and remote oral testimony during the meetings. Once each meeting begins, you may click the applicable "Sign-up" link next to the agenda item to indicate whether you will testify remotely or in person.

C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch Oral Testimony Sign-up Periods

Advisory Panel (AP) Meeting

- Sign-up opens: **Sunday, 2/1 at 9:00 AM**
- Sign-up closes: **Tuesday, 2/3 at 9:00 AM**

Council Meeting

- Sign-up opens: **Wednesday, 2/4 at 9:00 AM**
- Sign-up closes: **Once the Council receives the AP report presentation (anticipated on 2/6)**

The AP and the Council meeting will be broadcast on Zoom. If you intend to give oral testimony remotely, you must be connected to the meeting, either through Zoom on your device or using a call-in phone number above. **All information provided through the eAgenda or during testimony is part of the public record.** We are recording the meeting and the recordings are available on the Council's YouTube channel.

Click on the schedule attachment for our best estimate of agenda item timing. If you'd like to receive real-time **text alerts** during the meeting on Council timing, text the word "NPFMC" to the number 1-833-237-1598.

Due to time constraints, the Council did not take up E Staff Tasking at the February 2026 Meeting.

Related meetings:
Scientific and Statistical Committee *(SSC), February 2-4, 2026 -* *AGENDA*

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A1 Approve Agenda and Administrative Issues

Attachments:
Schedule (LINK)
Pre-Meeting Review Document Schedule (LINK)
NPFMC Code of Conduct
PPT AP Admin Issues
Council Summary February 2026
Newsletter (LINK)
Youtube (link)

B. REPORTS

B1 Executive Director's Report (oral)

Attachments:
B1 ED report
B1 EO 14276 Public Comments received by NMFS - excel file (LINK)
B1 October NPFMC Response EO 14276 (LINK)
B1 Background Info on Unguided Rental Boat Discussion
B1 IFQ Report to the Fleet
B1 Flyer CDQ Gathering Weds Feb 4th
PPT B1 Risk Value Matrix
PPT B1 IFQ Report to the Fleet
PPT B1 Bycatch Report
PPT B1 BBSRI - Chum Salmon Inseason Genetics

B2 NMFS Management Report (oral)

Attachments:
B2 NMFS Report
B2 Final 2026 ADP
B2 BSAI 2025 Year-end Inseason Report
B2 GOA 2025 Year-end Inseason Report
B2 MRA Emergency Exemptions
B2 Status of Amendments
B2 Tribal Engagement Report
PPT B2 Annual Inseason Report

B3 NOAA General Counsel Report

Attachments:
B3 Designated Officials Memo
B3 Recusal Determination Memo
B3 Litigation Report Oceana v NMFS EFH
B3 Litigation Report UCIDA v NMFS

B4 AFSC Report (oral)

B5 ADF&G Report

Attachments:
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B6 USCG Report

Attachments:
B6 Coast Guard Arctic District Report

B7 USFWS Report (oral)

Attachments:
B7 USFWS Report
B7 USFWS Chum Salmon Bycatch DEIS Comments
B7 Additional USFWS Alternates

B8 IPHC Report

Attachments:
B8 IPHC AM102 Report
B8 IPHC Letter to NPFMC

B9 NPRB Report (oral)

Attachments: B9 NPRB Report

PPT B9 NPRB Presentation

B10 SSC Report on D2 Fall 2026 Groundfish Stock Assessment Cycle

Attachments: DRAFT SSC Report D2

PPT SSC Report D2

B11 Public Comment on B1 through B10 Agenda Items

B12 SSC Report (balance)

Attachments: DRAFT SSC Report Feb 2026

PPT SSC Report

SSC Report Feb 2026_FINAL

B13 AP Report

Attachments: AP Report

C2 AP Report

C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS

C1 GOA Pacific Cod Harvest Specifications - review assessment, recommend OFL/ABC/TAC (SSC and Council only)

Attachments: C1 Action Memo

C1 GOA Pcod Assessment

C1 GOA 2025 Ecosystem Status Report

C1 ESP GOA Pcod Appendix 2.1, also linked in document (LINK)

C1 GOA Pcod ESP Report Card 2026

January 2026 Joint Groundfish Plan Team (LINK)

C1 and D4 Joint and GOA GFPT Report

PPT C1 GOA Pacific cod assessment presentation

PPT C1 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report presentation

Draft SSC Report C1

PPT C1 SSC Presentation

C1 MOTION

C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch – Final action

Attachments: C2 Action Memo

C2 Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch Analysis

C2 Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch Additional Information

C2 Description of Alternatives

C2 DEIS Comment Summary Report

Regulations.gov Public Comments on the Chum Salmon document - Open Through 01.05.2026 (LINK)

C2 Chum Salmon Outreach Report

PPT C2 AP Presentation

PPT C2 NMFS DEIS comments and Tribal Consultation

PPT C2 Council Presentation

C2 AP Report

C2 Motion

C3 Cook Inlet Salmon – Review Assessments and Analysis, Recommend OFL/ABC/TAC (SSC and Council only)

Attachments: C3 Cook Inlet Salmon Action Memo

C3 2026 Prelim Cook Inlet EEZ SAFE Report

C3 Cook Inlet Salmon Analysis

PPT C3 SAFE Council Presentation

C3 MOTION

D. OTHER ISSUES

D1 AFSC report on Survey and Assessment Prioritization (from December 2025) (SSC only)

Attachments: D1 AFSC Report Action Memo

D2 Planning for Fall 2026 Groundfish Stock Assessment Cycle (SSC only)

Attachments: D2 Action Memo

D2 Groundfish Stock Assessment Priorities

D3 EFH 5-year Review Workplan (from December 2025) (SSC only)

Attachments: D3 EFH Action Memo

D4 Progress on Developing Alternative Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) (SSC only)

Attachments: D4 Action Memo

D4 Harvest Control Rule Overview

January 2026 Groundfish HCR Development Workshop (LINK)

January 2026 Crab Plan Team (LINK)

January 2026 Joint Groundfish Plan Team (LINK)

D4 BSAI CPT Report

C1 and D4 Joint and GOA GFPT Report

E. STAFF TASKING / COMMITTEES (Not Taken Up Due to Time Constraints)

E1 Committees, New Business, and Tasking - Review

Attachments: E Action Memo

E 3 Meeting Outlook PRE MEETING

E Groundfish Workplan

E Council Staff Responsibilities

E NPFMC Committees

E Draft June Agenda