



# NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

NPFMC December 2015 - 226th

December 7-15, 2015

## AGENDA - 226th Plenary Session

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet **December 7-15, 2015**, at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Meetings to be held during the week are:

**Scientific and Statistical Committee:** December 7-9 - Dillingham/Katmai Room

**Advisory Panel:** December 8-12 - King Salmon/Iliamna Room

**Council:** December 9-15 - Denali Room

**RQE Committee:** December 7, 1-4 pm - Hilton (Aspen Room)

**Charter Implementation Committee:** December 8, 1-4 pm - Hilton (Aspen Room)

**Enforcement Committee:** December 8, 1-4 pm - Hilton (Spruce Room)

**IFQ Committee:** December 8, 4-7:30 pm - Hilton (Spruce Room)

**Observer Outreach Program:** December 9, 5:30pm - Hilton (Denali Room)

**Quintillion Presentation:** December 10, 5:00pm - Hilton (Dillingham/Katmai Room)

**IPHC Stock Status:** December 10, 6:00pm - Hilton (Dillingham/Katmai Room)

All meetings are open to the public, except for executive sessions. Information on submitting comments in writing or in person can be found in the PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION attached under item A1. The deadline for written comments is 5:00 pm (AST) on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. They should be emailed to [npfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.comments@noaa.gov). The Council meeting will be broadcast at <https://npfmc.adobeconnect.com/december2015>. Motions will be posted following the meeting.

### A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

#### A1 Agenda and Meeting Information

**Attachments:** [Council Guidelines for Discussion](#)  
[SCHEDULE](#)  
[PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION](#)  
[TRAVEL EXP Per Diem Anchorage](#)  
[Enforcement Cmte Agenda 1215](#)  
[Meeting Audio](#)  
[Newsletter](#)  
[Time Log Dec15 Final](#)

#### A2 In Meeting Minutes (committee minutes and reports drafted during this meeting)

**Attachments:** [SSC Report Dec2015\\_DRAFT BSAI and GOA Specification Table](#)  
[SSC Report Dec2015\\_DRAFT](#)  
[D6 Enforcement Committee Minutes December 2015](#)  
[IFQ Committee Minutes - Dec 8 2015](#)  
[AP Minutes 1215 Final](#)  
[SSC Report 1215 Final](#)  
[Council Minutes 1215 Final](#)

### B. REPORTS

#### B1 B Reports (Combined)

**Attachments:** [B1 Executive Director's Report](#)  
[B1 Quintillion Project](#)  
[B1 USFW Martin Designation](#)  
[B1 Public Testimony](#)  
[B2 Action Memo](#)

[B2 NMFS Report](#)  
[B2 Policy Emergency Rules](#)  
[B2 ICE Crab Rationalization-Petition for Emergency Action](#)  
[B2 NPCA letter support](#)  
[B2 Observer ADP](#)  
[B2 Bairdi Emergency Petition](#)  
[B2 2015 Council Report \(BSAI FINAL\) \(2\)](#)  
[B2 2015 Council Report \(GOA FINAL\)](#)  
[B3 Action Memo](#)  
[B3 ADFG Report](#)  
[B3 ADFG Presentation](#)  
[B3 NMFS Comments on Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposals](#)  
[B3 Subsistence Halibut Harvests 2014](#)  
[B4 Action Memo](#)  
[B4 NOAA Enforcement Report](#)  
[B5 Action Memo](#)  
[B5 USCG Enforcement Report](#)  
[B5 USCG Presentation](#)  
[B6 Action Memo](#)  
[B6 USFWS Report](#)  
[B7 Action Memo](#)  
[B8 11-19-15 Response Ltr\\_ESA Steller Albatross](#)

## C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS

### C1 C1 AM 80 Coop Reports on 2016 Halibut PSC Management Plans

**Attachments:** [C1 Action Memo](#)  
[C1 Amendment 80 Halibut PSC Management](#)  
[HANDOUT C1 ACE final mortality performance 12-7-15](#)  
[HANDOUT C1 Final effects of the halibut avoidance plan - 12-8-15](#)  
[HANDOUT C1 AGC Halibut Performance](#)

### C2 C2 BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications - Final Action

**Attachments:** [C2 Action Memo](#)  
[C2-C3 Ecosystem Rpt Cards and Executive Summary](#)  
[C2 BSAI SAFE Intro](#)  
[C2 BSAI GF Plan Team Minutes 1115](#)  
[C2-C3 Joint GF Plan Team Minutes 1115](#)  
[C2 2015 Nov\\_BSAIPT\\_OFL\\_ABC2016\\_2017](#)  
[C2 BSAI Pcod specs](#)  
[C2 BSAI flatfish flex table](#)  
[C2 BSAI PSCs](#)  
[C2 Herring Biomass Estimate ADFG](#)  
[C2 Stock Structure Spatial Wkgrp Rpt](#)  
[PRESENTATION C2 2015 BSAI Plan Team report \(Council\)](#)  
[PRESENTATION C2 EBS Pollock](#)  
[PRESENTATION C2 C3 EcoCons2015\\_AP2015](#)

[FINAL MOTION C2 BSAI Harvest Specifications](#)**C3 C3 GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Halibut DMRs - Final Action****Attachments:**[C3 Action Memo](#)[C2-C3 Ecosystem Rpt Cards and Executive Summary](#)[C3 GOA SAFE Intro](#)[C3 GOA GF Plan Team Minutes 1115](#)[C2-C3 Joint GF Plan Team Minutes 1115](#)[C3 GOA ABCs](#)[C3 GOA Pcod and Pollock GHl Adjustments](#)[C3 GOA Halibut PSC Limits and Seasonal Splits](#)[C3 2015 IPHC Halibut DMR report](#)[C3 Halibut DMR Tables](#)[PRESENTATION C3 GOA Plan Team report 2015](#)[PRESENTATION C3 Halibut DMR Dec 2015](#)[FINAL MOTION C3 GOA Specs and TACs](#)**C4 C4 GOA Chinook Salmon PSC Reapportionment - Final Action****Attachments:**[C4 Action Memo](#)[C4 GOA Chinook PSC Reapportionment](#)[C4 Executive Summary](#)[C4 Public Comments](#)[C4 REVISED Supplemental Table](#)[FINAL MOTION C4 50 percent](#)**C5 C5 Charter Halibut Management Measures for 2016 - Final Action****Attachments:**[C5 Action Memo](#)[3A for 2016](#)[C5 Final 2015 GAF report](#)[C5 Charter Halibut Committee Recommendations](#)[C5 Public Comments](#)[HANDOUT C5 Halibut Charter Cmtee Minutes](#)[PRESENTATION C5 ADFG Mgmt options](#)[FINAL MOTION C5 Halibut Charter](#)**C6 C6 Charter Halibut Recreational Quota Entity Program and Charter Halibut Permit Recency - Initial Review****Attachments:**[C6 Action Memo](#)[C6 Charter Halibut RQE Program 1215](#)[C6 Executive Summary](#)[C6 Addendum to table 4-28](#)[C6 Public Comments](#)[HANDOUT C6 RQE Committee minutes](#)[FINAL MOTION C6 Charter Halibut RQE](#)**C7 C7 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan - Discussion Paper****Attachments:**[C7 Action Memo](#)[C7 BS FEP discussion paper 1215](#)[C7 Ecosystem Committee Minutes 1015](#)[C7 Public Comments](#)[FINAL MOTION C7 Bering Sea FEP](#)

[FINAL MOTION C7 NOAA EBFM Policy](#)**C8 C8 Halibut Management Framework - Review**

**Attachments:** [C8 Action Memo](#)  
[C8 Halibut Management Framework](#)  
[C8 Halibut Management Motion October 2015](#)  
[C8 Glossary of Terms IPHC](#)  
[C8 IPHC comments](#)  
[C8 Public Comments](#)  
[FINAL MOTION C8 Halibut Framework](#)

**C9 C9 Biomass-based BSAI Halibut PSC Limits - Discussion Paper**

**Attachments:** [C9 Action Memo](#)  
[C9 Abundance-Based BSAI PSC Limits](#)  
[C9 Public Comments](#)  
[PRESENTATION C9 AbundanceBasedPSClimits](#)  
[FINAL MOTION C9 Abundance Based BSAI PSC Limits](#)

**D. OTHER ISSUES****D1 D1 GOA Trawl Bycatch Management Workplan - Review**

**Attachments:** [D1 Action Memo](#)  
[D1 GOA TBM Work Plan 1215](#)  
[D1 Public Comment](#)  
[HANDOUT D1 comment](#)  
[D1 Public Testimony](#)

**D2 D2 Halibut Retention in Sablefish Pots - Discussion Paper**

**Attachments:** [D2 Action Memo](#)  
[D2 Halibut Retention in Sablefish Pots](#)  
[D2 NPFMC to IPHC Letter](#)  
[D2 Public Comment](#)

**D3 D3 Area 4 Halibut Leasing Options for CDQ Vessels - Discussion Paper**

**Attachments:** [D3 Action Memo](#)  
[D3 Halibut IFQ Leasing by CDQ Groups](#)  
[D3 Public Testimony](#)  
[FINAL MOTION D3 IFQ Halibut](#)

**D4 D4 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program Review - Review Outline**

**Attachments:** [D4 Action Memo](#)  
[D4 IFQ Program Review Outline](#)  
[D4 Public Comment](#)  
[D4 Public Testimony](#)

**D5 D5 AFA Program Review - Review Workplan**

**Attachments:** [D5 Action Memo](#)  
[D5 AFA Program Review Work Plan 1215](#)  
[D5 Public Testimony](#)

**D6 D6 Enforcement Precepts - Enforcement Committee Report**

**Attachments:** [D6 Action Memo](#)  
[D6 Enforcement Precepts](#)  
[HANDOUT D6 Enforcement Committee Minutes December 2015](#)

[HANDOUT D6 Enforcement Precepts December 2015](#)

[PRESENTATION D6 LE Precepts](#)

[D6 Public Testimony](#)

**D7 D7 Bristol Bay RKC Savings Area Exempted Fishing Permit - Review**

**Attachments:**

[D7 Action Memo](#)

[D7 BBRKC Savings Area EFP](#)

[D7 October CPT EFP minutes](#)

[D7 Public Comment](#)

**E. STAFF TASKING**

**E1 E1 Committees and Staff Tasking**

**Attachments:**

[E1 Action Memo](#)

[E1 NPFMC Committees](#)

[E1 Observer Program tasks Dec 2015](#)

[E1 Groundfish workplan status](#)

[E1 Tasking Status December 2015](#)

[E1 Three-Meeting Outlook, December 2015](#)

[E1 Public Testimony](#)

[FINAL MOTION E1 CHP staff tasking](#)

[FINAL MOTION E1 Charter Halibut Permits](#)

[FINAL MOTION E1 Petition for Emergency Action](#)

[FINAL MOTION E1 Bairdi Reg Amendment](#)