



North Pacific Fishery
Management Council

North Pacific Council process and tools for setting priorities

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Structure for short term priority setting

- Ongoing – staff tasking discussion at every meeting
 - Primary tool: 3 meeting outlook
 - Development combines input from staff and Council members
 - Stakeholders testify on priorities and timing, new tasks



DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK - updated October 12, 2018

| December 3-11, 2018 Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska | February 4-12, 2019 Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon | April 1-9, 2019 Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska |
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| IPHC Report (T) | IPHC Report | GOA Chinook salmon bycatch status: <i>NMFS report</i> |
| Joint Protocol Committee Report | AFSC Report | Cooperative reports |
| Final 2019 ADP: <i>NMFS report</i> | | Scallop SAFE, ABC/OFL specifications: <i>PT Report, Final Specs</i> |
| 2019 Charter halibut management measures: <i>Final Action</i> | Norton Sound RKC ABC/OFL: <i>Final Specifications, PT Report</i> | Salmon genetics for BS and GOA: <i>Reports</i> |
| BSAI Groundfish Specifications: <i>PT Report; Final Specs</i> | St Matthew BKC rebuilding plan: <i>Adopt alternatives (T)</i> | Salmon bycatch stock composition: <i>Workshop report</i> |
| GOA Groundfish Specifications: <i>PT Report; Final Specs</i> | BSAI Pcod trawl CV analysis: <i>Initial Review</i> | Pollock IPA: <i>Report</i> |
| Ecosystem Status Reports: <i>Review</i> | BSAI Halibut ABM PSC limits: <i>Stakeholder Cmte Report (T), Action as necessary</i> | BSAI cod allocation review: <i>Review, action as necessary (T)</i> |
| AI Pcod set aside adjustment: <i>Final Action</i> | | BSAI Halibut ABM PSC limits: <i>Review Operating Model</i> |
| Fixed Gear CV Rockfish Retention: <i>Final action</i> | IFQ med lease, beneficiary desig provisions: <i>Final Action</i> | Sablefish discards: <i>Expanded discussion paper (T)</i> |
| Bering Sea Snow Crab PSC Limits: <i>Initial Review (T)</i> | BSAI crab partial deliveries: <i>Discussion paper (T)</i> | CQE fishup in 3A: <i>Initial Review (T)</i> |
| GOA pollock, cod seasons/allocations: <i>Initial Review (T)</i> | BSAI crab eLogbook: <i>Discussion paper (T)</i> | IFQ eligibility criteria: <i>Discussion paper (T)</i> |
| WGOA pollock vessel limitations: <i>Discussion paper</i> | | Non-guided halibut rental boat registration: <i>Initial Review (T)</i> |
| Observer tendering: <i>Update, action as necessary</i> | Observer fee analysis: <i>Initial Review, FMAC report</i> | GOA pollock, cod seasons/allocations: <i>Final Action (T)</i> |
| Trawl EM 2019 Coop Research Plan: <i>Review, EMC report (T)</i> | Obs partial coverage cost efficiencies: <i>FMAC subgroup report</i> | Bering Sea Snow Crab PSC Limits: <i>Final Action (T)</i> |
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| CGOA Rockfish Reauthorization: <i>Discussion paper</i> | Economic Data Reports review: <i>Discussion paper</i> | ITEMS BELOW NOT YET SCHEDULED |
| BSAI cod allocation review: <i>Review Workplan</i> | Programmatic Groundfish Objectives: <i>Annual review</i> | Observer Insurance Requirements: <i>Reg Amd - awaiting NMFS HQ</i> |
| Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Amendment: <i>Discussion paper</i> | Research priorities planning: <i>Discuss</i> | Observers - tender trip def, disembark location: <i>Initial Reviews</i> |
| Cook Inlet Salmon Committee report: <i>Action as necessary</i> | | IFQ hired masters: <i>Discussion paper</i> |
| Bering Sea FEP: <i>Adopt FEP, Ecosystem Cttee report</i> | Marine mammal conservation status: <i>Action as nec (SSC only)</i> | IFQ access opps - global examples, QS transfer: <i>Disc papers</i> |
| Adak pollock EFP: <i>Review</i> | Review Economic SAFE: <i>Action as necessary (SSC only)</i> | IFQ Committee: <i>schedule in conjunction with IFQ papers</i> |
| | | Review of FMPs for compliance with SBRM final rule: <i>Report</i> |
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Status of analytical projects related to the Halibut & Sablefish IFQ Program

Updated June 2018

| Name | Description | Status / Due Date / Target Date |
|--|---|--|
| <i>Projects in Council Review (Council have tasked staff and scheduled review at a future meeting)</i> | | |
| Halibut retention in BSAI pots | The Council is considering an action that would allow retention of halibut in pot gear when participants hold sufficient IFQ or CDQ for the appropriate BSAI regulatory area. (The action would not affect the part of Area 4A that is in the GOA.) The public review draft will include additional information on escapement mechanisms for crab, potential impacts on the existing BSAI sablefish pot fishery, and a list of topics to cover in a 3-year review after implementation. | A preliminary preferred alternative was identified in June 2018. The Council will receive a public review draft and could take final action in October 2018. |
| IFQ Medical Leave Provision | The Council will consider alternatives that (A) broaden the definition of medical providers who can certify a medical IFQ transfer, and (B) establish a maximum number of times (years) that an individual QS holder may utilize the provision over the course of their lifetime or during a defined set of years. | Purpose & Need and alternatives were established in February 2018. Initial Review draft scheduled for October 2018. (Action would be combined with Beneficiary Designation in rulemaking). |
| IFQ Beneficiary Designation | The Council will consider alternatives for regulatory amendments that clarify who may temporarily receive QS and lease out IFQ after the death of a QS holder. Existing regulations cite "immediate family members," which is not defined. Applying definitions used by either the US Office of Personnel Mgmt. or the Family Medical Leave Act could alleviate difficulties that NMFS faces when determining beneficiaries' lease privileges. | Purpose & Need and alternatives were established in February 2018. Initial Review draft scheduled for October 2018. (Action would be combined with Medical Leave in rulemaking). |
| IFQ "Fish Up" for CQEs in Halibut Area 3A | Scoping potential action to allow CQEs defined in regulation as located in Area 3A to fish D class halibut IFQ on larger C class vessels (less than 60' LOA). The ability to fish CQE halibut on larger vessels would only apply after a cut-off date late in the season, with the purpose of helping CQEs harvest their IFQ in cases of unforeseen vessel breakdown or adverse weather conditions. | Discussion paper tasked for October 2018 |
| Small Sablefish Retention | Scoping potential action to allow vessels fishing sablefish IFQ to discard small fish or to set a minimum size limit for sablefish retention. This considered action is responsive to an increase in the number of small-size sablefish encountered in the fishery. The paper should include information that informs the development of a discard mortality rate for sablefish released from longline and pot gear in the GOA and BSAI, as well as effects on observer sampling. | Discussion paper tasked for October 2018 |

Structure for long-term priority setting

- Periodically – longer term strategic planning
 - Programmatic Groundfish EIS workplan – annual review of mgmt. objectives
 - Annual research priorities discussion
 - LAPP and allocation program reviews, 'review after x years' provisions in motions
 - Issue specific: Halibut management framework, Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan



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