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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG610**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Providence, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903; phone: (401) 919-5007.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

The Scallop Committee will be discussing Framework 30 with an emphasis on reviewing specifications alternatives in Framework 30 and make final recommendations. Framework 30 will set specifications including acceptable biological catch/annual catch limit (ABC/ACLs), Days at Sea (DAS), access area allocations for Limited Access (LA) and Limited Access General Category (LAGC), Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, target-TAC for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2019 and default specifications for fishing year 2020. Review standard default measures developed through Framework 30 and

make final recommendations. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG615**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet December 3, 2018 through December 11, 2018.

**DATES:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the Aleutian Room on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 continuing through Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the King Salmon/Iliamna Room on Monday, December 3, 2018 and continue through Wednesday, December 5, 2018. The Council's

Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dillingham/Katmai Room on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 and continue through Saturday, December 8, 2018. The Charter Halibut Management Committee will meet on Monday, December 3, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (room TBD). The Cook Inlet Salmon Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (room TBD). The Enforcement Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

*Monday, December 3, 2018 through Tuesday, December 11, 2018*

*Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

- (1) Executive Director's Report (including Joint Protocol Committee Report, and update on Halibut Stakeholder Committee)
- (2) NMFS Management Report (including year-end inseason management report, Final 2019 Observer Annual Deployment Plan)
- (3) NOAA GC Report (including report on recusal rule (T))
- (4) NOAA Enforcement Report
- (5) ADF&G Report
- (6) USCG Report
- (7) USFWS Report
- (8) IPHC Report
- (9) Protected Species Report
- (10) 2019 Charter halibut management measures—Final action
- (11) GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final specifications, Ecosystem Status report, PT report
- (12) BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final specifications, Ecosystem Status report, PT report
- (13) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan—Adopt FEP, Ecosystem Committee report
- (14) AI Pacific cod set aside adjustment—Final action
- (15) Bering Sea Snow Crab PSC limits—Initial Review
- (16) GOA pollock, cod seasons/allocations—Initial Review

- (17) Exempted Fishing Permits for Adak pollock, A80 crab monitoring—Review
- (18) Western GOA pollock vessel limitations—Discussion paper
- (19) Observer coverage on vessels delivering to tenders—Update, action as necessary
- (20) Trawl EM 2019 Cooperative Research Plan—Review, EMC report
- (21) Central GOA Rockfish reauthorization—Discussion Paper
- (22) BSAI Pacific cod allocation review—Review workplan
- (23) Cook Inlet Salmon FMP amendment—Discussion Paper, CISC report
- (24) Social Science Planning Team—Report, staff suggestions for tribal representative

The Advisory Panel will address Council agenda items (10) through (24). The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Exempted Fishing Permits for Adak pollock, A80 crab monitoring—Review
- (2) BSAI Pacific cod allocation review—Review workplan
- (3) GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final specifications, Ecosystem Status report, PT report
- (4) BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications—Final specifications, Ecosystem Status report, PT report
- (5) Bering Sea Snow Crab PSC limits—Initial Review
- (6) GOA pollock, cod seasons/allocations—Initial Review
- (7) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan—Adopt FEP, Ecosystem Committee report

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Charter Halibut Management Committee will review and recommend management measures for the charter halibut fisheries in International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) areas 2C and 3A for implementation in 2019, and other business. The Enforcement Committee will review the Enforcement Committee Terms of Reference and Enforcement Precepts, and will receive a presentation of anonymous survey results from Observers regarding observer safety/harassment.

The Cook Inlet Salmon Committee agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Review and provide comments on specific, Council-identified issues
- (2) Develop options for fishery management measures for specific, Council-identified management needs
- (3) Provide perspectives on potential social and economic impacts of proposed fishery management measures

The Agendas are subject to change, and the latest versions will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>

#### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically via the eCommenting portal at: [meetings.npfmc.org](http://meetings.npfmc.org) through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. Deadline for comments is November 30, 2018, at 12 p.m.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG616**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of telephonic meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will hold a teleconference on November 27, 2018.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Alaska Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held telephonically. Teleconference line: (907) 271-2896.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve MacLean, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

*Tuesday, November 27, 2018*

The meeting agenda includes review and discussion of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at: <https://www.npfmc.org/committees/ecosystem-committee>

#### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically to Steve MacLean, Council staff: [steve.maclean@noaa.gov](mailto:steve.maclean@noaa.gov) or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. Oral public testimony will be accepted at the discretion of the co-chairs.

#### Special Accommodations

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG617**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of telephonic meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Halibut Stakeholder Committee will hold a teleconference on November 29, 2018.