



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

**Deadline for written comments for upcoming meeting:
Friday, September 28, 2018 by 12 noon (Alaska Time)**

Pre-meeting public comments: Comments and supporting documents to be included in Council meeting materials must be received by the deadline noted above either through the agenda website: meetings.npfmc.org or by snail mail to: NPFMC, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99501. Comments should be accurate and specific. Consider providing alternatives and including examples of the impacts of the proposed action. Comments must identify the submitter by legal name, affiliation, and date and should include a brief statement of the source and date of information.

Comments must be submitted by the comment deadline. No late comments will be accepted.

Comments or public testimony, during the meeting:

Council. Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed before public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are not accepted after public comment has begun. Groups and associations are given six minutes and individuals and businesses are allowed three minutes for their testimony. A projector is available for use upon request. Contact the staff ahead of time for arrangements.

Testimony Materials: Electronic copies of material provided by persons testifying during the meeting must be provided to the Council staff. A minimum of **25** paper copies should be provided for the Council, **25** for the Advisory Panel, and **18** for the Scientific and Statistical Committee if not providing an electronic copy. If presentations, photographs, or other materials shown during public testimony are intended to be part of the official record, it is the testifiers' responsibility to provide copies and electronic versions, if available, to Council staff. Electronic versions, if provided, will be uploaded to the Agenda.

Advisory Panel. The AP operating guidelines incorporate a strict time-management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP must sign up on a separate sheet for each item listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided on a clipboard located at the back of the room with other reference materials. The deadline for registering to testify is just after the staff report is completed on that agenda topic. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council. Further information is available in the [AP Handbook](#) adopted in October 2016.

Scientific and Statistical Committee. The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.

NOTE to persons providing oral or written testimony to the Council: Section 307(1)(I) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act prohibits any person "to knowingly and willfully submit to a Council, the Secretary, or the Governor of a State false information (including, but not limited to, false information regarding the capacity and extent to which a United State fish processor, on an annual basis, will process a portion of the optimum yield of a fishery that will be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States) regarding any matter that the Council, Secretary, or Governor is considering in the course of carrying out this Act.

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ABC – Allowable Biological Catch	HAPC – Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
ADP – Annual Deployment Plan	IBA – Individual Bycatch Accounting
AFA – American Fisheries Act	IBQ – Individual Bycatch Quota
AI – Aleutian Islands	ICA – Inter-cooperative Agreements
BBRKC – Bristol Bay Red King Crab	IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota
BiOp – Biological Opinion	IPQ – Individual Processor Quotas
BKC – Blue King Crab	IPA – Incentive Program Agreements
BSAI – Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	MPA – Marine Protected Area
BSFRF – Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation	MRA – Maximum Retainable Allowance
BSIERP – Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program	NOI – Notice of Intent
AK BOF – Alaska Board of Fisheries	OAC – Observer Advisory Committee
CATCH – Catch Accountability Through Compensated Halibut	OFL – Overfishing Limit
CDQ – Community Development Quota	PQS – Processor Quota Share
CIE – Center for Independent Experts	PSEIS – Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement
CGOA – Central Gulf of Alaska	PSC – Prohibited Species Catch
CQE – Community Quota Entity	RKC – Red King Crab
CRP – Cooperative Research Plan	ROFR – Right of First Refusal
EDR – Economic Data Reporting	RQE – Recreational Quota Entity
EFP – Exempted Fishing Permit	SAFE – Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement	SSL – Steller Sea Lion
EM – Electronic Monitoring	TAC – Total Allowable Catch
EFH – Essential Fish Habitat	VMS – Vessel Monitoring System
FEP – Fishery Ecosystem Plan	
FLL – Freezer Longliners	
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	
GKC – Golden King Crab	
GHL – Guideline Harvest Level	