



# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

**Deadline for written comments for upcoming meeting:  
Friday, November 30, 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](http://meetings.npfmc.org) or by snail mail to: NPFMC, 605 W. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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