



B1 Executive Director's Report

April 2025

Action Memo

New Staff

Serine Reeves joined the staff as a Technical and Administrative Specialist in January, and hopefully you all had a chance to meet her at the February meeting. Serine holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Public Communications from the University of Alaska. She has many years of experience as a media professional, including as a professional photographer and as the managing editor of The MILEPOST Alaska Travel Planner. Welcome aboard Serine!

Recent Publications

The peer-reviewed paper I co-authored with staff from other Councils, "Use of conservation areas for fisheries management and ecosystem conservation in the U.S. exclusive economic zone" was recently published in Marine Policy. The paper can be accessed here:

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2025.106633>

Dr. Stram co-authored a paper "Ecosystem-based fisheries management of crab fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" that was recently published in Fisheries Research. The paper can be accessed here: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S016578362400300X>

Killer Whale Infographics

Our UAF graduate student intern, Emma Luck, has prepared several infographics on Killer Whale interactions and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). They are posted on the eAgenda, and she will provide a short presentation on the infographics.

SCS8 Report Available

The report from the eighth workshop of the CCC Scientific subcommittee (SCS8) is now posted and available. The workshop was hosted by the New England Fishery Management Council in August 2024. The workshop theme was "Applying Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules in a Changing Environment." The objective of the workshop was to provide actionable guidance on how to best support Councils in the management of fisheries, particularly on the use of ABC control rules, given the changing environment. Participants included invited SSC members, council staff, and NMFS staff. The report is accessible here: <https://www.fisherycouncils.org/ssc-workshops/scs-8>

IFQ Report to the Fleet

The IFQ report to the fleet is posted as an attachment to the B-1 report. You will receive a short oral presentation on this from Michael Fey (PSMFC).

BSAI allocation review for Atka mackerel, AI POP, and Yellowfin sole

The allocation review is posted as an attachment to the B-1 agenda item. Micheal Fey (PSMFC), who prepared the review, will give a short overview, and is available if you have any questions.

Final Amendment 80 Program Review report

The report has been finalized per Council request and is posted on our website here:

https://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/catch_shares/AM80/AM80ProgramReview_0425.pdf

IPA Reports

The pollock fishery incentive plan agreement (IPA) reports are available and posted on our cooperative reports web page: <https://www.npfmc.org/cooperative-reporting/>. IPA representatives will not be providing oral reports to the Council at this meeting. These reports will also be posted to the chum salmon bycatch final action agenda in December.

Council Written Comment Policy

At every meeting, staff reports publicly to the Council on any comments removed from the commenting system, and the rationale for removal, so that we can monitor and revise the process as needed to address unanticipated events. The April meeting comment period was open for 15 days, from March 7 to March 28. No submitted comments were removed.

Recent Staff and Council member activities

- Council members and staff participated in the Federal Subsistence Board Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings in February and March.
 - Eastern Interior RAC, 2/19 – members: Drobnica, Moller, Ritchie, Tweit, and Tsukada. Staff: Haapala, Marrinan, Merculief
 - Western Interior RAC, 2/25 - members: Kimball, Baker, Vanderhoven, Williams, and Moller. Staff: Marrinan, Haapala.
 - Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta RAC, 3/4/2025 - members: Kimball, Kurland, Moller, Baker, and Tsukada. Staff: Doug Shaftel (NMFS), Marrinan, Merculief, and Haapala (remote).
 - Kodiak/Aleutians RAC, 3/7/2025 – staff only: Haapala, Marrinan (both remote).
- Dr. Stram presented on the climate workplan to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)'s First Workshop on Climate Change on February 24th (per their request).

Committee and Plan Team Meetings

The following Committee and Plan Team meetings have occurred since the December meeting:

- The **BSAI Crab Plan Team** hosted a modeling workshop on January 14-15 in Anchorage. The workshop report will be presented to the Crab Plan Team at their May 2025 meeting.
- The **PNCIAC** (Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee) met virtually on February 24 to develop comments on crab proposals for March Board of Fish meeting. Minutes are posted here: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3078>
- The **Scallop Plan Team** met virtually on March 4 to review updates on fishery performance, research, assessment model development.
- The **Enforcement Committee** met virtually on March 27 to discuss enforcement aspects of Maximum Retainable Allowance analysis.

Additionally, on March 6, the Council hosted an **informational webinar on the Programmatic Evaluation** scheduled for discussion under C4 at this meeting. A [recording](#) of the meeting has been posted to the Council's YouTube channel.

Other Meetings or Events this Week

The **Executive/Finance Committee** met in executive session on March 27 to review the Council's financial situation and conduct a performance evaluation for the executive director. A brief summary of the committee meeting will be posted to the E-1 agenda item.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences will give virtual presentations on management strategy evaluation (MSE) efforts and development of a tag-integrated spatially explicit sablefish assessment on April 1, from 4:30-6 pm. The **sablefish MSE webinar** information is posted as a spotlight on our homepage at <https://www.npfmc.org/>