



Meeting Summary

271st Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
September 30 – October 7, 2024
Hybrid – Anchorage Egan Center and Zoom Webinar

The Council held the 271st Plenary Session on September 30 – October 7, 2024 at the Egan Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The Council [Agenda](#), [Schedule](#), & [Newsletter](#) are available. Recordings of Council deliberation and action can be accessed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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The North Pacific Fishery Management Council met October 3 – 7, 2024 at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The following Council members, Council staff, SSC, and AP members attended the meetings either in person or virtually (absent members are ~~noted with strikeout~~).

Council Members

Angel Drobnica, Chair <i>Appointed</i>	Chris Oliver <i>Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, non-voting</i>
Bill Tweit (for Kelly Susewind), Vice Chair <i>Washington Department Fish & Wildlife</i>	LCDR Jed Raskie <i>United States Coast Guard</i>
Rachel Baker (for Doug Vincent-Lang) Karla Bush — Alternate <i>Alaska Department Fish & Game</i>	Brian Ritchie <i>Appointed</i>
Jill Klein, Boyd Blihovde (for Sara Borio), <i>U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</i>	Rudy Tsukada <i>Appointed</i>
Jamie Goen <i>Appointed</i>	Anne Vanderhoeven <i>Appointed</i>
Nicole Kimball <i>Appointed</i>	Steve Williams (for Curt Melcher) <i>Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife</i>
Jon Kurland <i>National Marine Fisheries Service</i>	Dimitri Varmazis <i>U.S Dept. of State</i>
John Moller <i>Appointed</i>	Josh Fortenberry & Molly Watson <i>NOAA General Counsel Advisor</i>

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

The SSC met September 30th-October 2nd, 2024:

Franz Mueter, Co-Chair <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	Sherri Dressel, Co-Chair <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>	Alison Whitman, Vice Chair <i>Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>
Chris Anderson <i>University of Washington</i>	Amy Bishop <i>University of Alaska Anchorage</i>	Fabio Caltabellotta <i>Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife</i>
Curry Cunningham <i>University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>	Martin Dorn <i>University of Washington</i>	Mike Downs <i>Wislow Research</i>
Robert Foy <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>	Jason Gasper <i>NOAA Fisheries—AKRO</i>	Dana Hanselman <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>
Brad Harris <i>Alaska Pacific University</i>	Kailin Kroetz <i>Arizona State University</i>	Andrew Munro <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>
Chris Siddon <i>Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game</i>	Ian Stewart <i>Intl. Pacific Halibut Commission</i>	

SSC members that attended remotely were:

Robert Suryan <i>NOAA Fisheries—AFSC</i>	Michael Jepson <i>Independent Contractor</i>
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SSC members absent were:

Patrick Sullivan
Cornell University

Advisory Panel (AP)

The Advisory Panel met October 1st-3rd, 2024:

Brian Ritchie, Chair	Nels Evens	Craig Lowenberg
Heather Mann, Co-Vice	Gretar Gudmundsson	Paddy O’Donnell
Paul Wilkins, Co-Vice	Tim Heuker	Landry Price
Tiffany Agayar	Lauren Howard	Chelsae Radell
Tamara Briggie	Jim Johnson	Suzie Zagorski
Eva Dawn Burk	Mellisa Johnson	
Shannon Carroll	Rick Laitinen	

AP members that attended remotely were:

Julie Kavanaugh

Council Staff

David Witherell, Exec Director	Kate Haapala	Sarah Marrinan
Diana Evans, Deputy Director	Anna Henry	Danielle Mercurief
Sara Cleaver	Kaylah Hillary, Contractor	Alaina Plauché, Sea Grant Fellow
Shannon Cochran	Taylor Holman	Nicole Schmidt
Maria Davis	Anita Kroska	Diana Stram
Michael Fey, PSMFC	Katie Latanich	

Thursday, October 3, 2024

[YouTube Link](#)

A Call Meeting to Order

10/3/2024 8:02 AM	Meeting called to order
10/3/2024 8:03 AM	Land Acknowledgment – Angel Drobnica
10/3/2024 8:05 AM	Oath of Office for Brian Ritchie, John Moller, & Anne Vanderhoeven – Jon Kurland
10/3/2024 8:10 AM	Election of officers – Bill Tweit
10/3/2024 8:11 AM	Council Nomination – Nicole Kimball, Nominates Angel Drobnica as elected Chair & Bill Tweit as elected vice Chair
10/3/2024 8:11 AM	Nomination Motion passes unanimously – David Witherell

B Reports

10/3/2024 8:11 AM	B1 Executive Director Report – David Witherell
10/3/2024 8:18 AM	B1 Amendment 80 Killer Whale Avoidance Update – Sarah Webster & John Gauvin (Alaska Seafood Cooperative)

- 10/3/2024 8:46 AM **B2 NMFS Management Report** – Gretchen Harrington, Anne Marie Eich
10/3/2024 9:50 AM **B2 Exempted Fishing Permit Application Presentation**– Shannon Carroll & Dr. Noelle Yocham (Trident Seafoods)
- 10/3/2024 10:25 AM **B3 NOAA General Counsel Written Report**
- 10/3/2024 10:30 AM **B4 AFSC Research Update Presentation** – Dr. Bob Foy
10/3/2024 11:34 AM **B4 Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Presentation** — Dr. Ed Farley (AFSC)
- 10/3/2024 12:05 PM **Break**
10/3/2024 1:16 PM **B4 Economic & Social Sciences Research Program Presentation**– Sarah Wise
10/3/2024 1:47 PM **B4 Equality & Environmental Justice Presentation** – Amilee Wilson (NMFS) & Maggie Mooney Suess (AFSC)
- 10/3/2024 2:26 PM **B5 ADF&G Written Report** – no questions
10/3/2024 2:28 PM **B6 USCG Written Report** – LCDR Jed Raskie
10/3/2024 2:33 PM **B7 USFWS Written Report** – Boyd Blihovde & Jill Klein
10/3/2024 2:54 PM **B8 US Navy Report** – John Mosher, Chris Hunt, & Andrea Balla-Holden (U.S. Pacific Fleet)
- 10/3/2024 3:26 PM **B9 North Pacific Fishery Commission Report** – Dan Hull

Public Comment

- 10/3/2024 4:14 PM Ben Enticknap
10/3/2024 4:22 PM Chelsea Radell
10/3/2024 4:35 PM Alexis Kwachka

Council Action

- 10/3/2024 4:50 PM [MOTION on EFP Application](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
10/3/2024 4:55 PM Motion Passes Unanimously
10/3/2024 4:55 PM Recess

Friday, October 4, 2024

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C1 BSAI Crab Specifications

Anne Vanderhoeven was absent for Agenda item C1 BSAI Crab Specifications

- 10/4/2024 8:00 AM Meeting Called to order
- 10/4/2024 8:00 AM **Oath of office** for Jamie Goen – Jon Kurland
10/4/2024 8:04 AM **Staff Presentation** – Anita Kroska (NPFMC), Katie Palof (ADF&G), Dr. Mike Litzow (AFSC)
- 10/4/2024 9:09 AM **SSC Report on C1** — Dr. Franz Mueter, Dr. Sherri Dressel
10/4/2024 9:47 AM **AP Report on C1** — Paul Wilkins

Public Comment

- 10/4/2024 9:49 AM Cory Lescher
10/4/2024 9:54 AM Frank Kelty
10/4/2024 9:57 AM Scott Goodman
10/4/2024 10:09 AM Mateo Paz Soldan

Council Action

10/4/2024 10:17 AM [MOTION BSAI Crab Harvest Specs](#) — Rachel Baker, second Nicole Kimball
10/4/2024 10:26 AM Motion passes without objection 10-0, (Anne Vanderhoeven absent and did not vote)

C2 Recreational Quota Entity Modifications

10/4/2024 10:48 AM **Staff Presentation** — Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC), Kurt Iverson and Joel Kraski (NMFS)

Public Comment

10/4/2024 11:10 AM James Kearns
10/4/2024 11:12 AM Forrest Braden

Council Action

10/4/2024 11:15 AM **MOTION** Recreational Quota Entity Funding Implementation— Brian Ritchie, Second Rudy Tsukada
10/4/2024 11:24 AM Deeming Motion Amendment – Bill Tweit, Second Steve Williams
10/4/2024 11:27 AM Deeming Motion Amendment passes without objection
10/4/2024 11:31 AM Roll Call Vote – David Witherell, [MOTION RQE Funding Implementation](#) passes 11-0

C3 BSAI and GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications

10/4/2024 11:33 AM **C3 BSAI and GOA Groundfish Harvest Specs Staff Presentation** — Dr. Diana Stram & Sara Cleaver (NPFMC), Mike Fey (PSFMC)

10/4/2024 12:15 PM Break

10/4/2024 1:16 PM **SSC Report in Full** — Dr. Sherri Dressel & Dr. Franz Mueter

10/4/2024 3:16 PM **C3 BSAI & GOA Groundfish Plan Team Staff Presentations** — Dr. Diana Stram & Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)

10/4/2024 4:16 PM **AP Report on C3** — Paul Wilkins

Public Testimony

10/4/2024 4:19 PM Megan Williams & Theresa Peterson
10/4/2024 4:35 PM Glenn Merrill & Ruth Christiansen

Council Action

10/4/2024 4:48 PM [MOTION BSAI Specs](#) — Anne Vanderhoeven, Second Rudy Tsukada

10/4/2024 4:57 PM Motion Passes unanimously — David Witherell

10/4/2024 4:48 PM [MOTION GOA Specs](#) — Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven

10/4/2024 4:50 PM Motion Passes unanimously — David Witherell

10/4/2024 5:01 PM Recess

Saturday, October 5, 2024

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C4 Observer Issues

10/5/2024 8:35 AM **C4 Introduction** – Sara Cleaver (NPFMC)
10/5/2024 8:35 AM **C4 2025 Annual Deployment Plan Presentation** – Jennifer Ferdinand (AFSC)
10/5/2024 9:30 AM **C4 PCFMAC and FMAC Reports Presentation**– Sara Cleaver (NPFMC), Nicole Kimball (Plan team Chair)
10/5/2024 9:42 AM **AP Report on C4** – Heather Mann

Public Testimony

10/5/2024 9:47 AM Charlotte Levy
10/5/2024 9:55 AM Chelsae Radell
10/5/2024 10:03 AM Break

Council Action

10/5/2024 10:23 AM [MOTION Observer 2025 ADP](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
10/5/2024 10:30 AM Motion Passes unanimously — David Witherell

D1 Observer Availability Discussion Paper

10/5/2024 10:39: AM **D1 Staff Presentation** – Anna Henry (NPFMC)
10/5/2024 11:20 AM **AP Report on D1** – Heather Mann

Public Testimony

10/5/2024 11:27 AM Nicole Santoyo
10/5/2024 11:31 AM Sarah Williamson
10/5/2024 11:43 AM Chad See
10/5/2024 11:45 AM Break

Council Action

10/5/2024 11:55 AM Council speaks to agenda item: [No Action Taken](#)
10/5/2024 12:00 PM Break

C5 Crew Data Collection

10/5/2024 1:15 PM **C5 Staff Presentation** – Sarah Murrinan (NPFMC) and Mike Fey (PSMFC)
10/5/2024 1:57 PM **AP Report on C5** – Heather Mann

C5 Public Testimony

10/5/2024 2:08 PM Chad See
10/5/2024 2:20 PM Rebecca Skinner
10/5/2024 2:29 PM Linda Behnken
10/5/2024 2:33 PM Break

Council Action

10/5/2024 2:49 PM [MOTION Crew Data Collection](#)– Bill Tweit, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
10/5/2024 2:57 PM Motion passes 10/1 — David Witherell, (Nicole Kimball in opposition)
10/5/2024 2:58 PM Recess

Sunday, October 6, 2024

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C6 Pelagic Trawl Gear Definition

- 10/6/2024 8:36 AM Meeting called to order
- 10/6/2024 8:36 AM **C6 Staff Presentations** – Taylor Holman (NPFMC), Alicia Miller and Caleb Taylor (NMFS)
- 10/6/2024 9:13 AM Staff Presentation Clarifying Question to NOAA OLE – Alex Perry
- 10/6/2024 9:18 AM **Cont. C6 Staff Presentation** – Taylor Holman (NPFMC), Alicia Miller and Caleb Taylor (NMFS)
- 10/6/2024 9:54 AM **AP Report on C6** – Heather Mann
- 10/6/2024 10:07 AM Break
- Public Testimony**
- 10/6/2024 10:32 AM Ben Enticknap
- 10/6/2024 10:47 AM Alexis Kwachka
- 10/6/2024 10:56 AM Rob Sanderson Jr.
- 10/6/2024 11:10 AM Craig Rose
- 10/6/2024 11:25 AM Gretar Gudmundsson
- 10/6/2024 11:29 AM Francis Thompson
- 10/6/2024 11:39 AM David Vought
- 10/6/2024 11:44 AM Craig Kaviak Chythlook
- 10/6/2024 11:54 AM Kurk Cochran
- 10/6/2024 12:04 PM Break
- Public Testimony Cont.**
- 10/6/2024 1:09 PM Patrick O'Donnell
- 10/6/2024 1:17 PM Cory Lescher
- 10/6/2024 1:26 PM Erik Velsko
- 10/6/2024 1:33 PM Heather Mann
- 10/6/2024 1:38 PM Hannah Heimbuch
- 10/6/2024 1:42 PM Jackie Arnaciar Boyer
- 10/6/2024 1:46 PM Dr. Josh Wisniewski
- 10/6/2024 1:51 PM Becca Robbins Gisclair
- 10/6/2024 1:53 PM Linda Behnken
- 10/6/2024 1:58 PM Stephanie Madsen and Austin Estabrooks
- 10/6/2024 2:03 PM Susie Zagorski
- 10/6/2024 2:10 PM Jamie O'Conner
- 10/6/2024 2:16 PM Paul Jones
- Council Action**
- 10/6/2024 2:49 PM Clarifying question to NOAA OLE – Alex Perry
- 10/6/2024 2:50 PM [MOTION Pelagic Trawl Gear Definition Changes](#) – Jon Kurland, Second Anne Vanderhoeven
- 10/6/2024 2:59 PM Comments on the motion
- 10/6/2024 3:23 PM Motion passes 10-1 — David Witherell, (Jamie Goen in opposition)
- 10/6/2024 3:40 PM Break

D2 Climate funding

10/6/2024 4:02 PM **Climate Scenarios Workshop Report Presentation** – Katie Latanich (NPFMC)
10/6/2024 4:37 PM **SCS8 Report Presentation** – Dr. Diana Stram
10/6/2024 5:16 PM **AP Report on D2** – Heather Mann
10/6/2024 5:23 PM Recess

Monday, October 7, 2024

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10/7/2024 8:05 AM Meeting called to order

Public Testimony Cont.

10/7/2024 8:06 AM Francis Thompson
10/7/2024 8:27 AM Linda Behnken
10/7/2024 8:44 AM Clarifying question to staff
10/7/2024 8:48 AM Break

Council Action

10/7/2024 8:57 AM [MOTION Climate Funding & SCS8 Workshop](#) – Nicole Kimball, Second Brian Ritchie
10/7/2024 9:00 AM Discussion on Motion
10/7/2024 9:10 AM Motion passes unanimously

E1 Staff Tasking

10/7/2024 9:10 AM **Legislative Committee Report** – David Witherell
10/7/2024 9:14 AM **Staff Tasking Presentation** – Diana Evans
10/7/2024 9:28 AM Discussion
10/7/2024 9:36 AM **Chum Salmon Outreach and Engagement Report Presentation** – Dr. Kate Haapala (NPFMC)
10/7/2024 9:45 AM Discussion
10/7/2024 9:56 AM **AP Report on E Staff Tasking** – Heather Mann

Public Testimony

10/7/2024 10:12 AM Jeffery Groenke
10/7/2024 10:18 AM Alexis Kwachka
10/7/2024 10:27 AM Craig Kaviak Chythlook
10/7/2024 10:40 AM Julie Raymond-Yakoubian
10/7/2024 10:46 AM Break

Public Testimony Cont.

10/7/2024 11:07 AM Shannon Carroll
10/7/2024 11:18 AM Cory Lescher
10/7/2024 11:22 AM Jackie Arnaciar Boyer
10/7/2024 11:26 AM Jamie O'Connor
10/7/2024 11:29 AM Nick Jacuk
10/7/2024 11:31 AM Craig Lowenberg

10/7/2024 11:33 AM Linda Behnken
10/7/2024 11:36 AM Heather McCartney & Mateo Paz-Soldan
10/7/2024 11:58 AM Eva Dawn Burk
10/7/2024 12:14 PM Mellisa Maktuayaq Johnson
10/7/2024 12:28 PM Break

Public Testimony cont.

10/7/2024 1:41 PM Don Stiles
10/7/2024 1:45 PM Julie Bonney, Brent Paine, Susie Zagorski, Charlotte Levy, Stephanie Madsen,
Heather Mann
10/7/2024 2:18 PM Rebecca Skinner
10/7/2024 2:21 PM Paul Jones
10/7/2024 2:25 PM Olivia Henaayee Irwin
10/7/2024 2:33 PM Julie Kavanaugh
10/7/2024 2:38 PM Break
10/7/2024 2:48 PM Discussion on Staff Tasking

Council Action

10/7/2024 2:52 PM **MOTION to Adopted Terms of Reference of the Legislative Committee** – Rachel
Baker, Second Bill Tweit
10/7/2024 2:53 PM Motion passes without objection
10/7/2024 3:14 PM Meeting adjourned

Council Actions

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[C1 MOTION BSAI Crab Harvest Specs](#)

[C2 MOTION RQE Funding Implementation](#)

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