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Joint Protocol Committee of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Alaska Board of Fisheries

AGENDA

October 16, 2026; 8:30 am – 5 pm AKT

Marriott Anchorage Downtown - 2nd floor Kenai/Denali Rooms

The Joint Protocol Committee (JPC) is convening at the request of the Board of Fisheries (BoF), in order to provide an opportunity for information exchange about the impacts of bottom contact from trawl fisheries, the Council's current management requirements, and measures under consideration. This information is intended to inform any future consideration of proposals that may come before the BoF.

Meeting materials and written public comments are posted to the meeting eAgenda.¹

Joint Protocol Committee Membership:

North Pacific Fishery Management Council	Alaska Board of Fisheries
Angel Drobnica, <i>JPC co-chair</i>	Tom Carpenter, <i>JPC co-chair</i>
Nicole Kimball	Märit Carlson-Van Dort
John Moller	Mike Wood

Morning: 8:30 am - noon

1. Introductions, purpose of meeting, review of agenda *Angel Drobnica and Tom Carpenter*

2. Presentations from agency staff and experts

Part 1 Fisheries Descriptions *Karla Bush (ADF&G) and Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)*

Pelagic trawl fisheries operating in state waters in the Bering Sea (BS), Aleutian Islands (AI), and Gulf of Alaska (GOA); Non-pelagic trawl fisheries operating in the AI West of 170° longitude.

Part 2 Management Measures

Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)

Federal fishery management measures in effect to minimize adverse impacts of trawl fisheries (e.g., closed areas and salmon excluders).

Part 3 Essential Fish Habitat

Jodi Pirtle, Ph.D. (NMFS) and Brad Harris, Ph.D. (APU)

Statutory requirements for assessing the impacts of Council-managed groundfish fisheries on habitat, and tools the Council uses.

Part 4 State of the Technology

Noelle Yochum, Ph.D. and Shannon Carroll (EFP

applicant/ Trident Seafoods), and Brad Harris, Ph.D. (APU)

Ongoing research on understanding and minimizing pelagic trawl gear impacts.

Part 5 Ongoing NPFMC actions

Sarah Marrinan (NPFMC)

Council actions underway related to habitat, trawl gear bottom contact, and gear innovation.

Afternoon: 1 pm – 5 pm

3. In person public comment
4. Committee discussion

¹ <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/6150>