

# E STAFF TASKING

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## Meeting materials

1. Action memo
2. Revised 3-meeting outlook
3. Preliminary December agenda (*pre-meeting version*)
4. Council Committees list
5. Groundfish workplan snapshot (June and October)
6. Council staff responsibilities
7. Excerpt from Chum DEIS – Section 3.5.1.1 on Herring PSC management

*Posted to eAgenda but not part of this presentation*



# COMMITTEES/ADVISORY GROUPS

## Committee actions

*Lists updated on [website/eAgenda](#)*

- **Ecosystem Committee**  
reconstituted membership - Chair may wish to make appointments
- Terms of Reference for **Executive/Finance Committee** –  
Council may wish to approve draft from B1 Exec Director's report
- AP 2026 membership
  - open call for nominations for 2026 AP members open through Oct 31<sup>st</sup>



# UPCOMING ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

Advisory Group	Dates and location	Draft agenda topics (may change)
<b>Charter Halibut Management Committee</b>	October 23, 2025 Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive final 2025 / prelim 2026 harvest estimates</li> <li>• Recommend charter mgmt. measures for analysis</li> </ul>
<b>BSAI Crab Plan Team</b>	November 6, 2025 Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSRKC specifications</li> <li>• AIKGC proposed model runs</li> <li>• Maturity data flow</li> <li>• Update on Council's harvest control rule work</li> </ul>
<b>Joint Groundfish Plan Teams</b>	November 10, 12-14, 2025 Seattle, WA and virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review ESRs (Ecosystem Status Reports)</li> <li>• Stock assessment review</li> <li>• Final specifications for groundfish</li> </ul>
<b>Charter Halibut Management Committee</b>	December 3, 2025 Anchorage, AK and virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend 2026 charter mgmt. measures</li> </ul>

# COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING CYCLE – OPTIONS BEG. 2027

- Council has made switch to 4 meetings/year
- Finance Committee has asked staff to explore changes to annual cycle, for discussion in December re cost savings and conflicts
- Potential new meeting dates, perhaps beginning in 2027:
  - **Feb/Mar meeting:** target the SSC/AP to begin the last week of February
  - **Mid-May meeting:** schedule the SSC/AP to begin 2 weeks before Memorial Day
  - October meeting: as current, generally target the first week of October
  - December meeting: as current, generally target the first week of December

# UPCOMING MEETINGS – REVISED 3-MEETING OUTLOOK

- **Dec 2025** – in-person at the Egan Center, Anchorage, AK
  - Final groundfish harvest specifications, and NSRKC
  - Final action on crab arbitration and Crab C-shares
  - Preliminary review of GOA tanner crab protection measures
- **Feb 2026** – in-person at the Egan Center, Anchorage, AK
  - Final action on chum salmon bycatch – analysis is [published and available](#)
    - Comments from NOAA comment period will be linked and included in a summary report
  - Will determine any other Feb agenda items after October discussions
- ***NO APRIL MEETING***

**June 2026** – currently planned in-person in Vancouver, WA



## DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK – 10/7/2025

Topics	December 1-9, 2025 <i>Egan Center, Anchorage, AK</i>	Council staff contact	February 2-11, 2026 <i>Egan Center, Anchorage, AK</i>	Council staff contact	June 1-9, 2026 <i>Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA</i>	Council staff contact
EVENTS/ REPORTS*	ED report: CCC meeting, IRA update NMFS report: Final ADP, Chief Scientist report AFSC, NOAA Enforcement reports BS pollock report on 2026 dynamic spatial closures IPHC halibut assessment presentation Finance Committee, Executive Session	<i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>SM</i> <i>DE</i>	NMFS report: Annual cost recovery, EFH consultations AFSC report NPRB report IPHC report (T)	<i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i>	ED report: CCC update NOAA Enforcement report Finance/Executive Committee (T) Cooperative reports	<i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>DE</i> <i>AH</i>
GROUND FISH HARVEST SPECS	Contextual Ecosystem Status, Economic Reports: <b>Review</b> Inseason mgmt year-end reports: <b>Review (Council only)</b> BSAI Groundfish: <b>PT report, Final Specifications</b> GOA Groundfish: <b>PT report, Final Specifications</b>	<i>AH</i> <i>AH</i> <i>DS</i> <i>SC</i>			Harvest control rule adjustments: <b>Report</b>	<i>DS</i>
OTHER SPECS: CRAB, SALMON, SCALLOP	BSAI Crab: <b>NSRKC ABC/OFL specs, Crab PT report</b>	<i>AK</i>			BSAI Crab: <b>AIGKC specs, Plan Team report</b> Scallop: <b>Final specifications, Plan Team report</b>	<i>AK</i> <i>AK</i>
REPORTING/ MONITORING					Observer 2025 Annual Report: <b>Review, FMAC report</b> Cost recovery program improvements: <b>Initial review (T)</b>	<i>SC</i> <i>TH</i>
BSAI/GOA GFISH MGMT					Pelagic trawl bottom contact reseach: <b>Update</b> Crab and pelagic trawl footrope resarch: <b>Update</b> Pelagic trawl impacts and performance std.: <b>Next steps (T)</b>	<i>AK</i> <i>AK</i> <i>AK</i>
BSAI CRAB MGMT	Crab arbitration: <b>Final Action</b> Crab C-shares: <b>Final Action</b>	<i>SM</i> <i>TH</i>				
BYCATCH	GOA Tanner crab protection meas.: <b>Preliminary Review</b>	<i>DS</i>	Chum Salmon bycatch: <b>Final action</b>	<i>KH</i>	GOA Tanner crab protection meas.: <b>Initial Review</b>	<i>DS</i>
HALIBUT: IFQ/CHARTER	2026 Charter halibut mgmt measures: <b>Final action</b>	<i>SM</i>				
OTHER	EFH 5-year review workplan: <b>Review</b> SSPT update: <b>Action as necessary</b>	<i>AK</i> <i>SM</i>	EFH 5-year review workplan: <b>SSC review</b>	<i>AK</i>	Climate workplan: <b>Update</b>	<i>DS</i>

### ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:

Inseason authority to prevent ACL overages: *Initial Review*  
 Pot gear regulation consistency: *Discussion paper*  
 Sablefish motion scales: *Discussion paper*

Cook Inlet Salmon tribal fishery feasibility: *Discussion paper*  
 Charter Halibut Mgmt Measures Timing: *Discussion Paper*

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