NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NPFMC Council/AP October 2026 - 280th
October 5-13, 2026

Council, October 8-13, 2026; Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska; 8 am-5 pm

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Click on the schedule attachment for our best estimate of agenda item timing. If you'd like to receive real-time **text alerts** during the meeting on Council timing, text the word "NPFMC" to the number 1-833-237-1598.

Related meetings:
Scientific and Statistical Committee *(SSC), October 5-7, 2026; AGENDA*

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A1 Oath for new members

Attachments: A1 Oath of Office (LINK)

A2 Election of officers

A3 Approve agenda

Attachments:
Schedule (LINK)
Pre-Meeting Review Documents (LINK)
Code of Conduct (LINK)
PPT AP Admin Issues
How to Navigate NPFMC Meeting Recordings (LINK)
Newsletter (LINK)

YouTube (LINK)
Council Summary October 2026

B. REPORTS

B1 Executive Director's Report (including framework for prioritization, EO 14276 letter) (oral)

Attachments:
- B1 ED Report 2026 Oct
- B1 NPFMC Management Priorities Framework
- B1 Olson BSAI GPT Nomination
- B1 Whetten BSAI GPT Nomination
- B1 Lambert GOA GPT Nomination
- B1 Cronin-Fine BSAI CPT Nomination
- B1 EO14276 Workplan Update
- PPT B1 Prioritization Framework

B2 NMFS Management Report (oral)

Attachments:
- B2 NMFS Report
- B2 Status of Amendments
- B2 SSL Protection Measures - 2014 Final Rule
- B2 SSL Protection Measures - 2014 Proposed Rule
- B2 SSL Status - 2024 Stock Assessment Report (LINK)
- B2 Halibut EFP Application
- B2 Chum Salmon Genetics Report 2025
- B2 NMFS Inseason Report
- B2 NOAA Alaska Region Hiring Notice
- B2 NMFS Approval Letter of EDR Removal Amendments

B3 NOAA General Counsel Report

Attachments:
- B3 Designated Official Memo
- B3 Recusal Determinations Memo
- B3 Litigation Report CBD v NMFS
- B3 Litigation Report Oceana v NMFS
- B3 Litigation Report UCIDA v NMFS

B4 AFSC Report (oral)

Attachments:
- B4 AFSC Halibut Abundance Index Letter
- PPT Council B4 AFSC Report
- B4 MOTION_Snapshot on Survey Capacity

B5 ADF&G Report

Attachments:
- B5 ADFG Report
- B5 ADFG Chinook Index 2026 Letter
- B5 ADFG Herring Biomass Estimate 2026 Letter

B6 USCG Report (oral)

Attachments:
- B6 USCG Report
- PPT B6 USCG Report

B7 USFWS Report

Attachments:
- B7 USFWS Preliminary Yukon and Kuskokwim Fisheries
- B7 USFWS Bristol Bay Walrus Literature Review

B8 Public Comment on B1 through B7 Agenda Items

Attachments:
- B4 MOTION_Snapshot on Survey Capacity (LINK)

B9 SSC Report

Attachments:
- SSC Report October 2026 DRAFT

PPT Draft SSC Report

SSC Report October 2026 FINAL

B10 AP Report

Attachments: AP Report

C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS

C1 Observer 2027 Annual Deployment Plan, CIE Review of ADP – Review; Committee report

Attachments:

C1 Action Memo

C1 Observer 2027 Annual Deployment Plan

PCFMAC September 2026 eAgenda (LINK)

C1 PCFMAC Report

PPT AP C1 PCFMAC Report

PPT C1 Draft 2027 Annual Deployment Plan

PPT C1 PCFMAC Report

C1 AP Report

C1 MOTION

C2 BSAI Crab specifications - review SAFE report; adopt ABC/OFLs for BBRKC, Tanner crab, Snow crab, SMBKC, WAIRKC; BSAI Crab Plan Team report; (SSC only) Ecosystem Status Report preview

Attachments:

C2 Action Memo

CPT Plan Team September 2026 eAgenda (LINK)

C2 BSAI Crab SAFE Introduction

SAFE Reports (LINK)

C2 Crab Plan Team Report

PPT AP C2 BSAI Crab Stocks

PPT COUNCIL C2 BSAI Crab Stocks

C2 AP Report

C2 MOTION

C3 Groundfish harvest specifications: a) GOA Groundfish – Proposed specifications, Joint and GOA Plan Team reports; b) BSAI Groundfish – Proposed specifications, BSAI Plan Team report; c) (SSC only) Final ABC/OFL recommendations for select stocks

Attachments:

C3 Action Memo

C3 AFSC Halibut Abundance Index Letter

C3 ADFG Chinook Index 2026 Letter

C3 ADFG Herring Biomass Estimate 2026 Letter

Joint Groundfish Plan Team September 2026 eAgenda (LINK)

C3 JOINT Groundfish Plan Team Report

C3 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report

C3a GOA 2027-28 PROPOSED Tables

C3 BSAI Groundfish Plan Team Report

C3b BSAI 2027-28 PROPOSED Tables

SAFE Reports (LINK)

PPT AP C3 Groundfish Plan Team

PPT COUNCIL C3 Groundfish Plan Team

C3 AP Report - BSAI Specs

C3 AP Report - GOA Specs

C3 AP Report - Sablefish

C3 MOTION GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications

C3 MOTION BSAI Groundfish Harvest Specifications

C4 POSTPONED: Inseason Authority to prevent ACL Overages – Initial Review

D. OTHER ISSUES

D1 Charter Halibut Permits Data Request – Discussion Paper, Committee report

Attachments:

D1 Action Memo

Charter Halibut Management Committee September 2026 eAgenda (LINK)

D1 Charter Halibut Management Committee Report September 2026

D1 Charter Halibut Permit Use and Angler Effort Discussion Paper

D1 Appendix 1 ADFG Management Analysis_Dec 2025

D1 Errata to Charter Halibut Permit Use and Angler Efforts

PPT AP D1 Charter Halibut Permit Use

PPT COUNCIL D1 Charter Halibut Permit Use

D1 AP Motion

D1 MOTION

D2 POSTPONED until Dec 2026: PSC Disposition – Discussion Paper

D3 IFQ/CQE transfer changes – Expanded Discussion Paper

Attachments:

D3 Action Memo

D3 IFQ CQE Adjustments Discussion Paper

D3 Errata to IFQ.CQE Paper

PPT AP D3 IFQ.CQE

D3 AP Report

PPT COUNCIL D3 IFQ.CQE

D3 MOTION

E. STAFF TASKING

E1 Prioritization Discussion (Council only)

E2 Committees, New Business, and Tasking - Review

Attachments:

E Staff Tasking Action Memo

Ecosystem Committee October 2026 eAgenda (LINK)

E Groundfish Workplan

E Council Staff Responsibilities_Oct26

E NPFMC Committees

E 3 Meeting Outlook - PRE-MEETING

E Prelim Dec 2026 Schedule

E Exec Finance Committee TOR updated Oct 2026

E Legislative Committee TOR updated Oct 2026

PPT E Staff Tasking

E MOTION

E3 Public Comment on all E Agenda Items