



# 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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**Advisory Panel**, October 7-9, 2026; Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska; 8 am-5 pm

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*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 \(LINK\)](#)  
[How to Navigate NPFMC Meeting Recordings \(LINK\)](#)

## B. REPORTS

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

Attachments: [B1 NPFMC Management Priorities Framework](#)  
[B1 Olson BSAI GPT Nomination](#)  
[B1 Whetten BSAI GPT Nomination](#)

[B1 Lambert GOA GPT Nomination](#)**B2 NMFS Management Report (oral)**

Attachments: [B2 SSL Protection Measures - 2014 Final Rule](#)  
[B2 SSL Protection Measures - 2014 Proposed Rule](#)  
[B2 SSL Status - 2024 Stock Assessment Report \(LINK\)](#)

**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](#)

**B5 ADF&G Report**

Attachments: [B5 ADFG Chinook Index 2026 Letter](#)  
[B5 ADFG Herring Biomass Estimate 2026 Letter](#)

**B6 USCG Report****B7 USFWS Report****B8 Public Comment on B1 through B7 Agenda Items****B9 SSC Report****B10 AP Report****C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS****C1 Observer 2027 Annual Deployment Plan – Review; Committee report**

Attachments: [C1 Action Memo](#)  
[C1 Observer 2027 Annual Deployment Plan](#)  
[PCFMAC September 2026 eAgenda \(LINK\)](#)  
[C1 PCFMAC Report](#)

**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](#)

**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 GOA arrowtooth flounder, GOA rex sole, GOA skates, Bogoslof pollock**

Attachments: [C3 AFSC Halibut Abundance Index Letter](#)  
[C3 ADFG Chinook Index 2026 Letter](#)  
[Joint Groundfish Plan Team September 2026 eAgenda \(LINK\)](#)  
[C3 JOINT Groundfish Plan Team Report](#)  
[C3 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report](#)  
[C3 BSAI Groundfish Plan Team Report](#)  
[SAFE Reports \(LINK\)](#)

**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 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](#)**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](#)**E. STAFF TASKING****E1 Prioritization Discussion (Council only)****E2 Committees, New Business, and Tasking - Review****Attachments:**[Ecosystem Committee October 2026 eAgenda \(LINK\)](#)**E3 Public Comment on all E Agenda Items**