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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Michelle Price, Executive Assistant 1  
Through: William Homka, City Manager  
Date: November 12, 2024  
Re: North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting

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**PURPOSE OF TRAVEL:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet from December 2 through December 10, 2024, at the Egan Center in Anchorage Alaska. The agenda is attached. The council will set the 2025 groundfish allocations and review the Amendment 80 Bottom Trawl Sector. There will be an opportunity for oral testimony on current fisheries-related issues to the advisory panel during the meetings. This meeting is being conducted remotely with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. The City's Fisheries Advisor, Frank Kelty, will attend this meeting on behalf of the City of Unalaska.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The estimated travel costs per person are:

Air Fare	\$ 1,300.00
Hotel	\$ 1,890.00
Vehicle Rental	\$ -
Taxi, Shuttle, Other	\$ 250.00
Per Diem	\$ 1,450.00
Registration Fees	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,890.00</b>

This travel is planned and was included in Council's FY25 travel budget.

The current balance in Council's travel budget (0102-0152-55903) is \$ 91,847.16, therefore there are sufficient funds to cover travel for the Mayor and up to three City Council Members.

**COUNCIL'S TRAVEL POLICY:** Council's Travel Policy states that no more than three Council Members may travel to the same meeting or conference; that travel be conducted in the most direct and economic manner possible to accomplish City business; and Council will discuss the travel, identify the Council Members to travel, and approve the travel by motion at least twenty-one days before the trip.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to approve travel for Mayor Tutiakoff and up to three City Council Members to attend the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting.

**UPDATED 10/25/2024**

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**272nd Plenary Session, North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 5-10, 2024, Egan Center, Anchorage, AK**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet in early April, at the Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK. Other meetings to be held in close conjunction are:

<u>Committee/Panel</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Scientific and Statistical Committee	December 2-4, 2024, 8 am- 5 pm, Egan Center
Advisory Panel	December 3-6, 2024, 8 am – 5 pm, Egan Center
IFQ Committee	Dec 2, 2024, 10am-3:30pm, Council offices 1007 W 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Ste 400
Charter Halibut Management Committee	Dec 3, 2024, 8am-5pm, Council offices 1007 W 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Ste 400
Council	December 5-10, 2024, 8 am – 5 pm, Egan Center

**Red = SSC items**

	<i>Council staff lead</i>	<b>Approx TIMING</b>
<b>A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b>		
A1 Approve agenda	<i>David Witherell</i>	
<b>B. Reports – written presentations unless noted</b>		<b>7</b>
B1 Executive Director’s Report <i>(oral)</i>	<i>David Witherell</i>	
B2 NMFS Management Report, including Northern Fur Seal Conservation Plan report, Final 2025 Annual Deployment Plan, year-end inseason mgmt. report <i>(oral)</i>		
B3 NOAA General Counsel Report		
B4 NOAA Enforcement Report		
B5 ADF&G Report		
B6 USCG Report		
B7 USFWS Report		
B8 U.S. State Department Report		
<b>C. Major Issues/Final Action Items</b>		<b>11</b>
C1 <b>BSAI Groundfish specifications – review BS and AI Ecosystem Status Reports, SAFE report; adopt TAC/ABC/OFLs; Joint Groundfish Plan Teams and BSAI Groundfish Plan Team reports</b>	<i>Diana Stram</i>	5
C2 <b>GOA Groundfish harvest specifications – review GOA Ecosystem Status Report, SAFE report; adopt TAC/ABC/OFLs; GOA Groundfish Plan Team report</b>	<i>Sara Cleaver</i>	3
C3 <b>BSAI Crab specifications - review NSRKC SAFE report chapter and adopt ABC/OFL; BSAI Crab Plan Team report</b>	<i>Anita Kraska</i>	1
C4 2025 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures – Final action; Committee report	<i>Sarah Marrinan</i>	2
<b>D. Other Issues</b>		<b>20</b>
D1 Climate planning: Review a) IRA update and draft workplan, b) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (BSFEP) Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) final report, c) AFSC CEFI updates	<i>Katie Latanich</i>	4
D2 BSAI Crab arbitration – Discussion paper	<i>Sarah Marrinan</i>	4
D3 BSAI Crab C-shares – Discussion paper	<i>Taylor Halman</i>	4
D4 Amendment 80 Program Review Report – Review	<i>Taylor Halman</i>	4
D5 IFQ Program Review Report – Review, IFQ Committee report	<i>Anna Henry</i>	4
<b>E. Staff Tasking</b>		
E1 Committees, New Business, and Tasking - Review	<i>Diana Evans</i>	4
<b>TOTAL HOURS (including Executive Session, SSC report in full)</b>		<b>45</b>

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**DRAFT Agenda SCHEDULE – Anchorage, AK**

**Dec 2024**

**NOTE:** Agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear, and timing is subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public, with the exception of Executive Sessions (*shown in italics*).

<i>All meetings 8am – 5pm</i>	<b>SSC December 2-4 Egan Center, Anchorage, AK</b>	<b>Advisory Panel (AP) December 3-6 Egan Center, Anchorage, AK</b>	<b>Council December 5-10 Egan Center, Anchorage, AK</b>
<b>Monday Dec 2</b> IFQ Cmte, 10am-3.30pm, Council office RecFish Roundtable – afternoon, AP room Halibut presentation – 5.30- 7pm, SSC room	8:00 am Administrative issues C1 BSAI Gfish specs 1:00pm C1 BSAI Gfish (cont)		
<b>Tuesday Dec 3</b> Charter Halibut Mgmt Cmte, 8am-5pm, Council office	8:00 am C1 BSAI Gfish (cont) C2 GOA Gfish specs 1:00 pm C2 GOA Gfish (cont)	8:00 am Administrative issues D4 A80 Program Review 1:00 pm C1 BSAI Gfish specs	
<b>Weds Dec 4</b>	8:00 am C2 GOA Gfish (cont) C3 NSRKC specs 1:00 pm <i>Report writing/ continue as necessary</i>	8:00 am D2 Crab arbitration D3 Crab C shares 1:00 pm D1 Climate plan C2 GOA Gfish specs	
<b>Thursday Dec 5</b>		8:00 am C2 GOA Gfish specs (cont) C3 NSRKC specs 1:00 pm D5 IFQ Program Review	8:00 am B Reports 1:00 pm B Reports (cont) C1 BSAI Gfish specs
<b>Friday Dec 6</b>		8:00 am C4 Charter halibut mgmt 1:00 pm E Staff Tasking	8:00 am C1 BSAI Gfish (cont) 1:00 pm SSC report in full C2 GOA Gfish specs
<b>Saturday Dec 7</b>			8:00 am C2 GOA Gfish specs C3 NSRKC specs C4 Charter halibut mgmt 1:00 pm D1 Climate planning 3:00 pm <i>Executive Session</i>
<b>Sunday Dec 8</b>			8:00 am D1 Climate plan (cont) D2 Crab arbitration 1:00 pm D2 Crab arbitration (cont) D3 Crab C shares
<b>Monday Dec 9</b>			8:00 am D3 Crab C shares (cont) D4 A80 Program Review 1:00 pm D4 A80 Review (cont) D5 IFQ Program Review
<b>Tuesday Dec 10</b>			8:00 am D5 IFQ Review (cont) E Staff Tasking 1:00 pm E Staff Tasking (cont)

DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK – 10/6/2024								
Topics	December 2-10, 2024		Feb 3-9, 2025	March 31-April 9, 2025		June 2-10, 2025		
	Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK			Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK		Agate Beach Best Western, Newport, OR		
EVENTS/ REPORTS*	NMFS report: Final ADP, inseason report	DW	Special meeting: February 3-10, 2025 Egan Center, Anchorage, AK Council staff contact: KH Chum salmon bycatch: Initial Review Cook Inlet salmon: Harvest specifications	ED report: BSAI TLAS allocation review	DW	ED report: CCC update	DW	
	Protected Resources: NFS Conservation Plan report (T)	DE		NMFS report: Cost recovery, EFH consultation, Seabirds	DW	NOAA Enforcement report		
	NOAA Enforcement report	DW		AFSC report, IPHC report, NIOSH report	DW			
	Executive Session	DW		Cooperative Reports	AH			
	IPHC halibut assessment presentation (T)	SM		Finance/Executive Committee	DW			
	State Department/USCG report on Russian border	DW		Salmon excluder EFP				
GROUND FISH	Ecosystem Status Reports: <i>Review</i>	SC						
HARVEST SPECS	BSAI Groundfish: <i>PT report, Final Specifications</i>	DS						
	GOA Groundfish: <i>PT report, Final Specifications</i>	SC						
OTHER SPECS:	NSRKC: <i>ABC/OFL specs, Crab PT report</i>	AK				BSAI Crab: <i>AIGKC specs, Plan Team report</i>	AK	
CRAB, SALMON, SCALLOP								
REPORTING/ MONITORING						Observer Annual Report for 2024: <i>Review, FMAC report</i>	SC	
BSAINGOA FISH MGMT	Amendment 80 Program Review: <i>Review report</i>	TH			MRA adjustments: <i>Initial Review (T)</i>	TH	MRA adjustments: <i>Final Action (T)</i>	TH
							Pelagic trawl gear definition: <i>Initial / Final Action</i>	TH
						Pelagic trawl gear innovation: <i>Discussion paper</i>	AK	
BSAI CRAB MGMT	BSAI Crab C-shares: <i>Discussion Paper (T)</i>	TH		CGOA Rockfish Program Review: <i>Review report</i>	AH	AFA Program Review: <i>Review report</i>	KH	
	BSAI Crab arbitration: <i>Discussion Paper</i>	SM						
BYCATCH				GOA Tanner Crab Protections: <i>Extended Disc. Paper (T)</i>	AK			
HALIBUT: IFQ/CHARTER	IFQ Program Review: <i>Review report, IFQ Cmte</i>	AH		Area 4 vessel use caps: <i>Final Action</i>	AH			
	2025 Charter halibut mgmt meas.: <i>Final action, Cmte</i>	SM		Small sablefish release: <i>Final action</i>	SC			
OTHER	Climate planning: <i>CCTF Final Report, IRA timeline</i>	DS		Programmatic Eval: <i>Pre-scoping report, refine alts</i>	SC	Econ/Socioecon information in TAC-setting: <i>Review (T)</i>	AH	
				Survey modernization: <i>Report, SSC recommendations</i>	DS			

<b>ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED:</b>	BSAI Pot Cod LAPP: <i>Discussion Paper</i>	Pot gear regulation consistency: <i>Discussion paper</i>
	GOA POP MRA: <i>Discussion paper</i>	Sablefish motion scales: <i>Discussion paper</i>
	Chum salmon bycatch: <i>Final action (Oct 2025 - T)</i>	AI GKC start date : <i>Discussion paper</i>
	Salmon genetics reports: <i>Review (Oct 2025 - T)</i>	Charter Halibut Mgmt Measures Timing: <i>Discussion Paper</i>

Council staff contacts: AH - Anna Henry, AK - Anila Kroska, AP - Alaina Plauché (AK Sea Grant fellow), DE - Diana Evans, DS - Diana Stram, DW - Dave Witherell, KH - Kate Haapala, KL - Katie Latanich, MF - Mike Fey (AKFIN), SC - Sara Cleaver, SM - Sarah Marinan, TH - Taylor Holman

\*Reports in addition to the standard agency B reports (Executive Director, NMFS Management, NOAA General Counsel, ADFG, USCG, USFWS.) Note, for definition of acronyms and abbreviations, see online list: <https://www.npfmc.org/library/acronyms/>