

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

Submission of Written Comments. Written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting notebooks must be received at the Council office by 5:00 pm (Alaska Time) on **TUESDAY December 3, 2013**. Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail, fax, email, or through the website npfmc.granicusideas.com. **It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of **25** copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel, appropriate staff, and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (**28**), Scientific and Statistical Committee (**18**), or the public after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

Submission of EMAIL Comments: The Council is accepting email comments at one email address: npfmc.comments@noaa.gov; or through the website npfmc.granicusideas.com

The Comments must identify the submitter by legal name, affiliation, and date, and must also identify the specific agenda item by number (C-1(a) for example), and must be submitted by the comment deadline. Comments received under these conditions, will be sorted, copied, and included in the Council notebooks. PDF attachments will be accepted, as long as the above criteria are met. Comment received after the deadline will not be copied and distributed, but will be treated the same as written late comments. Emails submitted for the comments must be to the above address, and not to specific Council staff or Council members. Additionally, email comments will only be accepted on items that are on the scheduled agenda. A return receipt will be issued automatically upon opening the electronic comment.

**FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
ADVISORY PANEL**

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

**FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC. **Presentations lasting more than five minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

Commonly used Acronyms

AI - Aleutian Islands	GOA - Gulf of Alaska
AFA - American Fisheries Act	GKC - Golden King Crab
BBRKC - Bristol Bay Red King Crab	GHL - Guideline Harvest Level
BiOp - Biological Opinion	HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
BKC - Blue King Crab	IBA - Individual Bycatch Accounting
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	IBQ - Individual Bycatch Quota
BSFRF - Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation	ICA - Inter-cooperative Agreements
BSIERP - Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program	IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota
AK BOF - Alaska Board of Fisheries	IPQ - Individual Processor Quotas
CDQ - Community Development Quota	IPA - Incentive Program Agreements
CIE - Center for Independent Experts	MPA - Marine Protected Area
CGOA - Central Gulf of Alaska	NOI - Notice of Intent
CQE - Community Quota Entity	PSEIS - Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement
EBFM – Ecosystem Based Fishery Management	PSC - Prohibited Species Catch
EBM – Ecosystem Based Management	RKC - Red King Crab
EDR - Economic Data Reporting	ROFR - Right of First Refusal
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit	SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement	SSL - Steller Sea Lion
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat	TAC - Total Allowable Catch
FLL - Freezer longliners	VMS - Vessel Monitoring System