



# NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

NPFMC Council/AP February 2026 - 278th

February 1-11, 2026

**Council**, February 5-11, 2026; Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska; 8 am-5 pm

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81451130091>

**Meeting ID: 814 5113 0091**

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**Advisory Panel**, February 2-7, 2026; Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska; 8 am-5 pm

**Zoom link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88671612019>

**Meeting ID: 886 7161 2019**

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## Public comment:

Please submit written comment for the Council and Advisory Panel by clicking on the 'Comment Now' links next to the relevant agenda item, below. **The comment period will open on December 12, 2025, and the deadline for written comments is Friday, January 30, 2026 at 12pm AKT.** Submitted comments will be reviewed then visible online after the deadline closes, as per the Council's [comment policy](#).

## Oral testimony:

The Advisory Panel (AP) and Council will accept in-person and remote oral testimony during the meetings. Once each meeting begins, you may click the applicable "Sign-up" link next to the agenda item to indicate whether you will testify remotely or in person.

## C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch Oral Testimony Sign-up Periods

### Advisory Panel (AP) Meeting

- Sign-up opens: **Sunday, 2/1 at 9:00 AM**
- Sign-up closes: **Tuesday, 2/3 at 9:00 AM**

### Council Meeting

- Sign-up opens: **Wednesday, 2/4 at 9:00 AM**
- Sign-up closes: **Once the Council receives the AP report presentation (anticipated on 2/6)**

The AP and the Council meeting will be broadcast on Zoom. If you intend to give oral testimony remotely, you must be connected to the meeting, either through Zoom on your device or using a call-in phone number above. **All information provided through the eAgenda or during testimony is part of the public record.** We are recording the meeting and the recordings are available on the Council's [YouTube](#) channel.

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.

Due to time constraints, the Council did not take up E Staff Tasking at the February 2026 Meeting.

*Related meetings:*

**Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), February 2-4, 2026 - [AGENDA](#)**

## A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**A1 Approve Agenda and Administrative Issues**

**Attachments:** [Schedule \(LINK\)](#)  
[Pre-Meeting Review Document Schedule \(LINK\)](#)  
[NPFMC Code of Conduct](#)  
[PPT AP Admin Issues](#)  
[Newsletter \(LINK\)](#)

## B. REPORTS

### B1 Executive Director's Report (oral)

**Attachments:** [B1 ED report](#)  
[B1 EO 14276 Public Comments received by NMFS - excel file \(LINK\)](#)  
[B1 October NPFMC Response EO 14276 \(LINK\)](#)  
[B1 Background Info on Unguided Rental Boat Discussion](#)  
[B1 IFQ Report to the Fleet](#)  
[B1 Flyer CDQ Gathering Weds Feb 4th](#)  
[PPT B1 Risk Value Matrix](#)  
[PPT B1 IFQ Report to the Fleet](#)  
[PPT B1 Bycatch Report](#)  
[PPT B1 BBSRI - Chum Salmon Inseason Genetics](#)

### B2 NMFS Management Report (oral)

**Attachments:** [B2 NMFS Report](#)  
[B2 Final 2026 ADP](#)  
[B2 BSAI 2025 Year-end Inseason Report](#)  
[B2 GOA 2025 Year-end Inseason Report](#)  
[B2 MRA Emergency Exemptions](#)  
[B2 Status of Amendments](#)  
[B2 Tribal Engagement Report](#)  
[PPT B2 Annual Inseason Report](#)

### B3 NOAA General Counsel Report

**Attachments:** [B3 Designated Officials Memo](#)  
[B3 Recusal Determination Memo](#)  
[B3 Litigation Report Oceana v NMFS EFH](#)  
[B3 Litigation Report UCIDA v NMFS](#)

### B4 AFSC Report (oral)

### B5 ADF&G Report

**Attachments:** [B5 ADF&G Report](#)

### B6 USCG Report

**Attachments:** [B6 Coast Guard Arctic District Report](#)

### B7 USFWS Report (oral)

**Attachments:** [B7 USFWS Report](#)  
[B7 USFWS Chum Salmon Bycatch DEIS Comments](#)  
[B7 Additional USFWS Alternates](#)

### B8 IPHC Report

**Attachments:** [B8 IPHC AM102 Report](#)  
[B8 IPHC Letter to NPFMC](#)

### B9 NPRB Report (oral)

**Attachments:** [B9 NPRB Report](#)

[PPT B9 NPRB Presentation](#)

**B10 SSC Report on D2 Fall 2026 Groundfish Stock Assessment Cycle**

**Attachments:** [DRAFT SSC Report D2](#)

[PPT SSC Report D2](#)

**B11 Public Comment on B1 through B10 Agenda Items**

**B12 SSC Report (balance)**

**Attachments:** [SSC Report Feb 2026](#)

[PPT SSC Report](#)

**B13 AP Report**

**Attachments:** [AP Report](#)

[C2 AP Motion](#)

**C. MAJOR ISSUES / FINAL ACTION ITEMS**

**C1 GOA Pacific Cod Harvest Specifications - review assessment, recommend OFL/ABC/TAC (SSC and Council only)**

**Attachments:** [C1 Action Memo](#)

[C1 GOA Pcod Assessment](#)

[C1 GOA 2025 Ecosystem Status Report](#)

[C1 ESP GOA Pcod Appendix 2.1, also linked in document \(LINK\)](#)

[C1 GOA Pcod ESP Report Card 2026](#)

[January 2026 Joint Groundfish Plan Team \(LINK\)](#)

[C1 and D4 Joint and GOA GFPT Report](#)

[PPT C1 GOA Pacific cod assessment presentation](#)

[PPT C1 GOA Groundfish Plan Team Report presentation](#)

[Draft SSC Report C1](#)

[PPT C1 SSC Presentation](#)

[C1 MOTION](#)

**C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch – Final action**

**Attachments:** [C2 Action Memo](#)

[C2 Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch Analysis](#)

[C2 Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch Additional Information](#)

[C2 Description of Alternatives](#)

[C2 DEIS Comment Summary Report](#)

[Regulations.gov Public Comments on the Chum Salmon document - Open Through 01.05.2026 \(LINK\)](#)

[C2 Chum Salmon Outreach Report](#)

[PPT C2 AP Presentation](#)

[PPT C2 NMFS DEIS comments and Tribal Consultation](#)

[PPT C2 Council Presentation](#)

[C2 AP Report](#)

[C2 Motion](#)

**C3 Cook Inlet Salmon – Review Assessments and Analysis, Recommend OFL/ABC/TAC (SSC and Council only)**

**Attachments:** [C3 Cook Inlet Salmon Action Memo](#)

[C3 2026 Prelim Cook Inlet EEZ SAFE Report](#)

[C3 Cook Inlet Salmon Analysis](#)

[PPT C3 SAFE Council Presentation](#)

[C3 MOTION](#)**D. OTHER ISSUES**

**D1 AFSC report on Survey and Assessment Prioritization (from December 2025) (SSC only)**

**Attachments:** [D1 AFSC Report Action Memo](#)

**D2 Planning for Fall 2026 Groundfish Stock Assessment Cycle (SSC only)**

**Attachments:** [D2 Action Memo](#)

[D2 Groundfish Stock Assessment Priorities](#)

**D3 EFH 5-year Review Workplan (from December 2025) (SSC only)**

**Attachments:** [D3 EFH Action Memo](#)

**D4 Progress on Developing Alternative Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) (SSC only)**

**Attachments:** [D4 Action Memo](#)

[D4 Harvest Control Rule Overview](#)

[January 2026 Groundfish HCR Development Workshop \(LINK\)](#)

[January 2026 Crab Plan Team \(LINK\)](#)

[January 2026 Joint Groundfish Plan Team \(LINK\)](#)

[D4 BSAI CPT Report](#)

[C1 and D4 Joint and GOA GFPT Report](#)

**E. STAFF TASKING / COMMITTEES (Not Taken Up Due to Time Constraints)**

**E1 Committees, New Business, and Tasking - Review**

**Attachments:** [E Action Memo](#)

[E 3 Meeting Outlook PRE MEETING](#)

[E Groundfish Workplan](#)

[E Council Staff Responsibilities](#)

[E NPFMC Committees](#)

[E Draft June Agenda](#)