



The Joint Protocol Committee of the
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
and the
Alaska Board of Fisheries



Draft Agenda

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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1. **Introductions** and review of the Agenda (Mr. Mezirow will Chair)

2. **Staff Reports**

Salmon fishery management in the EEZ of Cook Inlet

The Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska (FMP) manages the salmon fisheries in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ; 3 nautical miles to 200 nautical miles offshore) off Alaska. In 2012, the Council comprehensively revised the FMP to comply with the recent Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements, such as annual catch limits and accountability measures, and to more clearly reflect the Council's policy with regard to State of Alaska management authority for commercial and sport salmon fisheries in the EEZ. Now, in response to a United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit ruling, the Council is considering how to revise the FMP to manage the commercial salmon fishery that occurs in the EEZ waters of Cook Inlet that had been removed from Federal management with the 2012 revisions to the FMP. The Council is considering new management measures that comply with Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements for the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery in the EEZ, such as status determination criteria, annual catch limits, and accountability measures. Alternatives include Federal management with or without delegation of management to the State of Alaska. The Council will take final action on this issue at its December 2020 meeting.

3. **Oral Public Testimony.** Public comment letters will also be accepted. Submit electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1684> by 5 p.m. Alaska time November 4.

4. **Committee discussion** of Agenda item

5. **Other Business**

6. **Adjourn**