

the Council each June based on available bycatch data. In June 2019, the Council endorsed a new analytical method proposed by the HMSMT. Because performance metrics were not reported in 2020, this would be the first year this new analytical method will be used.

Second, the HMSMT will discuss recommendations to address scoping and the development of a range of alternatives for DGN fishery hard caps. The Council took final action in September 2015 to implement “hard cap” for selected protected species taken in the DGN fishery as a bycatch mitigation measure. Implementing regulations became effective in February 2020 but were subsequently vacated by court order. The Council wishes to consider alternative bycatch mitigation methods, consistent with its original intent, and considering the reasons the previous implementing regulations were vacated by the Court.

A meeting agenda will be available on the Council website at least one week before the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Crab Plan Team will meet May 17, 2021 through May 20, 2021.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 through Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2021, Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2045>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Armstrong, Council staff; phone: (907) 271-2809; email: [james.armstrong@noaa.gov](mailto:james.armstrong@noaa.gov). For technical support please contact our admin Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Monday, May 17, 2021 through Thursday, May 20, 2021*

The Crab Plan Team will review the final 2021 stock assessments for Aleutian Islands golden king crab and Pribilof Islands blue king crab. Additionally, the Crab Plan Team will discuss model scenarios for the September 2021 stock assessments for snow crab, Tanner crab, Bristol Bay red king crab, summer survey planning, VAST model, length-weight analyses, catch standardization, the Bering Sea fisheries research fund survey and snow crab workshop, Norton Sound red king crab growth, research priorities, the GMACS modeling framework, a crab stock assessment risk table, the EFH 5 year review, terms of reference for crab SAFE chapters, and plans for the Crab Plan Team's September 2021 meeting. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2045> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

#### Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2045>.

## Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2045>.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) will meet from May 17, 2021, through May 18, 2021.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, through Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Alaska Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2064>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Monday, May 17, 2021, Through Tuesday, May 18, 2021*

The May 2021 FMAC agenda will include (a) review of the 2020 observer annual report; (b) make recommendations for the 2022 Annual Deployment Plan; (c) discuss other