

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
JOINT PROTOCOL COMMITTEE BETWEEN THE BOARD OF FISHERIES AND
THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) Joint Protocol Committee with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (council) will meet on Friday, October 16, 2026 beginning at 8:30 am. This committee is composed of three board members from the board and three members from the council. Tom Carpenter (chair), Märit Carlson-Van Dort, and Mike Wood are the three board members on this committee. The committee will be receiving presentations on and discussing:

- Pelagic and non-pelagic trawl fisheries operating in state waters in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Gulf of Alaska
- Federal fishery management measures in effect to minimize adverse impacts of trawl fisheries (e.g., closed areas, and gear modifications including salmon excluders)
- Statutory requirements for assessing the impacts of Council-managed groundfish fisheries on habitat, and tools the Council uses
- Ongoing research on understanding pelagic trawl gear impacts (Gear Innovation Initiative), operationality of bottom contact sensors, and other innovations
- Council actions underway related to habitat (EFH 5-year review) and bottom contact (pelagic trawl gear performance standard)

This meeting will take place at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Anchorage in the Kenai/Denali meeting rooms on the 2nd floor. The address is 820 W 7th Avenue. The public will have an opportunity to provide in-person testimony to the committee during this meeting.

The meeting will also be livestreamed and can be accessed online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89752081977>

Written public comments can be submitted for this committee meeting. Comments are due no later than Friday October 9 at 5:00 pm. Written comments can be submitted through the council's website at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/6150>.

The meeting agenda and all other relevant meeting documents will be posted as they become available, at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/6150>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Art Nelson at (907) 267-2292 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday October 14, 2026 to make any necessary arrangements.

For more information about the meeting, contact Art Nelson, Board of Fisheries Executive Director at art.nelson@alaska.gov or 907-267-2292.



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Date