

AGENDA
Pribilof Islands Collaborative (PIC)
Promoting a Strong Economy and a Healthy Ecosystem
Crab and Halibut

September 14-16, 2005
Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting Purpose:

The meeting has three broad objectives, to:

- Improve PIC members' understanding of ecological and management processes affecting crab and halibut fisheries around the Islands
- Provide a scientific foundation for future decision making about fisheries management and economic development on and around the Islands
- Encourage and support appropriate fishery-related development on the Islands.

More specifically, the meeting will focus on providing the most currently available information on:

- Life history and associated habitat needs for key life stages of both crab and halibut
- Other factors, such as ocean climate, that may affect crab and halibut populations
- The details and effectiveness of the fishery management system, including bycatch management, for crab and halibut
- The role of past and present directed harvests, as well as of crab and halibut bycatch in other fisheries, on the status of crab and halibut stocks
- The impact of crab and halibut management measures on other directed fisheries
- The social and economic importance of crab and halibut harvests to St. George and St. Paul Islands.

In addition, the meeting will provide an opportunity to use this information as a starting point for discussion of research projects that could fill important knowledge gaps, as well as of fishery management and economic development actions that could improve the sustainability of those aspects of the Islands' economies dependent on crab and halibut harvests.

DAY ONE: Wednesday, September 14

Part 1
The economies of St. George and St. Paul
and their link to the crab and halibut resources in the Bering Sea

9:00 am Description of current economic situation for St. George

Speaker Panel:

Max Malavansky, Sr., Manager, City of St. George: governmental perspective
Larry Cotter (ED, APICDA): CDQ involvement in crab, halibut and other fisheries

10:00 am Description of current economic situation for St. Paul

Speaker Panel:

Ron Philemonff, CEO Tanadgusix Corporation: non-governmental/ LTKW perspective
Richard Zacharof, President, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government:
non-governmental/ LTKW perspective
Philip Lestenkof, President, CBSFA: CDQ involvement in halibut fisheries
Steve Minor (CBSFA, MSDH): CDQ involvement in crab and other fisheries

Part 2
Crab: the industry, the biology, the management

11:15 am How the crab fishery works: harvesting, processing, marketing, distribution, economic benefits

Speakers:

Arni Thomson, Executive Director, Alaska Crab Coalition

12:15 pm Break for lunch with presentation
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“Ecotrust's socioeconomics baseline study of the Pribilof Islands: preliminary findings”
Speaker: Astrid Scholz, PhD, Ecotrust

1:15 pm Crab biology overview for major species: Life history characteristics/ vital rates (distribution, feeding ecology, reproduction/ spawning sites and behavior, etc.), stock status and spatial/ temporal population trends

Speakers:

Doug Pengilly, biologist, ADF&G Kodiak/Bering Sea

Dr. Brad Stevens, research biologist, NMFS Kodiak -“Reproduction, cultivation, and early life history of king crabs”

2:15pm Stock declines: Overview of possible causes

Speaker: Jack Turnock, crab biologist, NMFS, Alaska Fisheries Science Center

3:30 pm Crab management

Speakers:

Wayne Donaldson, management biologist, ADF&G, Kodiak/Bering Sea (*tentative*)

Glenn Merrill, NMFS: crab rationalization program

Karl Haflinger, SeaState: Fisheries management, industry perspective

4:30 pm Discussion of action steps for crab

Research needs:

Speakers on crab will be encouraged to provide a list of research and/or other needs in their presentations or in written form, and will be encouraged to be present for this discussion.

DAY TWO: Thursday, September 15

CRAB continued

9:00 am Continued discussion of action steps for crab

Noon Break for lunch with presentation
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"Progress on northern fur seal action items, current research update, and 2005 population counts" (Organized by Margaret Williams, WWF)

Presenters:

Dr. Doug Demaster, Director, NMFS: NMFS research update
Russ Andrews, Alaska Sea Life Center: ASLC research update
Marine Conservation Alliance (MCA) and St. Paul: report on marine debris cleanup
Debbie Lestenkof, Tribal Eco, St. Paul
Andy Malavansky, St. George
Margaret Williams, WWF

Part 3

Halibut: the industry, the biology, the management

1:00 pm How the halibut fishery works: harvesting, processing, marketing, distribution,
economic benefits

Speakers:

Bob Alverson, ED, FVOA
Peggy Parker, ED, Halibut Association of North America

2:15 pm Halibut Biology Overview: Life history characteristics/ vital rates (distribution, feeding
ecology, reproduction/ spawning sites and behavior, etc.), stock status and spatial/
temporal population trends

Speakers:

Dr. Bruce Leaman, Dr. Tim Loher, and/or Steven Hare, IPHC

3:45 pm “Seasonal movements and environmental conditions experienced by Pacific halibut in the Bering Sea, examined by pop-up satellite tags”

Speaker: Andrew Seitz, UAF

DAY THREE: Friday, September 16
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9:00 am “Temporal/ Spatial Trends in Halibut Bycatch”

Speaker: Dr. Jack Tagart, CBSFA contractor

10:30 am Halibut management

Speakers:

Phil Smith, IFQ Manager, NMFS: IFQ management system

Jane DiCosimo, NPFMC: Halibut Area 4C/4D management change

1:00 pm Discussion of action items for halibut

Research needs:

Speakers on halibut will be encouraged to provide a list of research and/or other needs in their presentations or in written form, and will be encouraged to be present for this discussion.

3:15 p.m. Continuation of discussion of action items for halibut

4:30 p.m. Wrap up/ close