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Meeting or  
Interim

Activity

The Council may initiate the amendment process by announcing a scoping session in the meeting agenda whenever necessary to meet management needs (the Salmon Advisory Subpanel should be convened at this meeting whenever possible). Once amendment issues have been identified and approved for development, the Council should establish a specific schedule for completing the current process based on management need, work load, budget and the general guidance presented below. All amendments recommended for implementation at the beginning of a salmon season (May) must be approved by the Council no later than the November Council meeting.

First Meeting The Council identifies all pertinent amendment issues based on input from advisory entities and the public (scoping session). All amendment proposals considered by the Council should contain a clear statement of:

- a. the need and purpose of the proposed action, including reference to specific objectives of the fishery management plan, and
- b. a concise description of the specific action proposed.

If necessary, the Council identifies a contact person or sponsor responsible for providing or working with the salmon team and staff to clarify the proposal. All documents provided in support of amendment proposals should include identification of authors and sources of all data. Complex issues may require user meetings to develop initial alternatives before the Council determines whether or not to proceed with review of the amendment.

If not already completed, the Council assigns the salmon team and staff to review the issues and provide the following information at an appropriate subsequent meeting (second meeting):

- a. Assessment of need for action
- b. Alternative ways to address the problem without plan amendment
- c. Potential impacts from the proposed action
- d. Possible amendment alternatives

First Interim Council staff, salmon team and other appropriate persons complete preliminary assessment of amendment issues or begin initial draft amendment if adequate information and direction have been provided at the first meeting.

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Second Meeting	The salmon team and staff present their preliminary assessment of identified amendment issues and all advisors provide recommendations with regard to any further amendment development.  Council considers adoption of amendment issues for (1) formal preparation of the amendment package, including draft impact analysis by the salmon team and staff, or (2) further development by appropriate parties (may require repeat of first interim and second meeting steps), or terminates consideration. The Council should provide guidance on the range of alternatives to be considered and clarify any other questions with regard to the form of the amendment issue.
Second Interim	Initial draft amendment package prepared by the salmon team and staff (or appropriate persons) and distributed to Council advisors for review.
Third Meeting	The staff and salmon team present the completed initial draft amendment package for Council consideration.  The Council considers advisor and public comment and adopts issues and alternatives for the official draft amendment package for public hearings.
Third Interim	Public hearings on draft amendment.
Fourth Meeting	Council considers final adoption of amendment for implementation by the Secretary of Commerce.