

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

14th Annual Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea

**August 31-September 1, 2009
Stevenson, Washington, USA**

The United States Party will host the 14th Annual Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea on August 31-September 1, 2009 at the Skamania Lodge on the Columbia River Gorge near Stevenson, Washington.

Skamania Lodge is located 45 miles east of Portland, Oregon, on the Washington State side of the Columbia River. You can learn more about the Lodge at www.skamania.com.

The draft agenda of the Scientific and Technical Committee and that of the main Conference are as follows:

Proposed Agenda for the Scientific and Technical Committee

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Appointment of the Rapporteur
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Discussion of Science Issues
 - 4.1 Update catch and effort statistics
 - 4.2 Review results of trial fishing
 - 4.3 Review results of research cruises
 - 4.4 Review the status of Aleutian Basin pollock stocks
 - 4.5 Factors affecting recovery of the stocks
 - 4.6 The effects of the moratorium and its continuation
 - 4.7 Methodologies to determine Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) and Allowable Harvest Level (AHL)
 - 4.8 Recommendation on AHL
 - 4.9 Research plans
5. Discussion of Enforcement and Management Issues
 - 5.1 Violations of the Convention
 - 5.2 Terms and Conditions for Trial Fishing in 2010
6. Other Issues and Recommendations
Report to the Annual Conference
7. Closing Remarks

Proposed Agenda for the Annual Conference

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Welcome Addresses and Opening Statements of the Delegates
3. Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair of Scientific & Technical Committee, and Rapporteur)
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Report of the Scientific & Technical Committee
6. Action Items
 - 6.1 Review of scientific data and conservation measures of the Coastal States related to pollock fishing in the Bering Sea
 - 6.2 Establishment of a Plan of Work for the Scientific and Technical Committee
 - 6.3 Establishment of the Allowable Harvest Level
 - 6.4 Establishment of Individual National Quotas
 - 6.5 Adoption of appropriate conservation and management measures based upon the advice of the Scientific and Technical Committee
 - 6.6 Establishment of the Terms and Conditions for Trial Fishing in 2010
 - 6.7 Trial Fishing Plans in 2010
 - 6.8 Measures taken to investigate and penalize violations of the Convention
 - 6.9 Consideration of matters related to the conservation and management of living marines resources other than Pollock in the Convention Area
 - 6.10 Meeting observers
7. Future Annual Conferences
 - 7.1 Consideration of virtual meetings.
 - 7.2 15th Annual Conference
 - 7.3 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
7. Other Issues
8. Closing Statements

Hotel Reservations Procedure

GUEST ROOM rates for this meeting are U.S.\$146 per night plus 9% taxes.

Please make your own reservations. You may call the Lodge at 1-800-221-7117, or make reservations on the internet at www.skamania.com by 1 July 2009.

If calling, please identify yourself as being associated with the Annual Conference of the Central Bering Sea Pollock Convention. A group identification code, "DONUT", will be required to access reservations on-line. You will need to provide your personal contact information, email address (if any), requested type of room (Superior River View or Forest View), requested bed type (2 double beds or 1 king bed), check-in and check-out dates, and a credit card number to reserve your room. All of the rooms are non-smoking. Any requests for special room arrangements must be made when you call.

When you make reservations, the Lodge will require a deposit equal to the room rate and tax for the first night. This deposit is refundable if the Lodge receives notice of cancellation at least 7 days prior to your scheduled arrival. Skamania Lodge does not confirm reservations to the individual in writing. It is important that you make reservations by the 1 July 2009 deadline.

Room rates or room availability are not guaranteed after 1 July 2009.

Skamania Lodge

Skamania Lodge is a mountain resort nestled on 175 wooded acres in the spectacular Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The rustic yet elegant, grand mountain Lodge is located 45 miles east of Portland, Oregon, on the Washington side of the Columbia River.

"Skamania" is the Chinook Indian word for "swift water". The resort, which overlooks the Columbia River is aptly named, as there are also over 70 waterfalls nearby, including the famous Multnomah Falls, which, at 620 feet, is the fifth highest waterfall in the United States.

The lodge was built in 1993, and was a public-private partnership involving four primary parties: The Columbia River Gorge Commission, The USDA Forest Service, Skamania County and Grayco Resources, Inc.

The lodge was designed to be reminiscent of the great lodges of the early 1900's, which had charm and appeal, and contained all modern guest conveniences. Thus, the design of the four-story Cascadian style lodge, with high-pitched roofs, interesting uses of timbers, wood paneling and native stone came to fruition. Black wrought iron was used for artistic highlights and comfortable furnishings remind you of days gone by.

Skamania Lodge is a member of International Association of Conference Centers (IACC) that offers twenty-three meeting rooms and over 22,000 square feet of dedicated state-of-the-art meeting, exhibition and banquet space.