MEMORANDUM

TO:	Council, SSC and AP Members
FROM:	Chris Oliver Executive Director

DATE: March 30, 2010

SUBJECT: **Cooperative Report** 2 HOURS

ESTIMATED TIME

ACTION REQUIRED

- (a) Review Amendment 80 Co-op reports. Jason Anderson
 (b) Review AFA Co-op reports. Janvin
 (c) Review CGOA Rockfish Co-op reports. Guilt Bonney

BACKGROUND

Three cooperative programs subject to Council management require that cooperatives submit an annual year-end cooperative report summarizing their fishing activities from the preceding year to the Council. Due to the volume of these materials, a few copies of the complete reports from the various cooperatives will be made available at the meeting, and full copies are available from our offices.

a) Amendment 80 Co-op reports.

Implemented in 2008, the Amendment 80 program is a limited access privilege program (LAPP) that allocates a portion of total allowance catches (TACs) for Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and 3 flatfish species (yellowfin sole, rock sole, and flathead sole), along with an allocation of prohibited species catch (PSC) quota for halibut and crab, in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands, to the Amendment 80 sector. A single cooperative formed in 2010. A report from that cooperative will be provided at the meeting.

b) AFA Co-op reports.

Each year the AFA Bering Sea pollock fishery cooperatives submit year-end reports summarizing their fishing activities from the preceding year and cooperative agreements for the upcoming fishing year. This requirement is interpreted such that the cooperatives submit information only if and to what degree such agreements have been modified from existing agreements. Co-op representatives will provide a joint, summary report to the Council at this meeting. Written copies of these reports are not due until April 1.

c) CGOA Rockfish Coop reports.

Cooperatives participating in the Central Gulf of Alaska rockfish pilot program also provide annual reports of their fishing activity in that program. Three cooperatives formed in the offshore sector and inshore sector. The GGOA and FCA co-op were mailed on March 4. The GOA Rockfish Best Use Cooperative will be handed out as a supplemental item. Cooperatives will provide a summary report to the Council at this meeting.