


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence Pautzke 
Executive Director

DATE: April 4, 1989

SUBJECT: NPFMC Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures

ACTION REQUIRED

Approve Council's draft Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures for public review.

BACKGROUND

The Secretary of Commerce's revised regulations and guidelines concerning operations of the Councils were published as a final rule on January 17, 1989. They culminated almost three years of discussion and negotiations between the Councils and NOAA Fisheries, a process that began with the various fishery management studies initiated by Tony Calio. Final recommendations on the guidelines/regulations were developed at the Council Chairmen's meeting last July in Homer. NOAA Fisheries listened to the Councils and took most of their advice.

The guidelines/regulations require the Councils to publish new SOPPs within 180 days of the final rule giving us through the June meeting to finalize and submit the document to the Secretary. I would suggest that instead of going through the document page by page, that I give you a quick overview where there are different twists on how we do business. Council members could then read over the document and give me their comments, if not by the end of this week, hopefully by April 30.

I could then consult with the Council Chairman on any revisions to the draft and send out a Notice of Availability to the public. Final drafting would be done in June and the revised SOPPs submitted to the Secretary shortly thereafter.