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JULY COUNCIL MEETING RE-SCHEDULED

The regular monthly meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, originally set for July 26-27, has been re-scheduled for the month of August. Meeting dates will be 23-24 August at the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel. A later newsletter will carry details of the SSC and AP meeting places and times for the August meeting.

The reasons for the re-scheduling are a combination of factors which include agenda items which need information not yet available and the need for only one decision absolutely required to be made by the Council during the July meeting. That decision is the 1980 budget figure for Council operations, and it is the concensus that this matter can be handled by submitting an agreed upon preliminary figure and then refining it during the August meeting for submission.

Some of the items which need decisions include the matter of the Gulf of Alaska OY, DAH in the Bering Sea/Aleutians and an analysis of material relevant to the salmon closures in the Eastern Bering Sea. The SSC will not meet in July because of the same lack of material from which to make decisions on several important topics. Those decisions, would have been passed on to the Council for consideration.

GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH CATCH

The cumulative groundfish catch in the Gulf of Alaska by the domestic fishing fleet was slightly over 4,000 metric tons in the period from Jan. 1, 1979 to June 1, 1979. This was erroneously reported in the last newsletter as 4,000,000 metric tons.

WESTERN FISH AND GAME DIRECTORS TO MEET

Directors of Fish and Game from the Western States will meet in Anchorage from July 22 through the 26th at the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel. All 14 Western States are expected to be represented during the annual affair.

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY MEETING

Scientists from around the country will gather in Anchorage during the American Fisheries Society meeting to be held in conjunction with the above-mentioned Western Fish and Game Directors meeting. They will also meet in the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel.

GOA PLAN DRAFTING TEAM TO MEET

The Plan Drafting Team for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery management plan will meet at the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center on August 7-8. High on the list of topics for discussion is the sunken gill net issue and halibut and king crab savings areas. Jim Balsiger is PDT leader, having assumed the post from Bert Larkins.

SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS TO MEET

Several special Council working groups will meeting during August. They include the limited entry, domestic annual harvest, management plan scheduling and incidental species working groups, and the AP and SSC herring working group. Meeting details will be given in a later newsletter.