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DATE: 1-11-80

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AGENDA TOPIC: TANNER CRAB FMP

AGENDA Numbers: 3 G-2.

Time required for presentation: 2 min.

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AGENDA TOPIC: TANKER CRABS FMP

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Time required for presentation: 5 MIN..

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AGENDA TOPIC: TANNER CRAB F M P

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Time required for presentation: 5-10 min

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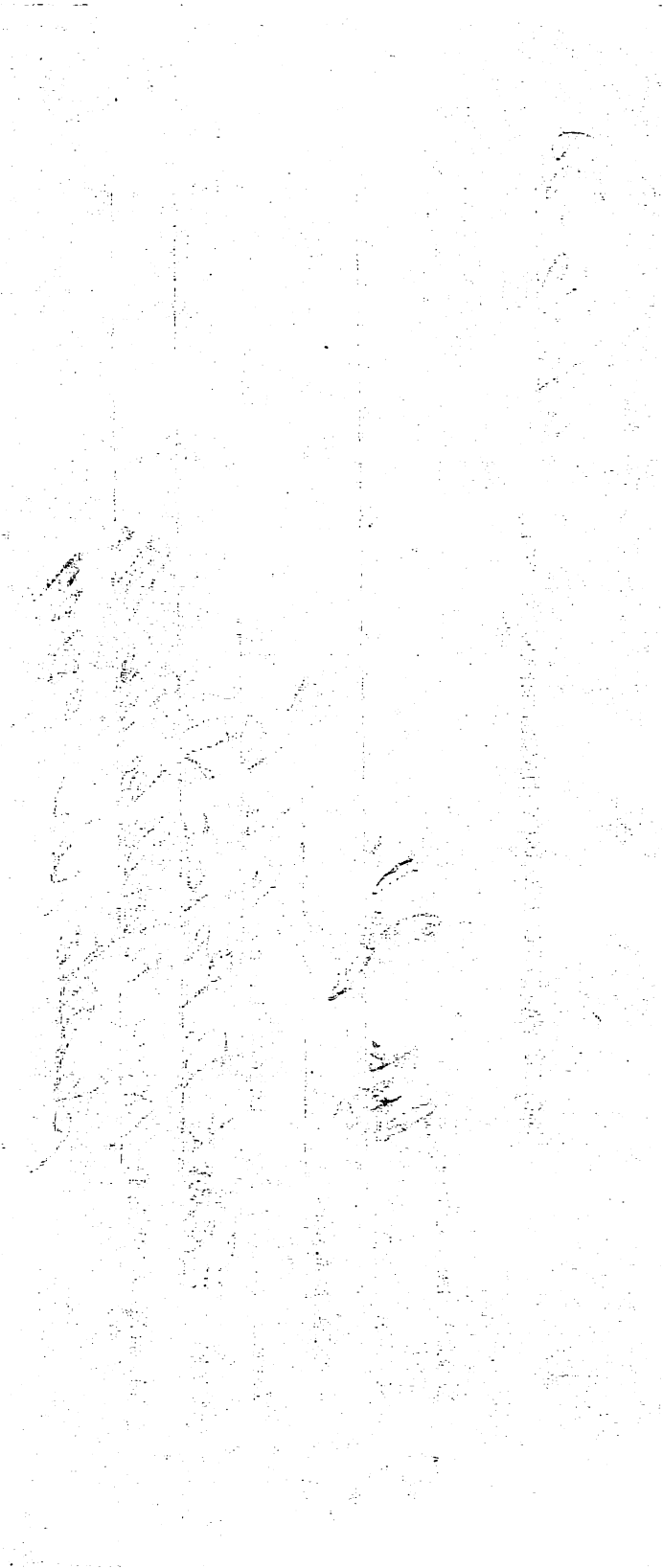
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Time required for presentation: 10 to 15

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AGENDA TOPIC: BEARING SEA GROUND FISH FMP - JOINT VENTURES

AGENDA Numbers: G-6 (1) G-6(2) . H-5

Time required for presentation: 10 MIN .

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AGENDA TOPIC: Joint Ventures

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Time required for presentation: 5 MIN.

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AGENDA TOPIC: ~~6-6~~ Bering Sea/Alutian Isl Snowfall

AGENDA Numbers: 5 6-1.

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AGENDA TOPIC: ~~G/H~~ Bering Sea/Aleutian Isl. Groundfish

AGENDA Numbers: G 6-4

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AGENDA TOPIC: Herring

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AGENDA TOPIC: joint venture limitations

AGENDA Numbers: (45) H5.

Time required for presentation: less than 10 minutes on any limitation

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AGENDA TOPIC: JOINT VENTURE TIME & AREA CLOSURES

AGENDA Numbers: 66 4.

Time required for presentation: 5 MIN.

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I wish to testify on:

AGENDA TOPIC: Area Restrictions

AGENDA Numbers: #7 & #8

Time required for presentation: 5 min

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AGENDA Numbers: G-6 H-5.

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NAME: ALAN OTWESS, KIM SUEZLE

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DATE: 1-10-80

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TOPIC: JOINT VENTURE TIME & AREA CLOSURES

Numbers: 6-6 4.

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AGENDA TOPIC:

Joint Venture

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 1980

TO: Scientific & Statistical Committee

FROM: Mark Hutton

SUBJECT: Tanner Crab FMP

ACTION REQUIRED

The broad issue of the economic analysis of regulations (especially Crab regulations) could be raised.

BACKGROUND

The Council has carried over the discussion of tanner crab pot storage in the Bering Sea. They will discuss the matter at this meeting. No data are available at this time to evaluate different alternatives for pot storage but overall economic analysis of regulations could be addressed in anticipation of pot storage regulation changes or questions.

Done

Agenda Item G-2
December, 1979

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 7, 1979
TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee
and Advisory Panel
FROM: Jim H. Branson
SUBJECT: Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan

ACTION REQUIRED

1. *Decide whether to reconsider last month's "TALFF" decision.*
2. *Approve Alaska Board of Fisheries' proposed amendments.*

BACKGROUND

(Reconsideration of the "TALFF" decision)

We have been asked by Dick Pace, President Universal Seafoods, and Ron Jensen, Vice President and General Manager Salmon and Shellfish Products, Castle and Cook Foods, to reconsider the action taken in Sitka establishing a Bering Sea Tanner crab C. opilio TALFF. Their letters are attached.

(Board of Fisheries Proposals)

On Thursday (December 13) the Council will meet with the Alaska Board of Fisheries to discuss proposals of mutual interest concerning Tanner crab off Alaska. Following that meeting we will treat each Tanner crab proposal as an amendment to our Plan for action. (Agenda H-1). Those proposals are attached.

Attachment

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PROPOSALS

The following regulatory proposals approved by the Alaska Board of Fisheries for Tanner crab must be considered as proposed amendments to the FMP. The regulatory proposals are listed below as proposed changes to the Federal regulations.

Proposal 350 - 50 CFR Part 671.24 Vessel Inspection. (a) Inspection (1) Delete the present inspection requirements for Tanner crab vessels. (4) Landings. Delete the present requirement for an inspection certificate for Tanner crab vessels.

Proposal 353 - 50 CFR 671.25 Landing Requirements (d) Add the following new language. " Allow sale of Tanner crab after the season closure by the owner of a vessel that was lost through sinking. The owner or operator of a Tanner crab vessel that is lost through sinking may apply to the Commissioner for a permit to sell legal size Tanner crab obtained when his pots are recovered by himself or his authorized agent even though the crab season is closed in the area. The fish ticket shall show the delivery made by the lost vessel."

Proposal 355 - 50 CFR Part 671.4 Reporting Requirements (e). Providing a new section for the reporting of dead loss by the fishermen and the processors. "Each Tanner crab fishermen shall indicate on the fish ticket at the time of landing any Tanner crab harvested which are not purchased by the processor or buyer but which have been dumped at sea. Each buyer of Tanner crab shall indicate on the fish ticket any Tanner crab which was not purchased from a load."

Proposal 365 - 50 CFR Part 671.26 Season and Gear Restrictions (f) Registration Area J (1) Districts - Provide for a new Chignik and South Peninsula district of Statistical Area J. "South Peninsula District: all Pacific Ocean waters of Statistical Area J west of a line from Kupreanof Point to the eastern most point of Castle Rock, and west of a line extending 135° Southeast from the eastern most point of Castle Rock and east of the longitude of Scotch Cape Light. Chignik: All Pacific Ocean waters of Statistical Area J east of a line from Kupreanof Point to the eastern most point of Castle Rock and east of the line extending 135° Southeast from the eastern most point of Castle Rock and west of the longitude of Cape Kumlik."

Proposal 367 - 50 CFR Part 671.26 Season and Gear Restrictions (f) Registration Area J (3) Seasons (iv) Change the closing date of the opilio Tanner crab season from 12 Noon September 3 to 12 Noon August 15. Tanner crab may be taken in the Bering Sea district until 12 Noon June 15 unless closed by emergency order except the Tanner crab other than C. bairdi may be taken from 12 Noon November 1 through 12 Noon August 15 unless closed by emergency order.

Proposal 371 - 50 CFR Part 671.21 Optimum Yield (a) Table. Establish an adjusted harvest guideline for C. bairdi in the Bering Sea. In the Bering Sea district 28 million to 36 million pounds C. bairdi Tanner crab. The newly amended OY was 22 to 33 million pounds.

The Board of Fisheries deferred action on several other proposals of interest to the Council until their Spring meeting. At that time we expect to jointly consider those proposals as well.

G-2 TANNER CRAB FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Advisory Panel discussed whether to reconsider last months TALFF decision and unanimously approved a motion in support of the letters from Dick Pace and Ron Jenson asking the Council to reconsider the matter. *of Talff in Bering Sea on Opilio.*

The Advisory Panel considered ~~all of~~ the Alaska Board of Fishery proposed admendments and approved all but one.

Proposal 350. A proposal to delete the present inspection requirements for Tanner crab vessels. Unanimously approved.

Proposal 353. A proposal to the allow the sale of Tanner crab after the season closure by the owner of a vessel that was lost through sinking. Unanimously approved.

Proposal 355. A proposal to require a new section for the reporting of Tanner crab dead loss on fish tickets by the fishermen and processors. Unanimously approved.

Proposal 365. A proposal to provide for a new Chignik and South Peninsula District of Statistical Area J. Unanimously approved.

Proposal 367. A proposal to change the closing date of the opilio Tanner crab season from 12 noon September 3 to 12 noon August 15.

This proposal was debated by the Advisory Panel and approved. The point of the debate was whether or not the practical need for regulatory and enforcement control of the opening of the king crab season offset a philosophical or nonbiological closure on a species open to foreign fishing. Although the proposal was adopted, several AP members has some reservations - namely:

- (1) There is no demonstrated management need to remove the pots from the grounds and
- (2) It seems inappropriate to unduly restrict the developing *U. S. opilio* fishery.

Proposal 371. A proposal to adjust the harvest guideline for *C. bairdi* in the Bering Sea to 28 to 36 million pounds.

The Advisory Panel had no new information from which to make a change in the fishery management plan from the newly established OY of 22 to 33 million pounds. If new information were available or will be available in the near future the Advisory Panel would consider the proposal.

December 12, 1979

TANNER CRAB

Twenty six proposals on the Tanner crab fishery were considered by the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the Fall 1979 meeting. Eight proposals were adopted, nine rejected, eight postponed until the Spring meeting of the Board and no action taken on one proposal. Proposals adopted which would also effect the Tanner crab fishery in the FCZ include:

- 1) The tank and live hold inspection requirements were repealed.
- 2) Allow the sale of Tanner crab after the season closure by the owner of a vessel lost through sinking.
- 3) Require the reporting of Tanner crab not sold or purchased and those dumped at sea (dead loss).
- 4) Divided the South Peninsula district to two districts: the South Peninsula District and the Chignik District.
- 5) Establish an August 15 closing date for the Tanner crab fishing season in the Bering Sea District.

- 6) Establish the following guideline harvest levels:

Kodiak District	10 to 20 million pounds	(4,526 - 9,072 mt)
South Pen. District	15 to 20 million pounds	(6,804 - 9,072 mt)
Chignik District	5 to 10 million pounds	(2,268 - 4,536 mt)
Bering Sea District	28 to 36 million pounds	(12,701 - 16,329 mt)

The following proposals were adopted:

350. 5 AAC 35.020. REGISTRATION. (e) and (i), 5 AAC 35.030. LANDING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (a) (Regulation page 79). Delete the inspection requirements for Tanner crab vessels.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.020. REGISTRATION.

(e) Repealed 2/ /80. [A REGISTRATION SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED VALID UNTIL THE VESSEL HAS COMPLIED WITH THE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS OF SEC. 030 (a) OF THIS CHAPTER.]

(i) [INSPECTION REQUIRED BY SEC. 30. OF THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO 72 HOURS BEFORE THE OPENING OF ANY REGISTRATION AREA.] A [VALID] registration is invalid 24 hours after the closure of the season for the registration area.

5 AAC 35.030. LANDING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS. (a) The commissioner may by announcement require that Tanner crab vessels have their holds or live tanks inspected prior to the opening or during the open Tanner crab season. [WITHIN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO A SEASON OPENING OR AT ANY TIME DURING THE OPEN SEASON PRIOR TO FISHING ANY VESSEL REGISTERED FOR AN EXCLUSIVE REGISTRATION AREA OR FOR A NONEXCLUSIVE

REGISTRATION AREA MUST HAVE ITS HOLD OR LIVE TANKS INSPECTED BY A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR A DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME EMPLOYEE OR A DESIGNEE OF EITHER DEPARTMENT, AT INSPECTION POINTS SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER. THERE SHALL BE NO TANNER CRAB ON BOARD. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE INSPECTION VALIDATES THE REGISTRATION FOR THE AREA. DURING THE PERIOD 24 HOURS PRIOR TO A SEASON OPENING IN A REGISTRATION AREA UNTIL THE SEASON CLOSURE IN THE AREA THE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO ANY REGISTERED TANNER CRAB VESSEL WHICH DOES NOT HAVE ANY SALTWATER CIRCULATION SYSTEM IN ITS FISH HOLD OR CRAB TANKS.]

353. 5 AAC 35.050. GEAR FOR TANNER CRAB. (d) (Regulation page 83).

Allow sale of Tanner crab after the season closure by the owner of a vessel that was lost through sinking.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.050. GEAR FOR TANNER CRAB.

(d) The owner or operator of a Tanner crab vessel that is lost through sinking may apply to the commissioner for a permit to sell legal-size Tanner crab obtained when his pots are recovered by himself or his authorized agent even though the crab season is closed in the area. The fish ticket shall show the delivery made by the lost vessel.

355.

5 AAC 35.075. REPORTING OF TANNER CRAB CATCHES LOST OR NOT PURCHASED. (new section). Provide a new section for the reporting of deadloss by the fishermen and the processors.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.075. REPORTING OF TANNER CRAB CATCHES LOST OR NOT PURCHASED. (a) Each Tanner crab fisherman shall indicate on the fish ticket at the time of landing any Tanner crab harvested which are not purchased by the processor or buyer, or which have been dumped at sea.

(b) Each buyer of Tanner crab shall indicate on the fish ticket any Tanner crab which was not purchased from a load.

365. 5 AAC 35.505. DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICTS. (b) (f) (Regulation page 90). Provide for a Chignik and South Peninsula District of Statistical Area "J".

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.505. DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICTS.

(b) South Peninsula District: all Pacific Ocean waters of Statistical Area "J" west of a line from Kupreanof Point to the eastern most point of Castle Rock, and west of a line extending 135° southeast from the easternmost point of Castle Rock [BETWEEN THE LONGITUDE OF CAPE KUMLIK] and east of the longitude of Scotch Cap Light.

(f) Chignik District: all Pacific Ocean waters of Statistical Area "J" east of a line from Kupreanof Point to the easternmost point of Castle Rock, and east of a line extending 135° southeast from the easternmost point of Castle Rock and west of the longitude of Cape Kumlik.

367. 5AAC 35.510. FISHING SEASONS. (5) Change the closing date of the opilio tanner crab season from 12:00 noon September 3 to 12:00 noon August 15.

The proposed regulation to read as follows:

5AAC 35.510. FISHING SEASONS. Tanner crab may be taken: (5) in the Bering Sea district from 12:00 noon June 15 unless closed by emergency order, except that tanner crab other than *Chionoecetes bairdi* may be taken from 12:00 noon November 1 through 12:00 noon August 15 [September 3] unless closed by emergency order.

369. 5 AAC 35.515. GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS (1) (Regulation page 91). Decrease of Kodiak District harvest level from 20 to 35 million pounds to 10 to 25 million pounds.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.515. GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS. Guideline harvest levels are as follows:

(1) in the Kodiak District: 10,000,000 to 25,000,000 pounds (4,536 to 11,340 M.T.) [20,000,000 to 35,000,000 POUNDS (9,072 to 15,875 M.T.)]

370. 5 AAC 35.515. GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS (2) (4) (Regulation page 91). Change the South Peninsula harvest level of 20 to 30 million pounds to two district harvest ranges of 5 to 10 million pounds for Chignik and 15 to 20 million pounds for South Peninsula.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.515. GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS. Guideline harvest levels are as follows:

(2) in the South Peninsula District: 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds (6,804 to 9,072 M.T.) [20,000,000 to 30,000,000 POUNDS (9,072 to 13,608 M.T.)]

(4) in the Chignik District: 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds (2,268 to 4,536 M.T.)

371.

5AAC 35.515. GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS. (3) (Regulation page 91). Establish an adjusted harvest guideline for *Chionoecetes bairdi* in the Bering Sea.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

(3) in the Bering Sea district: 28,000,000 to 36,000,000 pounds (12,704 to ~~16,333~~ m.t.) [64,000,000 to 89,000,000 POUNDS (29,038 to 40,381 m.t.)] *C. bairdi* tanner crab.

The following proposals were rejected:

351. 5AAC 35.050. GEAR FOR TANNER CRAB. (Regulation page 82) Disallow the storage of Tanner crab pots in the water.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.050. GEAR FOR TANNER CRAB.

(c) During the closed season for Tanner crab in any given area or in any waters closed to Tanner crab fishing, Tanner crab posts must [EITHER] be removed from the water [OR STORED IN 25 FATHOMS (46m) OF WATER OR LESS, WITH ALL DOORS SECURED FULLY OPEN AND ALL BAIT AND BAIT CONTAINERS REMOVED, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

(1) IN THE KAMISHAK BAY AND SOUTHER DISTRICT OF THE COOK INLET AREA, THE MAXIMUM POT STORAGE DEPTH IS 15 FATHOMS (27 m);

(2) POTS MAY BE STORED IN WATERS DEEPER THAN 25 FATHOMS (46 m) IF PROVIDED BY THE POT STORAGE REGULATIONS IN SEC. 100-625 OF THIS CHAPTER;

(3) POTS WITH ALL DOORS SECURED FULLY OPEN AND WITH ALL BAIT CONTAINERS REMOVED MAY BE STORED IN WATER DEPTHS GREATER THAN THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE STORAGE DEPTH FOR;

(A) SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF REGISTRATION AREAS A AND H, OR ANY DISTRICT IN REGISTRATION AREA J, OR THE EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION AREA E; AND

(B) 72 HOURS FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF ANY PORTION OF REGISTRATION AREA A AND H, OR ANY PORTION OF A DISTRICT IN REGISTRATION AREA J AND E EXCLUDING THE EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS; OR

(C) THE VESSEL OPERATOR HAS MADE CONTACT IN PERSON OR BY RADIO WITH THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT A LANDING POINT OR INSPECTION POINT SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER OR BY THE DEPARTMENT AND BEEN GRANTED A TIME EXTENSION DUE TO A MAJOR BREAKDOWN OR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS.

(D) REPEALED, (EFF, 6/2/78, REG. 66)]

Authority: AS 16.05.251(a)(2),(4),(12)

354.

5AAC 35.060. SIZE LIMIT FOR TANNER CRAB. (Regulation page 83) Establish a 4 1/4 inch width size limit on *Chionoecetes opilio* in the Bering Sea.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.060. SIZE LIMIT FOR TANNER CRAB.

(c) No male tanner crab of the species *Chionoecetes opilio* may be taken or possessed that is less than 4 1/4 inches (105 mm) in greatest width of shell, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

357.

5 AAC 35.125. LAWFULL GEAR. (d)(Regulation p. 87). To differentiate between tanner crab pots with horizontal or verticle tunnels.

The proprosed regulation would read as follows:

5 AAC 35.125 LAWFUL GEAR (d) A tanner crab pot is a pot with rigid tunnel eye openings on the vertical plane which individually are a maximum of five inches (13cm) in one direction, and tunnel eye opening perimeters which individually are larger than 30 inches (76 cm) or a pot which tapers inwards from its base to a top consisting of one or more horizontal openings which individually are a maximum of five inches (13 cm) in one direction, and tunnel eye opening perimeters which individually are larger than 30 inches (76 cm) [OF UNDESCRIBED SIZE].

358.

5AAC 35.310. FISHING SEASONS. (page 88). This proposal extends the Tanner crab season from May 31 to June 15.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.310. FISHING SEASONS. Tanner crab may be taken from November 15 to June 15 [MAY 31] unless closed earlier by emergency order.

360.

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. (Regulation page 87). Open Gastineau Channel to Tanner crab fishing from December through February.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. All waters of Gastineau Channel north of a line from Marmion Island light to Point Salisbury are closed to commercial fishing for Tanner crab from March 1 through November 30.

361.

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. (Regulation page 87). Open the Southern portion of Gastineau Channel to Tanner crab fishing.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. All waters of Gastineau Channel north of the latitude of Sheep Creek light [OF A LINE FROM MARMION ISLAND LIGHT TO POINT SALISBURY] are closed to commercial fishing for Tanner crab.

362.

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. (Regulation page 64). Extend the closed waters in Gastineau Channel to include Stephens Passage and Favorite Channel.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS.

All waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage and Favorite Channel from the latitude of the south shore of Limestone Inlet north to the latitude of Little Island and west to a line from Little Island to Point Retreat [NORTH OF A LINE FROM MARMION ISLAND LIGHT TO POINT SALISBURY] are closed to commercial fishing for king crab.

363. 5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. (2) (Regulation page 87). Restrict the commercial harvest near the communities of Hoonah, Angoon, Kake, Klawock, and Craig.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.150. CLOSED WATERS. (2) Tideland areas adjacent to or surrounding the communities of Hoonah, Angoon, Kake, Klawock and Craig from foreland to foreland and all points within to include higher high waters to lower low waters.

375. 5 AAC 35.540. INSPECTION POINTS. (Regulation page 92). Provide that Homer be listed as a reinspection point for Tanner crab vessels registered for Area "J".

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.540 INSPECTION POINTS. Initial inspection points are located at Kodiak, Sand Point, Dutch Harbor or at other locations specified by the Department. Reinspection points are located at Kodiak, Sand Point, Dutch Harbor, Homer, and other locations specified by the Department.

The following proposals were postponed until the Spring Board meeting:

352. 5 AAC 35.050. GEAR (c)(Regulation p. 82) To provide for dry land storage of all top loading type tanner crab gear, and to provide that other tanner crab gear be stored in 10 fathoms of water or less.

The proposed regulation would read as follows:

5 AAC 35.050(c)(4) In Statistical Area A all top-loading tanner crab gear must be stored on dry land. Other tanner crab gear may be stored in 15 fathoms (27 m) of water or less, with all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

356. 5 AAC 35.110. FISHING SEASONS. (Regulation page 86). Open season 15 days later.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5 AAC 35.110. FISHING SEASONS. Tanner crab may be taken from September 15 [1] through May 15 [1] unless the registration area is closed earlier by emergency order.

359. 5AAC 35.310. FISHING SEASONS.(Regulation page 88) This proposal shortens the Tanner crab season by moving the opening date from November 15 to January 5.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.310. FISHING SEASONS. Tanner crab may be taken from January 5 [NOVEMBER 15] to May 31 unless closed by emergency order.

366. 5AAC 35.510. FISHING SEASONS. (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(Regulation page 99). Provides for February 1 opening for Tanner crab in all areas of Statistical Area J.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.510 FISHING SEASONS. Tanner crab may be taken:

(1) in the Kodiak district from February 1 [JANUARY 5] through April 30 unless closed earlier by emergency order, except in that portion of the Kodiak district from the longitude of Kilokak Rocks (156°20'13" W. Long.) to the longitude of Cape Kumlik (156°27' W. long) Tanner crab may be taken from January 5 through May 15;

(2) in the South Peninsula district from February 1 [NOVEMBER 1] through 12:00 noon May 15 unless closed earlier by emergency order;

(3) in the eastern Aleutian district from February 1 [NOVEMBER 1] through 12:00 noon June 15 unless closed earlier by emergency order;

(4) in the Western Aleutian district from February 1 [NOVEMBER 1] through 12:00 noon June 15 unless closed earlier by emergency order;

(5) in the Bering Sea district from 12:00 noon February 1 [NOVEMBER 1] through 12:00 noon June 15 unless closed earlier by emergency order, except that Tanner crab other than *Chionoecetes bairdi* may be taken or possessed from 12:00 noon February 1 [NOVEMBER 1] through 12:00 noon September 3 unless closed earlier by emergency order.

368. 5AAC 35.510 FISHING SEASONS. (2)(Regulation page 91). - Change the opening of the tanner crab season.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.510. FISHING SEASONS. Tanner crab may be taken:

(2) In the South Peninsula district from December [NOVEMBER] 1 through 12:00 (noon) May 15 unless closed earlier by emergency order.

372. 5AAC 35.525. LAWFUL GEAR.(b) (Regulation page 92) Provide for a pot limit in the Kodiak district.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.525. LAWFUL GEAR.

(b) In the Kodiak district no more than 100 tanner crab pots may be fished from any registered tanner crab vessel.

373. 5AAC 35.525. LAWFUL GEAR. (Regulation page 92). Provide for a 100 pot limit for the Kodiak district of Statistical area "J."

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.525. LAWFUL GEAR

(e) During any Tanner crab season an aggregate of not more than 100 Tanner crab pots may be fished in the Kodiak District from any registered Tanner crab vessel.

374. 5AAC 35.525 LAWFUL GEAR. (Regulation page 92) Provide for a 100 pot limit for the Kodiak district of Statistical Area "J."

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.525. LAWFUL GEAR.

(e) During any Tanner crab season an aggregate of not more than 100 Tanner crab pots may be fished in the Kodiak District from any registered Tanner crab vessel.

No action was taken on the following proposal:

364. 5AAC 35.425. LAWFUL GEAR. (b) (Regulation page 90) Repeal the reference to a pot limit on Tanner crab gear.

The proposed regulation reads as follows:

5AAC 35.425. LAWFUL GEAR. (b) Repealed 4/80 [DURING ANY KING CRAB SEASON AN AGGREGATE OF NOT MORE THAN 100 KING AND TANNER CRAB POTS MAY BE FISHED FROM ANY REGISTERED TANNER CRAB VESSEL.]

Council action

Tanner crab proposals:

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Signature: *R. Jensen*
Date: **OCT 9 1979**
Handwritten: *Signature to Tillion*

Mr. Clem Tillion, Chairman
North Pacific Fishery
Management Council
P.O. Box 3136 DT
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Clem:

Much to my dismay, I was informed today that the Council was possibly recommending that Japan be allowed 7,500 metric ton of opilio crab north of 58° for the 1980 season.

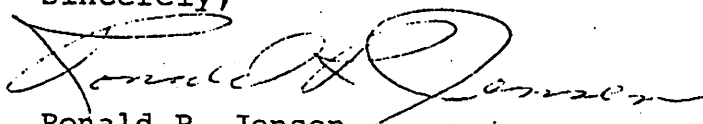
It is hard for me to believe that when the domestic allowable harvest exceeds the allowable fishery that a TALFF would be granted to any foreign nation.

The industry, I know, has the intent, capacity, and marketing ability to handle all the bairdi and opilio crab in the north Pacific and eastern Bering Sea.

I am also deeply concerned that any catch allocated to a foreign nation would put the U.S. industry in jeopardy of selling its catch foreign when it would be in the best interest of the foreign nation to hold back purchases in order to protect its quota for future years.

I would sincerely hope that the Council reconsiders allocating any snow crab resource to any foreign nation considering the U.S. industry's ability to harvest this resource this coming year.

Sincerely,



Ronald R. Jensen
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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Resolution 80-67-FB

Regarding Tanner Crab in the Bering Sea


WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council held a joint meeting on December 13, 1979, and discussed the Bering Sea tanner crab fishery; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fisheries has adopted regulations to close the Bering Sea tanner crab fishery on August 15, 1980, because

- (a) all indications show that industry will take the allowable harvest well before August 15,
- (b) the overwhelming weight of public testimony presented to the Board was concerned with an equitable start of the king crab season. In order to achieve an equitable start of the king crab season, it is necessary to require removal of all gear from the fishing grounds prior to the start of the king crab season,
- (c) a workable enforcement strategy is needed which alleviates the burden of pulling each pot to determine if it is fishing prior to the beginning of the season,
- (d) it is biologically sound to prevent the fleet from fishing early and stockpiling crab. Stockpiling reduces the viability of the crab and increases wasteful deadloss,
- (e) the vast majority of the tanner crab gear is removed from the fishing grounds by the fishermen in order to lessen gear loss.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Fisheries requests the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to exercise his Emergency Order authority granted under Alaska Statute 16.05.060 to extend the C. opilio season beyond August 15, 1980, if by that date the domestic harvest has not yet achieved a harvest level consistent with sound biological management principles and such an extension is determined to be in the broad public interest.

ADOPTED: January 11, 1980
Anchorage, Alaska



Nick Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

VOTE: 6/0