North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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January 25, 1978

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finances

I am changing the financial report to reflect expenditures, accrued expenses, balances, etc., as of the first of the preceding month and am attaching a summary update for the month to the time of the Council meeting. This furnishes essentially the same information you have always gotten, but saves us the time required to make up two monthly reports, one for the Council meeting and one for the end of the month as required by NOAA.

We have sent in a grant request for \$135,000 to support the proposed RFP's for the troll salmon fishery. All the grant request really does is further identify the \$182,000 requested for "miscellaneous research contracts" at the December Council meeting (as further explained in my enclosed letter to Harry Rietze of December 15th). The research funding proposals developed for the troll salmon fishery are Agenda Item 9 this month and need trbire approval by the Council before we can proceed.

As soon as we get final word on grant approval for the \$298,000 requested at the December meeting the contracts will be signed on "joint ventures" with the University of Alaska and the eastern Bering Sea herring study, domestic observer program, and salmon tag recovery program with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The data enhancement program to support the State of Alaska, first requested by the Council in April of 1977 and supposed to be funded directly by NMFS, is still hanging fire. Although difficult to pin down, it appears that NMFS is willing to fund it but now there is some question as to whether it should be funded by them or through the Council. Apparently we are to go full circle once again.

Fishery Management Plan Development

Judging from the reaction we have gotten to the first three Council management plans sent to the Secretary for her approval, it appears there may be merit in slowing down plan development to allow the Council more time for review and refinement. Agenda Item 12, management plan development and review procedures, provides more time by introducing at least two more review steps by the Council. It might also be worth while to reconsider priorities on management plan development and perhaps, rather than trying to do three new ones a year, drop back to two.

Council and Scientific and Statistical Committee Charter

The Charters for the Council and the Scientific and Statistical Committee have to be refiled in mid-April. If we wish to make any changes or alterations in either charter we are supposed to have the information back to Washington by the first of February. I have reviewed the Council charter and really haven't seen anything, other than very minor changes, that is really worth considering. The SSC will develop recommendations on their charter for Council approval at this meeting.

Annual Report

The Annual Report required from the Council to the Secretary by February lst for the preceding calendar year was mailed to NMFS on January 18th. Copies are available in the Council office.

Staff Travel

I made one trip to Juneau since the last Council meeting to work with ADF&G, NMFS and other State offices, one to Tacoma to attend the Coast Guard/NMFS Law Enforcement Conference and one to Kenai to participate in a seminar for the Kenai Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Hutton traveled to Bethel to put on a workshop for the members of Nunam Kitlutsisti, to Kodiak to work on contract development with the ADF&G, to Seattle to review research funding proposals with a review group of Council people, and to Juneau to meet with members of the Alaska Trollers Association, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Service to develop RFP's for the troll salmon fishery.

Mike Hershberger spent the best part of a week in Kodiak working with the King Crab Plan Development Team.

Judy Willoughby attended a meeting of Council Administrative Officers in Washington, D.C. the week of January 16th.

Chairman Lokken went so far and so fast nobody has been able to keep up with him.

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL Statement of Income and Expense November 29 - December 31, 1977

Cash Balance	November	29,	1977	131,160.39
Miscellaneous		-		38.15

131,198.54

Actual Expenses		
Actual Expenses	FY77	FY78
Council compensation		2,391.47
Staff compensation		10,912.41
Federal payroll taxes		6,553.34
State payroll taxes		-0
Retirement		2,019.02
Health, life insurance		615.62
Travel	632.10	10,384.66
Rent		5,806.01
Communications		1,162.05
Printing		115.00
Contracts	82.89	4,303.90
Supplies		649.40
Equipment	2,606.00	
Management plans	120.37	7,601.75
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55,955.99

Cash Balance December 31, 1977

75,242.55

Accrued Expenses

Travel - FY77	1,558.26
Payroll taxes	
State of Alaska	1,579.44
Federal	1,285.18
Bills	7,063.27
	11,486.15

Unobligated Cash, December 31, 1977

63,756.40

Expenses January 1-24, 1978

\$20,273.48 Total

Breakdown:

Payroll	\$ 4,311.11
Payroll taxes	4,866.56
<pre>Irma Lind (Court Rept.)</pre>	2,472.70
Travel	3,154.68
Rent	2,232.00
IBM	1,489.00
Management Plans	409.36
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,338.07
Total	\$20,273.48

Balance in letter of Credit \$854,300

No withdrawals since September 30, 1977
Have had no billings on accrued contract expenses.

January 16, 1978

Mr. Harry Rietze, Regional Director Alaska Region National Marine Fisheries Service P. O. Box 1668 Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Harry,

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I am submitting a SF 424 (grant application) for programmatic funds in the amount of \$135,000. This is a revision of the one for \$182,600 sent to you with my letter of December 15th.

The remarks on the back of the SF 424 give a basic explanation of this request. As you are aware, we withdrew the initial RFP for the "Socio-Economic Study - Western Alaska Herring" because it became obvious from the responses that it was inadequate to develop the material we needed. We have rewritten the RFP and estimate that it will now come to approximately \$85,000, \$35,000 more than orginally requested. That additional amount is included in this grant request.

At a meeting in Juneau last week, members of the ADF&G, Alaska Troller's Association, NMFS and Council staff took the initial steps in developing RFP's to support research for the troll salmon plan. They placed their highest priority on two projects, first an observer program for the troll salmon fishery in 1978 with funding estimated at \$85,000, and second a \$15,000 contract to develop a computer program, analyze 1977 logbook data and summarize that material for use by the Council.

We hope to have RFP's developed on these projects for review by the SSC and the Council at their meeting next week. Following that we should be able to submit a much more detailed explanation of the projects and the need for funding. This SF 424 is primarily to keep you advised of current progress and our funding needs.



The \$47,600 difference between this application and the one submitted December 15 has not been identified for specific purposes as yet. I expect that it will be and this application is not intended to reduce the amount originally estimated for FY 78 by the Council.

Sincerely,

Jim H. Branson Executive Director

Enclosure

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To revise and expand "Socio Economic StudyWestern Alaska Herring' RFP from that submitted T2/12/77 in letter of T2/15/77 from \$50,000 to an estimated \$85,000\$35,000
Develop an observer program for the U.S. troll salmon fishery for 1978. RFP now under development estimated at\$85,000
Contract to develop computer program, analyze data and enter material from 1976 and 1977 Alaska Trollers Association logbook program\$15,000.

AGENDA ITEM #3 January 1978

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December 15, 1977

Harry L. Rietze Director Alaska Region National Marine Fisheries Service P.O. Box 1668 Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Harry:

The North Pacific Council is submitting two grant requests (SF424) for programmatic budget funds.

The first, for \$298,000, is for funding for those projects that have been approved by the Council, and I believe, for the most part, by your office. To list them briefly and their status:

JOINT VENTURES - ANALYSIS

We have advertised an RFP on this contract and received five proposals. They are currently being evaluated by a Council subcommittee made up primarily of SSC members who will rank them and give those findings to the finance committee of the Council. Should award the contract sometime around the first of the year.

EASTERN BERING SEA HERRING STUDY

A single source contract to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, originally approved by the Council for \$80,000, but on the basis of a herring work study team, appointed by the Council, revised to the current \$103,000. Approved in that amount by the Council at the December meeting. The Council has agreed to fund this for two years, assuming funds will be available the second year. The second year contract amount is expected to be \$137,000. The SSC asked that this contract be clarified by including the experimental model to be used

\$40,000

103,000

and specifying a reporting system. As soon as these requirements are met by the contractor, we expect this contract to be signed, again, around the first of the year.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STUDY - WESTERN ALASKA HERRING Same status as the joint ventures contract; an RFP has been circulated. We have had five responses, currently being evaluated by the subcommittee with the contract expected to be awarded around the first of the year.

50,000

OBSERVER PROGRAM DOMESTIC GROUNDFISH FISHERY Another single source contract with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Originally funded for \$60,000, revisions in the contract to be funded for two years brought the total to \$100,000. The first \$60,000 has been approved by NOAA. We have been informed by them that \$13,900 of grant #04-7-158-44145 is unprogrammed and should be used to fund part of the remainder of that contract. We are requesting \$26,100 to complete the \$100,000 necessary for funding through FY79.

26,100

TROLL FISHERY TAG RECOVERY PROGRAM

Approved by the Council at the December meeting, this is a continuation of the contract between NMFS and ADF&G through the 1978 season to recover coded wire tags from the fish taken in the salmon troll fishery. The Council said that they would consider funding this for one more year, that is the 1979 season, but no longer—that other agencies would have to pick it up after that, as would they have to the eastern Bering Sea herring study after 1979.

79,300

The second grant application in the amount of \$182,600 is for the two items submitted on the original programmatic grant request - \$200,000 for miscellaneous research contracts to support preparation of fishery management plans, and \$48,000 for special consultants and writers.

Of the \$200,000 for miscellaneous research contracts, \$79,300 has been identified for the coded wire tag recovery program mentioned above, leaving \$134,600 of that amount as yet unidentified. At the December meeting, the Council requested RFP's prepared for research projects to

furnish better data for; evising the troll salmon fishery management plan. We are in the process of preparing those RFP's, but until they are finished, we cannot identify dollar amounts. It's expected that come or all of the \$48,000 for special consultants in the grant request will also be involved in these RFP's.

RFP's for the troll salmon plan will center around the following objectives:

- 1. Determination of movements of king and coho salmon through the troll fishery. This may require tagging on the fishing grounds with recovery in other areas of the fishery, i.e., do fish on the Fairweather Grounds actually become available later in the troll fisheries off Alaska.
- 2. Percentage of native Alaskan stocks in the Alaska troll fishery. This will probably require tagging of smolts in the major chinook streams of Southeastern Alaska.
- 3. The number of sublegal fish caught by the troll fleet by time and area and further study of shaker mortality. This objective will probably be developed through observers on the U.S. troll fleet. It could also conduct work on the relative merits of barbed and barbless hooks, single hooks versus multiple hooks and so on.
- 4. Socio-economic study of the Southeast Alaska salmon fishery with emphasis on the troll fishery. The need for additional data in this area became obvious during the review process of the troll plan. Consultants, probably an economist, might logically be used for this program rather than going to a straight contract.

I think it's obvious that the \$182,000 requested will not fund all of these programs at the required scale. However, until the RFP's are developed and dollar amounts assigned, we will not have an overall figure nor will we be in a position to prioritize the projects in order to stay within the limits of whatever monies will be available this year. This grant request is meant to alert NMFS to the need for these projects and to let you know well in advance that specific requests will be made by the Council when the figures are available.

I'm sure that all of us realize the futility of making requests for substantial sums of money without a specified purpose and breakdown of expected costs. However, I know of no other way of alerting the system to the problem of maintaining reserve funding for projects that are of high priority, short duration, and whose details are unknown until the management plan development process is well under way. The Council's original funding request, which identified \$248,000 without specifying its exact use, was not an exercise in irrationality, but rather, a sincere attempt to keep everyone advised of the problems we were sure would be coming down the pike but weren't close enough to identify.

If we can be of help in your review of these requests before you forward them to the central office for funding, we will be happy to respond in any way you ask. I'd appreciate it very much if you would keep us posted of progress and copy us any correspondence regarding these grant requests.

Sinegrely,

Jim H. Branson Executive Director

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Mr. James O. Campbell General Manager Spenard Builders Supply, Inc. 4412 Lois Drive; Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In accordance with the provisions of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-265), and in accordance with the authorities delegated to me by the Secretary of Commerce under this Act, I hereby appoint you a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to which you were nominated by Governor Hammond to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Elmer Rasmuson. Your appointment, to carry out Mr. Rasmuson's unexpired term, will be effective upon receipt of this letter and will terminate on August 10, 1979.

To acquaint you with the functions of the New England Fishery Management Council and your role as a Council member, copies of the following material are enclosed for your information and retention:

- Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-265).
- Fishery Conservation and Management Regulations. 2.
- North Pacific Fishery Management Council Charter. 3.
- Council Membership Directory. -4.
- "Council Memorandum." ,5.
- Roster of Council Membership. 6.
- Secretary of Commerce's Annual Report to the President :7. and Congress.

I am pleased to welcome you as a Council member and look forward to working with you and other members of the Council in the future. I would appreciate a written response from you on the appointment.

Sincerely yours,

VSV RICHARD A. FRAN

Richard A. Frank Administrator

Enclosures

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