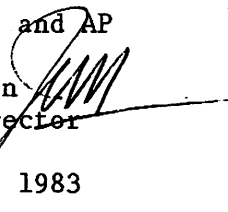


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP
FROM: Jim H. Branson 
Executive Director
DATE: September 22, 1983
SUBJECT: Salmon FMP

ACTION REQUIRED

None; information only.

BACKGROUND

The latest summary of the Southeast Alaska salmon harvest can be found under Agenda item B-2, the ADF&G domestic fisheries report. Briefly, the chinook catch was approximately 284,000 fish, about 28,500 above the harvest guideline. The incidental hook and release mortality that occurred after the season closed (July 20 in the FCZ, August 4 in state waters) is thought to be low.

Preliminary data show that Taku escapements were extremely poor due to the 1978 slide. On the other hand, the 1983 Columbia River bright run appears to be strong and the escapement goal at McNary Dam may be reached for the first time in nine years. Coho and Tule chinook returns are the worst on record, however.

We expect our discussions with the Canadians to resume in the near future and a negotiating session may be held in late November. No firm dates have been set yet.