

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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APPENDIX F

ADVISORY PANEL REPORT September 27, 1978

The Advisory Panel of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council met on September 27 in the Centennial Building, Sitka, Alaska. A list of those attending is attached.

The Panel discussed the following agenda items:

Agenda Item 8 - Revision of the Tanner Crab FMP for 1979

Proposals one, two, and three were rejected insofar as the Panel expressed their desire to stand by their previous recommendation presented to the Council during the August meeting. The motion stated the Plan and the foreign fishing regulation should remain unchanged; specifically, no change should be made in the 58° line. If necessary the Panel felt an inseason adjustment could be made following the close of the American fishing season.

Proposal four was deleted.

The Panel recommended adoption of proposals five and six without change. Proposal six was adopted in principle, as the actual information was not reviewed but identified as nonsubstantive editorial updates.

Agenda Item 9 - Halibut Working Group Recommendations

The Panel recommended accepting the 14 recommendations as presented in the working group report.

The Panel further discussed development of the halibut management plan, and adopted the following motion: "The Advisory Panel expresses concern over the probability of no management regime off Washington, Oregon, and California following termination of the IPHC and wishes to formally convey this concern to the Council, and feels that it should also be formally expressed to the Pacific Council."

Agenda Item 10 - Research Contracts

The Advisory Panel discussed two final research contract reports: "A Study of the Socio-Economic Impacts of a Commercial Herring Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Area in Western Alaska" and "Investigation of Joint U.S./Foreign Ventures in the Developing Commercial Fishery off Alaska." The Panel recommends that the Council accept the Dames & Moore report as having fulfilled the contract requirements, but noted that they do not necessarily agree with all of the recommendations and findings. Valuable comments were given by Harry Wilde and Jesse Foster. It is suggested that the Council have them testify directly on this item.

The Panel listed to a report from the SSC on their evaluations of the University of Alaska report and also agreed with the SSC to recommend to the Council that the report be accepted in fulfillment of the contract.

Agenda Item 17 - Proposed Joint Venture Application Form

The Panel carefully reviewed the application form and noted several areas which needed improvements. The Panel also discussed the broader implications of joint venture monitoring and regulations, and is concerned that much must be done to guarantee the proper conduct of the joint venture operation.

The following changes were recommended:

Item 2 was changed by inserting the word "Estimated" as the first word and an additional sentence. As revised it would read, "Estimated number and type of vessels of the United States from which United States harvested fish will be received.

Item 3 was changed by adding a sentence" " State home and principal operating port."

Item 4 was recommended strengthened by requiring that specific INPFC statistical areas be designated as operating areas in the Gulf of Alaska and appropriate geographical areas in the Bering Sea be identified.

Item 5 was recommended changed to read "Months during which vessels are expected to operate."

A new Item 12 was recommended: "Method of measuring catch and incidental catch."

Agenda Item 18 - Incidental Species Group Report by NMFS

The AP determined that it would withhold comment pending further work by the Incidental Species Group. The Group met this morning with a good mix of advisors present during the discussion.

Agenda Item 19 - Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission Questionnaire

The Panel agreed that questionnaires would be handled individually with comments going directly to John Harville.

Before adjourning the Panel named Don Rawlinson and Ray Lewis to represent them in an October 17-18 contract review in Seattle with Tetra-Tech to discuss research results.

ADVISORY PANEL ATTENDANCE
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Sitka, Alaska

A. W. "Bud" Boddy
Robert L. Alverson
Don Rawlinson
Harry Wilde
Rick Lauber
Raymond Lewis
Joe Kurtz
Sig Jaeger
Keith Specking
Shari Gross
Ken Olsen
Nick Szabo
Truman Emberg
Joe DeMantle
Dan O'Hara
Al Otness