

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Summary of Activities (In lieu of April Meeting report)

No meeting of the NPFMC was held during the month of April. The following is a summary of Council/staff actions for the period of March 27-May 12, 1978:

- * Following the withdrawal by the NPFMC of the Commercial Troll Fisheries off the Coast of Alaska FMP, the plan was re-titled "High Seas Salmon Fishery off the Coast of Alaska East of 175 Degrees East Longitude" and re-drafted for presentation to the Council at the May 25 meeting.
- * Proposed Regulations for the FMP for the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery and the FMP as published in the Federal Register of April 21, 1978 were reproduced for distribution and use during the 45-day comment period.
- * Negotiations continue toward the letting of a contract on an environmental study of clam harvesting in the Eastern Bering Sea.
- * A Council sub-committee met and determined priorities for FMP development. The Council had previously determined that FMP's for herring in the Bering Sea and the salmon troll fishery shared first priority.
- * The developing groundfish fishery is being monitored by an on-going observer program being conducted for the NPFMC under contract to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. The program was initiated in mid-winter with observer activity being conducted out of Kodiak.
- * Preliminary data on the conduct of the Tanner crab fishery in the Bering Sea through March show the following: (domestic) = 45,000,000 lbs; (foreign) = 18.2% of the 15,000 mt quota (2722.51 mt through April 15).
- * The NPFMC was audited by the Department of Commerce during April. The results of the audit are expected in three months.
- * Next meeting of the NPFMC is May 25-26, 1978.