

April 22, 1980

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April 24-25, 1980

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- ✓ H-3. Foreign Permit Review Procedures . . . Action Required
- ✓ G-2. Tanner Crab FMP . . . Action Required
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- ✓ G-5. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands FMP . . . Action Required
- ✓ G-1. High Seas Salmon FMP . . . Public Comment

*yes - 7:00 pm to*  
*7:45 pm 10:15 pm*

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FOR THE PUBLIC

April 15, 1980

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA  
THIRTY-SECOND PLENARY SESSION  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
April 24-25, 1980  
Anchorage Westward Hilton  
Anchorage, Alaska

The Council will convene on Thursday, April 24th, 1980 at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn on Friday, April 25th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Kenai/Aleutian Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel, 3rd and E Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. The Advisory Panel will convene Wednesday, April 23rd in the Kenai/Aleutian Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1980 beginning at 9:00 p.m. in the Council conference room and will adjourn Wednesday, April 23rd, at 5:00 p.m. Also, a public hearing has been planned for Wednesday, April 23rd beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Trattoria Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel. Public comment is invited on the proposed amendments for 1981 to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island and Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plans. The meetings in general may be lengthened or shortened depending on the progress on the agenda. The meetings are open to the public.

INFORMATION ON THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Preregistration (except in special or unusual cases) will be required for all public comments which pertain to a specific agenda topic. Preregistration is accomplished by informing the agenda clerk -- BY 10:00 A.M. OF THE FIRST DAY -- of the agenda item to be addressed and the time required. Preregistration and public comments may be scheduled for F. OLD BUSINESS, G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS, and H. NEW BUSINESS agenda items. There will be a general comment period (Agenda K.) scheduled for late afternoon of the second day for testimony on matters not on the current agenda. Ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each person or group.

A. ✓ CALL TO ORDER

B. ✓ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. ✓ APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E. SPECIAL REPORTS

E-1. Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report on Domestic Fisheries

E-2. National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Foreign Fisheries Including Joint Ventures

E-3. U.S. Coast Guard Report of Enforcement and Surveillance

E-4. Special SSC and AP Reports on Matters not on the Agenda

E-5. A Status Report on U.S./Canada negotiations by Dr. Lee Alverson

F. OLD BUSINESS

(Executive Director, SSC, AP and other staff comments may be scheduled. Preregistered public comments are allowed on each item.)

F-1. Appointment of new Advisory Panel Members

The selection of two new Advisory Panel members was deferred at the March meeting. Members of the Council's AP nominating committee (Meacham, Eaton, Tillion and Lokken) will meet to discuss appointments to the Advisory Panel.

F-2. Old Business as appropriate

G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

G-1. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP; Review proposed 1981 amendments and consider release of reserves.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday (April 23) preceding the Council meeting on the proposed 1981 amendments. During the Council meeting, these proposed amendments can be discussed but no action is required. We expect Council action on these amendments in Kodiak at the May meeting. A release of reserves is also scheduled for May 2nd and will be considered in light of the available joint venture and domestic catch information.

G-2. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP; review proposed 1981 amendments, take action on a proposal to increase the cod OY for 1980 and other business as appropriate.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday (April 23) preceding the Council meeting on the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish 1981 proposed amendments. At that time we will also schedule public comment on a proposal to increase the cod ABC/OY for 1980.

The schedule of events to review, approve and implement the 1981 amendments has become complicated. NMFS insists a supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) is required on the proposed amendments. A supplemental EIS begins with the submission of a supplemental EIS to Commerce's Environmental Working Group who need 2-3 weeks to review it, file it with EPA and publish a notice of availability in the Federal Register. That triggers a mandatory 45 day public comment period: generally amendments are not approved until that comment period has expired. In order to implement the amendments by January 1, 1981, however we must act on the amendments in May before the end of the 45 day EIS comment period. Comments on the amendments should be submitted to the Council prior to the May meeting in Kodiak but comments on the SEIS will be accepted until the end of that comment period, probably in mid-June. There will actually be 2 comment periods, on one the amendments ending May 16 and the others on the SEIS, ending approximately June 15.

*Wagye*

G-3. Herring Draft FMP - Consider comments received during the public hearings.

We plan a major presentation by the Management Plan Drafting Team on (1) the FMP and (2) significant issues. This review and update is necessary if we are to choose options at this meeting and approve the plan in May.

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G-4.

Troll Salmon FMP - An Update

*Blawson*

We have no word on the status of the amendment to the Troll Salmon FMP and on whether our last action was accepted by Washington as a clear statement of our intent. It appears that the emergency regulations will be promulgated before April 15th when the old plan expires to prevent a hiatus in the fishery.

The Council's Troll Salmon Steering Committee consists of Dr. Bevan, Gordon Jensen and Dr. Skoog. A parallel committee has been established with the Pacific Council: Mr. Martinis, Mr. McDevitt and Dr. J. R. Donaldson. The first joint meeting of the Steering Committees will be April 29th in Seattle.

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G-5. Tanner Crab FMP - Proposed 1981 amendments

Mark  
J  
The Alaska Board of Fisheries passed several Tanner crab proposals last month which require (mostly) minor changes in our regulations. These deal with fishing section subdistrict definitions: season dates: pot limits: tank inspection requirements: district registration systems: registration deadlines: redefinition of Tanner crab gear: and reports required of the industry. We have noticed our intent to act on these proposals at the April meeting. We have held the amendment package approved at the Dec./Jan. meeting (all minor reg. changes) to send in with this group of amendments.

H. NEW BUSINESS

*(Executive Director, SSC, AP and other staff comments may be scheduled. Preregistered public comments are allowed following each item.)*

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H-1. Consideration of a Policy on the Management Plan Development Process

The Council will develop a policy for the operation of the management plan drafting teams. It will define the roles of agency and department personnel on the PDT's in drafting original plans, routine amendments and/or second generation amendments and plans.

Maggie  
H-2. An Evaluation of the Environmental Defense Fund Petition for Changes in the Guidelines for Developing the Fishery Management Plans

A Subgroup of the SSC has met in Seattle to discuss this petition. We expect their report at the Council meeting.

Braun  
H-3. Proposed modified policy for routine approval of foreign permit applications with minor violations.

Currently permit applications, from ships with any violations must be reviewed by the Council. I am recommending that ships with minor violations (non-catch related) be included within my authority to recommend approval/disapproval on behalf of the Council

H-4. Other New Business as Necessary.

I. REPORT, CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS

I-1. Review proposals and award contract for A Study of the Offshore Chinook and Coho Salmon Fishery off Alaska. (RFP 80-2)

*Judy*

Last week we mailed this Request for Proposal (RFP) to approximately 100 perspective bidders: proposals are due Monday, April 21, of the Council meeting week. The proposals will be evaluated during the Council week and a recommendation forwarded to the Finance Committee on Friday morning. If there are no unforeseen problems we could award the contract the following week.

I-2. Review proposals and award contract for the Halibut Limited Entry Study off Alaska.

We received six proposals in response to this RFP. They have been mailed to a proposal review committee which plans to meet Tuesday night, April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. in my office. We expect their recommendation to be forwarded to the Finance Committee for a decision on Friday. Proposals were received from Tetra Tech, Dames & Moore, Environmental Services, Ltd., Earl R. Combs, Gruen & Gruen and Associates and Frank Orth and Associates. The bids ranged from \$38,780 to \$55,220.

I-3. Other Business as Necessary

J. FINANCE REPORTS

*Judy*

J-1. Review FY80, six month financial report and forecast for remainder of the year.

J-2. Other finance matters as necessary

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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## ADVISORY PANEL AGENDA

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  - G-2. Tanner Crab FMP - Proposed amendments.
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H. NEW BUSINESS

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- I-2. Review proposals and award contract for the Halibut Limited Entry Study off Alaska.
- I-3. Proposal to conduct a study of Herring stocks and populations in the Eastern Bering Sea.

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April 21, 1980

## AGENDA

### SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

April 22-23, 1980

Tuesday, 9 a.m.

- o Salmon FMP (G-1)
  - Status of amendment
  - Review proposals and recommend contractor for Salmon RFP
  - Review of Troll Salmon Tag Recovery Contract; SSC Subgroup report
  
- o Tanner Crab FMP (G-2)
  - Review and approval of amendments
  
- o Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (G-4)
  - Report of the SSC Subcommittee on amendments
  
- o Bering Sea Groundfish FMP (G-5)
  - Report of the SSC Subcommittee on amendments
  
- o Halibut (I-2)
  - Review and approval of proposals for halibut limited entry contract
  
- o Other Business
  - Report from the Subcommittee to Review EDF Petition (National Standards Review) (H-2)

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

- o Herring FMP (G-3)
  - Presentation by PDT on issues and options; recommendations on options
  
- o Other Business
  - (Executive Session) Review of roles and responsibilities of SSC and PDT's and their relationship (H-1)
  - Election of SSC member to the Finance Committee
  - May/June Meeting - time and place