

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

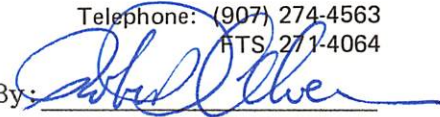
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MINUTES

ADVISORY PANEL
Anchorage, Alaska
March 26-27, 1984

The Advisory Panel met on Monday and Tuesday, March 26-27, 1984, in the Windsor Room of the Anchorage Sheffield House. The following members were present:

Bud Boddy, Vice Chairman
Patricia Barker
Al Burch
Barry Collier
Larry Cotter
Barry Fisher
Eric Jordan
Rick Lauber

John Lecture
Ray Lewis
Jim O'Connell
Dan O'Hara
Don Rawlinson
Walt Smith
Tony Vaska
Ed Wojeck

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bud Boddy. The Advisory Panel nominated Ed Wojeck as Secretary for the meeting.

B-1 Executive Director's Report

Clarence Pautzke presented the Executive Director's report to the Advisory Panel. In that report it was noted that an industry workgroup and a Council-appointed workgroup are working on incidental catch problems in the groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Reports from these groups were to be available at the May Council meeting. Some AP members felt that May was a poor time for discussing incidental catch matters concerning halibut since some members would be halibut fishing.

B-6 Salmon Update

The Advisory Panel unanimously approved a motion to advise the staff and Council to correct item #3 on page 2 of agenda item B-6(b) to read as follows:

The projected winter troll catch is similar to or slightly greater than the 1982-83 level. We expect a total of 30,000-35,000 chinooks to be taken prior to the summer season opening. This means that the summer season's ceiling will be approximately 188,000-193,000 chinooks:

263,000	total chinook harvest
- 30,000	winter harvest
- 20,000	sport harvest
- <u>20,000</u>	net harvest
188,000-	summer harvest
193,000	

The AP unanimously approved a motion recommending the Council evaluate whether the Canadian actions regarding the chinook fishery are significant enough to justify our managing at the low end of the OY range.

In addition, the AP recommends that the Legislature approve the Alaska Board of Fisheries and notify the Council of their action. This motion passed 11 to 0 with 1 abstention.

C-1 April Meeting Agenda

The Advisory Panel recommends the following members be allowed to attend the April 1984 meeting:

Bob Alverson	Tony Vaska
Al Burch	Ed Wojeck
Barry Collier	Barry Fisher
Rick Lauber	

The Advisory Panel recommends to the Council that when the next AP vacancy occurs that serious consideration be given to appointing someone from the Alaska Peninsula area.

The general feeling was that the Alaska Peninsula is a significant fishing area of the State and there has never been anyone available in the area and now there is.

C-2 Soviet Direct Allocation

The AP passed a motion 6 to 5 recommending that there be a direct allocation for the Soviets.

C-3 Foreign Joint Venture Permit Review

South Korea

The Advisory Panel unanimously approved joint venture permit applications for the NO. 1 HANSUNG and DAEJIN NO. 52.

In addition, the AP unanimously approved joint venture permit applications for NO. 215 TAE BAEK and NO. 315 TAE BAEK with the qualifier that we are concerned about NO. 215 TAE BAEK's past violation on halibut and will consider this when reviewing their permit application for a direct allocation in 1985.

USSR

The AP unanimously approved the joint venture permit application for NIKOLAEVSKIY KARABEL.

total timber harvest	203,000
winter harvest	- 20,000
spring harvest	- 20,000
net harvest	- 20,000
summer harvest	188,000
	188,000

The AF unanimously approved a motion recommending the Council evaluate whether the Canadian actions regarding the timber harvest are significant enough to justify our messaging at the end of the 07 range.

In addition, the AF recommends that the legislature approve the Alaska Board of Fisheries and notify the Council of their action. This action passed 11 to 0 with 1 abstention.

0-1 April Meeting Agenda

The Advisory Panel recommends the following members be allowed to attend the April 1984 meeting:

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| Bob Alivonon | Tony Vaska |
| Al Smith | Ed Wajack |
| Berry Collier | Berry Hader |
| Kirk Lander | |

The Advisory Panel recommends to the Council that when the next AF meeting occurs that serious consideration be given to appointing someone from the Alaska Peninsula area.

The general feeling was that the Alaska Peninsula is a significant fishing area of the State and there has never been anyone available in the area and now there is.

0-2 Soviet Direct Allocation

The AF passed a motion 6 to 2 recommending that there be a direct allocation for the Soviets.

0-3 Foreign Joint Venture Permit Review

South Korea

The Advisory Panel unanimously approved joint venture permit applications for the NO. 1 HANBONG and DANRIS NO. 22.

In addition, the AF unanimously approved joint venture permit applications for NO. 103 TAE BANG and NO. 104 TAE BANG with the condition that we are concerned about NO. 215 TAE BANG's poor reputation as a partner and will consider this when reviewing their permit application for a direct allocation in 1985.

Japan

The AF unanimously approved the joint venture permit application for NIKOLAEVSKIY KARAMELI.

Japan

The Advisory Panel voted 11 to 0 with 1 abstention to approve the joint venture permit applications with the qualifier that we are concerned about the seriousness of past violations and will consider this when reviewing their permit applications for a direct allocation in 1985.

Permit Review

The Advisory Panel reaffirms that they want more representation on the Permit Review Committee. They still want to be able to review permits at AP meetings.

D-1 Herring FMP

Council staff member, Jim Glock reported on the Herring FMP and RFP.

On a vote of 12 to 2 the Advisory Panel recommends that the Council have a Herring FMP.

In addition, on a vote of 8 to 5 with 1 abstention the AP recommends that the FMP be written to adhere to state policy on herring management.

The following motion passed 8 to 6:

The AP accepts the scientific validity of a highly structured and monitored research fishery proposal on eastern Bering Sea herring to achieve the objectives as stated in the proposed RFP. We agree with the SSC that we should at all times consider the potential impacts of current inside roe fisheries and that harvest guidelines shall be structured so that a maximum of 5% of the most current year's spawning biomass is taken. At no time shall the harvest in a one degree section exceed 1,000 mt.

Minority Report: We support the research of eastern Bering Sea herring in the high seas, but not the approach that the proposal before you is attempting.

The proposal before you presents too great a risk to the small discrete stocks north of Cape Newenham. The subsistence and economic dependence on these discrete stocks is far more important than the research value of the present proposal. The potential displacement of food and cash resources would spell disaster for people who depend on the herring so directly. If this should occur because of over-harvest of any small discrete stocks in the high seas, who is going to replace the loss of food and cash?

We are willing to accept smaller tonnage for this research proposal if the estimated observed spawning biomass is in excess of 80,000 mt. The proposal requests 5% as the goal to achieve the necessary data and still provide an economic incentive for fishing vessels to carry on the proposal. We feel that 1% is sufficient for gathering data and providing the economic incentive for vessels to carry on this research project. We feel that any more than 1% begins to raise the potential for destroying small, but highly important, discrete stocks in the Bering Sea.

We continue to encourage the Council and the ADF&G to seek funds for herring research in the Bering Sea. We also continue to recognize that the research will help.

D-2 King and Tanner Crab FMPs

The Advisory Panel unanimously passed a motion to consider and make recommendations on the following issues related to the crab fishery:

- (1) 3-S (sex, size, season) management
- (2) Exclusive registration areas
- (3) Pot limits
- (4) Hard-on-bottom trawl gear

- (1) 3-S (sex, size, season) management. The Advisory Panel unanimously approved the following motion:

The AP recognizes that the current crab management regime has not effectively managed the resource. Considering conservation as the major issue, the AP recommends that the Council and the Board of Fisheries look at and evaluate new fisheries management standards; for example, but not limited to, "3-S" management. We also recognize the need for fisheries managers to have the option of implementing emergency conservation closures at all times supported by valid information and statistics.

Any new management system should take into account potential problems that may occur with catcher processors; observer coverage may be mandatory. Other items of significant concern include possible increased mortality resulting from increased pot lifts and the potential increase of prohibited species catches.

- (2) Exclusive registration areas. The Advisory Panel passed the following motion 8 to 6:

The AP recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries repeal its exclusive area registration regulations inside of 3 miles to allow State and Federal regulations to coincide; in any event all seasons and areas shall have concurrent openings in so far as biologically possible.

- (3) Pot limits. On a vote of 7 to 4 the Advisory Panel's opinion is that the State of Alaska should enforce pot limit restrictions in the FCZ. Further, the Council and NMFS should work with the State to develop a legally enforceable program.

- (4) Hard-on-bottom trawl gear. Marty Eaton of ADF&G explained that the proposed closures were solely to protect the king crab resources which are at dangerously low levels of abundance. The proposed closed areas were large because there were insufficient data to pinpoint the exact locations where the incidental catch of crabs was highest. In addition, the only basis for the closure was the status of the king crab stocks; Tanner crab and halibut by-catches were not the motivating factors in this particular proposal.

It is requested to encourage the Council and the ADF to seek funds for carrying out research in the future. We also continue to encourage the research with help.

2-1. Fish and Game Commission

The Advisory Panel unanimously passed a motion to consider and make recommendations on the following issues related to the fishery:

- (1) 3-8 (sex, size, season) management
- (2) Regulatory restrictions
- (3) Fishery
- (4) Hard-bottom (trap) gear

(1) 3-8 (sex, size, season) management. The Advisory Panel unanimously approved the following motion:

The AP recognizes that the current fish management regime has not effectively managed the resource. Considering conservation as the major issue, the AP recommends that the Council and the Board of Fisheries focus on and evaluate new fisheries management standards; for example, but not limited to, "fish management". It also recognizes the need for fisheries managers to have the option of implementing emergency conservation measures if all other approved by valid information and statistics.

Any new management system should take into account potential problems that may occur with other resources; otherwise coverage may be reduced. Other items of significant concern include possible increased mortality resulting from increased pot sizes and the potential increase of prohibited species catches.

(2) Regulatory restrictions. The Advisory Panel passed the following motion 3 to 2:

The AP recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries repeal the exclusive zone regulatory restrictions inside of 2 miles in all waters and areas shall have regulatory restrictions in any event all seasons and areas shall have regulatory restrictions in a far as biologically possible.

(3) Hard-bottom trap gear. On a vote of 4 to 1 the Advisory Panel's opinion is that the State of Alaska should continue to have restrictions in the Bering Sea. The Council and ADF should work with the State to develop a legally enforceable program.

(4) Hard-bottom trap gear. The AP recognizes that the proposed changes were solely to protect the large fish resources which are at dangerously low levels of abundance. The proposed changes were large because there were insufficient data to pinpoint the exact fisheries where the incidental catch of crabs was highest. In addition, the only basis for the program was the status of the king crab stocks; however, and limited by-catches were not the motivating factors in this particular proposal.

On a vote of 9 to 0 with 2 abstentions the Advisory Panel opposes the closed water proposal as written.

In addition, the following motion was passed unanimously:

All data collected, including data from the NMFS should be made available in a timely manner to all management agencies involved. As areas of concern are identified they shall be closed. Closed areas shall be re-evaluated annually.

The following information was received from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C., on 10/10/50, in response to a letter from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C., dated 10/10/50, and a copy of the letter is being furnished to you for your information.

The Bureau of the Census has advised that the information requested is being furnished to you for your information.

Very truly yours,
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