

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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1978 July Council Agenda Items

1. Proposed Agenda
Expanded Agenda

2. June 1978 Minutes

3. Executive Director's Report

Contract Status

Financial Status to June 30, 1978.

7/13/78 ltr to Chairman from Takuji Katoh, President, Nichiro Gyogyo Kaisha, Ltd. Their thanks for our letting them fish greater area for Tanner crab in 1978.

7/15/78 ltr to Harold Lokken, Chr., from James A. Storer, Dir. Office of Fisheries Affairs, State Dept.

6/15/78 ltr to Hon. Henry M. Jackson, US Senate, from C.L. Haslam, DOC general counsel. DOC view on Subsection 303(d) of HR 39.

4. U.S. Coast Guard Report, 25 JUL 1978.

5. NMFS Report, 7/14/78, Monthly summary of foreign fishing activities off Alaska, June 1978.
AND, 7/20/78 ltr to JH Branson from HLRietze, Weekly tanner crab catches by foreign fishermen.

AND, 7/25/78 table, Japanese Bering Sea Tanner Crab Fishery and Catch (metric tons) reported by designated foreign officials, compiled 7/25/78 .

6. SSC report

7. AP report

8. Council Research Contracts - Reports

- a. Contract #78-1 Final Report: "An Investigation of Joint U.S./ Foreign Ventures in the Developing Commercial Fishery Off Alaska.
University of Alaska

This report unavailable at time of Council meeting

8. Continued

b. Contract #78-4 Interim Report: "The Development and Enhancement of a Computerized Fisheries Information System."
Alaska Department of Fish & Game

c. Contract #78-6 Interim Report: "A Study of the Social and Economic Impacts of a Commercial Herring Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the (This report has limited distribution) Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim (AYK) Area in Western Alaska."
Dames & Moore

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Tetra Tech, Inc.

9. Report on Management Plan Development (A monthly update).
10. Steering Committee for Bering Sea Shrimp FMP: Burch, Skoog, Lewis, Wendler.
11. 1978 Japanese Pacific Cod Longliners Fishing West of 157° W. dated July 25, 1978
AND, Incidence of Halibut on Longline Vessels Targeting on Pacific cod West of 157° W. dated 7/26/78
12. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fishery FMP, SUMMARY.
AND 2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.
13. 7/25/78 memo to SSC from Executive Director on Troll Salmon FMP.
14. Halibut FMP. Item of 7/14/78 by H.E. Lokken, Proposed United States Position.
15. Proposed 1979 Fee Schedule for Foreign Fishing (50 CFR 611)
16. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery FMP. JUL 1978 memo to Terry Leitzell Sub: Status of the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP (FMP)--(A Information Memorandum).
AND, Memo to Record fm Clem Bribitzer, NMFS, Subj: Meeting to Discuss Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP Implementation.
17. COUNCIL MEMORANDUM, June 1978.

b. Interim Report: "The Development and Management of a Computerized Fisheries Information System," Alaska Department of Fish & Game

c. Contract #73-6 Interim Report: "A Study of the Social and Economic Impacts of a Commercial Netting Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the Kotzebue Sound (AK) Area in Western Alaska," James & Moore

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10. Steering Committee for Bering Sea Stump Out; Burch, Shook, Lewis, Wendler.

11. 1972 Japanese Pacific Cod Logbook; Fishing West of 137° W. dated July 22, 1972. A.D. Incidence of Effort on Longline Vessels Targeting on Pacific cod West of 137° W. dated 7/20/72.

12. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fishery 1971-1972. AND A DEXTRIVE SURVEY.

13/72 memo to SSC from Johnson, on Troll Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

14. Draft of 1972 by H.R. Johnson, Proposed United States Position.

15. Proposed 1972 See Schedule for Foreign Fishing (30 CFR 611)

16. File of Alaska Groundfish Fishery 1971-1972 memo to Terry Lattin. Sub-Section of the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery (GAF) - (A Information Memorandum). AND copy to Johnson of Memo to Glen Haddock from me to discuss Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan.

17. COUNCIL MEMORANDUM, June 1972.

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AND, Supplement to Comments by the Japan Deep-Sea Trawlers Association July 27, 1978 Anchorage, Alaska.

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3. Greeting by Mr. Hiromu Suzuki, Leader of Delegation Junior Division of Shiogama-City District, National Federation of Medium Trawlers, Japan. Attachment: Map "Japan's principal fishing ports, their landings and 10 Big Consuming Cities, 1973."
4. Statement of Request by Motojiro Kawase, Mayor of Shiogama, Miyagi-Ken, Japan AND Mr. H.E.Lokken's response, dated July 31, 1978.
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4. Statement of Request by Ichiro Iwano, Mayor of Shikama, Iwano-Kan, Japan AND Mr. H. Iwano's response, dated July 27, 1978.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

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Seventeenth Plenary Session

July 27 - 28, 1978

The Council will meet July 27th in the Endeavor Room and July 28th in the Fore Deck Room of the Capt. Cook Hotel at 8:30a.m. The Advisory Panel will meet July 26 in the Easter Island Room beginning at 9:00am until business is concluded. The Scientific & Statistical Committee will meet July 26th in the Council conference room at 10:00 a.m.

We have advertised for a closed session, so may hold one if desired. The public comment period is tentatively scheduled for the usual time, 3:30 p.m., Thursday.

AGENDA

1. Proposed Agenda
2. Minutes of June 1978 Meeting
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Coast Guard Report on Enforcement and Surveillance Activities
5. NMFS Report on the Foreign Fishery and Surveillance Activities
6. Report from the Scientific and Statistical Committee
7. Report from the Advisory Panel

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11. Observer Reports and update on Japanese Longline Cod Fishery West of 157° West

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13. Review High Seas Salmon (Troll) Fishery FMP and Revise for Publication.

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- f. Annual Council Steering Committee for Bering Sea Shrimp T.T.
- g. Overview Report and Update on Japanese Longline Cod Fishery West of 150° West.
- h. Review Bering Sea Groundfish T.T. and Review for Publication.
- i. Review West Sea Salmon (Troll) Fishery T.T. and Review for Publication.
- j. Halibut T.T. - Council Director for First Year Objectives.
- k. Preliminary Workshop Fee Schedule for 1978.
- l. Consider Implementing Bill of Alaska Groundfish Fishery in Through 1978.

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EXPANDED AGENDA

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Seventeenth Plenary Session

Captain Cook Hotel

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July 27 - 28, 1978

The Council will meet Thursday and Friday, July 27th and July 28th in the Captain Cook Hotel. The Council meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Resolution Room of the Captain Cook Hotel, recess that day at the close of the public comment period and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the Fore Deck of the Captain Cook Hotel.

The Advisory Panel will meet on July 26th in the Easter Island Room of the Captain Cook Hotel at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet in the conference at the Council offices in the Post Office Mail Building beginning at 10:00 a.m., July 26th, Wednesday. If the Advisory Panel and SSC wish to meet separately on July 27th or 28th space will be arranged by the Council staff.

A closed session has been advertised in the Federal Register, the Council may hold one if so desired. If so, it will start at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27th. The public comment period is scheduled to begin at 3:30 pm. Thursday, July 27th.

AGENDA

1. PROPOSED AGENDA

2. MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

The minutes of the June meeting, already mailed to each of you, require approval at this meeting.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. U.S. COAST GUARD REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

5. NMFS REPORT ON THE FOREIGN FISHERY AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

6. REPORT FROM THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

- a. Ocean Salmon FMP
- b. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP
- c. University of Alaska Joint Ventures Contract
- d. ADF&G's Fisheries Information System Contract
- e. Dames and Moore's Socio-economic Herring Contract
- f. Tetra Tech, Inc.'s Benthic Impacts--Clam Harvesting Contract
- g. Implementing the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP through 1979 with existing data.

7. REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY PANEL

- a. Bering Sea and Aleutian Island Groundfish FMP
- b. Ocean Salmon (Troll) FMP
- c. Research contracts as listed for SSC.
- d. Preliminary Foreign Fee Schedule for 1979
- e. Fishery Management Plan for Halibut

8. COUNCIL RESEARCH CONTRACTS - REPORTS

- a. Contract #78-1, "An Investigation of Joint U.S./Foreign Ventures in the Developing Commercial Fishery Off Alaska"

First considered at the June Council meeting but not considered acceptable by the SSC, this report has subsequently been reviewed by an SSC subcommittee. We have extended the final date of the contract to August 15, 1978. If the final report is in hand after review by the review group and the SSC, the Council needs to accept or reject the report and authorize final payment.

- b. Interim report on Contract #78-4, "The Development and Enhancement of a Computerized Fisheries Information System."

The interim report was mailed to members of the SSC and needs only passing attention by the Council. A major review of the contract is scheduled for October of this year to assess first year activities and plan the second year Statements of Work, Goals and Objectives.

- c. Interim report by Dames & Moore for Contract #78-6, "A Study of the Social and Economic Impacts of a Commercial Herring Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim (AYK) Area in Western Alaska."

It has been given to the Advisory Panel, SSC, and the Herring Steering Committee (consisting of western Alaska residents) for their review. Due to the sensitive and complex nature of the subsistence issue in western Alaska, review of the interim report by these groups is important. Because of the preliminary status of the raw data in the report, we have prohibited duplication, distribution, or citing any part of the report without written permission from the Council. In addition, we have requested that all comments and review of the Interim Report be sent directly to the Council for distribution to Dames & Moore.

- d. First interim report from Tetra Tech, Inc., for Contract #78-10, "A Study to Determine the Effects of Hydraulic Clam Harvesting in the Eastern Bering Sea."

It deals primarily with the literature search and was received in advance of the scheduled date due.

9. REPORT ON MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT (MONTHLY UPDATE).

We have instituted a regular monthly update of all Council FMP's. The report is in your agenda folder, and indicates ongoing work for nine FMPs and degree of progress in the development/review process, meetings held and planned, and any special problems.

10. APPOINT COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR BERING SEA SHRIMP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

A Council subcommittee needs to be appointed for the Bering Sea shrimp fishery management plan to assist the management plan drafting team in formulating objectives based on Council policy and in the review process of the FMP prior to submission to the Council.

11. OBSERVER REPORTS AND UPDATE ON JAPANESE LONGLINE PACIFIC COD FISHERY WEST OF 157° WEST LONGITUDE

Contained in your folder are the observer reports and the updated

fishery statistics on the Japanese longline Pacific cod fishery west of 157° West longitude.

12. REVIEW BERING SEA GROUND FISH FMP AND REVISE FOR PUBLICATION

You received a copy of the Bering Sea Groundfish FMP in the mail. The Council should make a decision at this meeting to approve, with revisions as necessary, the plan for printing and publication to begin the public comment period and public hearings. In your agenda folder is a memorandum detailing the central points of the plan.

13. REVIEW HIGH SEAS SALMON (TROLL) FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND REVISE

In your agenda folder is a much abbreviated summary of the important parts of the High Seas Salmon (Troll) FMP. If approved at this Council meeting for printing and subsequent public review, the earliest date the plan could be implemented is approximately April 15, 1979. If there is a delay, and the plan is not approved for printing at this time, it is doubtful whether the FMP could be implemented for the 1979 fishery. At best it is a tight schedule.

The summary covers the sections on MSY, OY, Management Options, Management Objectives, limited entry, and Council objectives.

Council review should insure that every possible option or alternative is listed in the plan so that whatever is finally approved, the public has had a chance to comment.

14. HALIBUT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN: COUNCIL DIRECTION FOR FIRST-YEAR OBJECTIVES

The Halibut Management Plan development team and the Council Steering Committee met in Seattle this month to discuss and begin a fishery management plan for halibut. Harold Lokken will report on the status of the U.S./Canada talks as they relate to halibut. We expect a first draft of the halibut FMP by the August 24 Council meeting.

15. PRELIMINARY FOREIGN FEE SCHEDULE FOR 1979

We have asked the Advisory Panel to review this schedule and make their recommendations to the Council. There is another national meeting scheduled to finalize the Fee Schedule in September, date and location undecided at this time.

16. CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY FMP THROUGH 1979.

We have been asked by NOAA to comment on three possible alternatives for implementing the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP. These alternatives, included in your agenda folder, suggest we either implement the plan as is for the 12-months following the implementation date, or implement the plan for 12 months beginning January 1, 1979.

