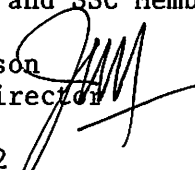


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, AP and SSC Members

FROM: Jim H. Branson
Executive Director 

DATE: July 9, 1982

SUBJECT: Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King Crab Fishery Management Plan

ACTION REQUIRED

None. For information only.

BACKGROUND

The Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King Crab FMP, the Regulatory Impact Review, and draft implement regulations was submitted for Secretarial review on June 1, 1982. The 60-day Secretarial Review period began on June 10 and is scheduled to end on August 9, 1982.

Work is continuing on the BS/AI Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and it should be completed by this meeting. The FEIS will then be submitted to Washington, D.C. for approval. Delays in this document are due to the overwhelming number of comments received on the draft EIS and draft FMP which must be responded to in the FEIS.