

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES Anchorage, Alaska July 20, 1982

The Advisory Panel met on Tuesday, July 20, 1982, in the Adventure Room of the Hotel Captain Cook from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The following members were present: Greg Baker, Bud Boddy, Al Burch, Dick Goldsmith, Joe Kurtz, Rick Lauber, Ray Lewis, Kristy Long, James O'Connell, Dan O'Hara, Walter Smith, Tony Vaska, Ed Wojeck, and Robert Alverson, Chairman.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Alverson. The agenda was approved by all members. There were no comments on the minutes of the May 18, 1982 Advisory Panel meeting.

Walter Smith was introduced as a new Advisory Panel member representing the Alaska Fishermen's Union.

### B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report. The Executive Director's Report was presented by Jim Branson. Mr. Branson suggested that a small review group look at the guidelines for fishery management plans based on interpretation of the National Standards. The AP has appointed Greg Baker. No further action was taken under this agenda item.

B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G. This report was presented by Fred Gaffney who briefly reported that the blackcod fishery in Southeast Alaska may be closed in early August; the opilio fishery will close shortly in the Bering Sea with a harvest of 27,000,000 lbs; the chinook harvest in Southeast Alaska is nearly at the OY level; and the herring fishery in the Bering Sea exceeded OY resulting in no high seas herring fishery for 1982.

B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by NMFS. The NMFS reports were presented by both Phil Chitwood and Craig Hammond. The AP requested that in light of the domestic halibut fishery they would like to know the names of the vessels that were cited for early fishing and late fishing, by what degree they violated opening and closing, and the final reported fines. The AP would like this available at the next Council meeting.

B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard. No one was present to make this report.

- B-5 Joint Venture Operations. No reports were presented.
- B-6 U.S.-Canada Salmon Negotiations. Report to be given at Council meeting.
- B-7 NMFS Observer Program. No report was presented.
- B-8 Review of 1982 Halibut Fishery No report was presented.

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

- C-1 Progress Report on Halibut Limited Entry. The AP reaffirmed its position on a moratorium for the halibut fishery effective the end of the 1982 fishery. This position was supported 9 to 4.
- C-2 Operational Guidance for PMTs and PDTs. No report was given.
- C-3 Review of AP Operations. In order to obtain better input from the AP, the AP requested that they be allowed to meet a half day early in Sitka to discuss concepts for a better working relationship within the AP and the Council.
- C-4 Meeting Schedule for 1983. No action taken.
- C-5 Joint Venture Permit Application from Taiwan. The AP recommended disapproval of this request on a vote of 13 to 0 with Dick Goldsmith abstaining. The reasons for the Advisory Panel recommendation were as follows:
1. The 800 mt by-catch of blackcod was 16% of the total requested harvest and the standard is 1.5%.
  2. The requested by-catch of Pacific Ocean perch was also excessive.
  3. The request for a direct catch of codfish was not commensurate with the Region's codfish allocation system, that being that codfish is allocated for the purpose of a by-catch to the pollock fishery.
  4. The joint venture purports to employ one token U.S. vessel while utilizing five foreign vessels.

- C-6 Other Business. No action was taken.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Salmon FMP. No action was taken. Jim Glock presented a notebook of pictures of net marked salmon.
- D-2 Herring FMP. The Advisory Panel voted to advise the Council to bring back the Herring Plan from Secretarial review in order to allow for Council redrafting on problem areas. The AP also recommends that the Council seek funds for high seas herring research.

Since the AP did not have available the State of Alaska comments for an offshore fishery on herring nor the appropriate NMFS scientist, it did not take any definite action on whether the Council should support a high

seas fishery. In general, the AP feeling was that a high seas fishery on herring should be predicated on a surplus of herring following the inshore fishery.

D-3 King Crab FMP. No action was taken.

D-4 Tanner Crab FMP. The AP advises that the Council send out for public review the Tanner crab proposals in section D-4. These regulatory proposals are only those regulations that are not the same as state regulations.

D-5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP.

Sablefish EY in Southeast Alaska. The AP was informed that the PMT suggested a change in the EY in the Southeast Alaska region for blackcod from 1,290 mt to 1,850 mt. The AP recommends against that and supports the EY of 1,290 mt.

No foreign quota in Western Yakutat. The AP recommends that there be no foreign blackcod fishing in the western portion of the Yakutat area and that the Council not release reserves or TALFF. This action was based on the PMT report.

Sablefish hook and line only. The AP endorses its previous decision that pots be prohibited between Cape Addington and Cape Spencer, but be permitted where their use had been historically present in other areas of Southeast Alaska.

Pollock OY. The AP recommends that the Council not increase the current ABC for pollock for 1982. The ABC was increased 20% from 1980 to 1981 and 28% for the 1982 season (from 69,000 mt in 1980 to 95,000 mt in 1982).

For 1983 the AP recommends the Council make it's decision at the December meeting whether to increase the Pollock quota. At this time new data and analysis will be available from the INPFC meetings and from NMFS. It was pointed out to the AP if the Council made an OY increase in December of 1982 that NMFS could manage accordingly for the 1983 season.

D-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP. The AP recommended that an amendment allowing foreign longlining year-round in the Halibut Savings Area be sent out for public comment.

The AP also recommended that the Council send out the proposed Fishery Development Zone amendment for public comment.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

No action was taken.