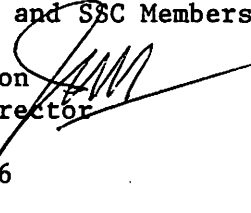


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, AP, and SSC Members
FROM: Jim H. Branson 
Executive Director
DATE: June 19, 1986
SUBJECT: King Crab FMP

ACTION REQUIRED

Review State's decision to decline delegation of authority.

BACKGROUND

The State of Alaska has declined to accept federal delegation of management authority for the Bering Sea king crab fishery. We did not receive the Governor's letter in time to include it in your briefing books, but we expect to have copies available at the meeting. You will need to begin planning a new strategy for managing the fishery. The choices are:

1. Implement federal regulations based on existing FMP.
2. Withdraw the FMP and manage under a Statement of Principles.
3. Draft a major FMP amendment that could include Tanner crab as a single "crab FMP". The area covered could be the Bering Sea, as is the case for the current king crab plan, or all the FCZ off Alaska, as in the current Tanner crab plan.