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MEMORANDUM

To: Council, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Advisory Panel

From: Jim H. Branson *Mark*
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Subject: Report from the Contract Monitoring Committee to
Contract 78-4 The Development and Enhancement of a Computerized
Fisheries Information System

Designated Contract Monitoring Committee (CMC)

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The Committee met in Seattle at the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center (NOAA) on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12 and 13, 1979. The following recommendations are hereby presented to the Council in partial fulfillment of the role of the CMC in the contract.

1. It is the consensus of this committee that the funding and time allotted for Phase I should be expanded and that Phase II be retained only as a planning component.
 - (a) The committee wishes to restate its view of the purpose of the contract: namely, that the contract was to provide a starting place -- in terms of edited, documented and updated fish ticket files -- for a fully developed data processing and retrieval system.
 - (b) The committee believes that this recommendation is in the best overall interest of the Council in terms of the balance needed between contractual accountability, cost efficiency and an orientation towards helping the State achieve this workable data retrieval and processing system.
 - (c) The committee further believes that this proposed deviation from the original contract is justifiable, given the following circumstances:

- (i) The original contract and derivation of Phase I and Phase II and respectively the \$100,000 and \$97,600 funding split was arbitrary;
- (ii) The funding and statements of work and objectives for Phase I were underestimated;
- (iii) The discovery of this problem was not unreasonably late in surfacing.

2. The specific recommendations of the Committee are:

- (a) That the present contract be extended to March 31, 1980.
- (b) That this extension apply only for work done on Phase I-- except for the feasibility study of Phase II.
- (c) That the contract be amended to enlarge the budget to approximately \$160,000, thereby either returning \$37,600 or reprogramming that amount (and/or more) to jointly fund Phase II with NMFS.

SPECIAL NOTE:

We have just received an updated funding request from ADF&G which enlarges the budget to \$190,500; obviously an amount not considered by the Committee.

- (d) That the Council hire a consultant to review the tasks designed by the Contractor--and to comment on the appropriateness of the tasks and our ability to understand and monitor progress according to the described tasks. Bob Gillespie of the University of Washington has been suggested as a possible consultant. The cost estimate is \$1500-\$2000 for this review.

3. The Committee feels that the contract amendment COULD contain contingency language as follows:

"The price of this contract and the expiration date are fixed according to the terms of the contract. There may be circumstances occurring in the form of (but not limited to):

- (1) changes in the groundfish tickets,
- (2) joint venture reporting,
- (3) changes in halibut fish tickets

which could change the scope of work of this contract. These must be reviewed by the Committee and, if approved by the Council, incorporated by amendment into Phase I for the overall goals of the contract to be reached.

4. The Committee finds that the development of a feasibility study and report covering the tasks, funding and timing of Phase II is to be an important part of Phase I.
5. Lastly, with respect to Phase II, the Committee feels that the goals and objectives of this work (if considered for support by the Council) must be explicitly related to those resources needed in order to answer fishery management plan data questions.