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July meeting
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Mr. Jim Branson
North Pacific Fishery
Management Council
P. O. Box 3136DT
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Re: Tanner Crab Research

Dear Jim:

Researchers at both the University of Alaska and ADF&G have approached Sea Grant to see if we would host a conference or workshop on management and biology of Tanner crab. Specifically, they are interested in a meeting which would provide a forum where existing information relative to the biology and fishery management of the two species can be discussed. They believe special emphasis should be placed on identifying future research needs of the management programs.

It is my understanding that the meeting would be similar to the Pandalid Workshop which was held in February, 1979. It was felt a meeting could be held in March, 1982, in Anchorage and would involve about 30 participants.

The Alaska Sea Grant College Program is willing to host this meeting, make all the arrangements, and compile and publish the proceedings. We would like to have this meeting jointly sponsored by the Council, the NMFS, and ADF&G. Joint sponsorship would entail:

1) the agency to pay the travel and associated cost of their scientists to attend; and

2) the agency assisting in the cost of travel for invited foreign participants.

It is estimated that the invited foreign participants would be four (two from Canada and two from Japan) at the maximum total cost of $8,000.00. Thus each agency (UofA, NPFMC, ADF&G, and NMFS) would be asked to contribute about $2,000.00 toward those costs.

I am sending copies of this letter to the SSC so they can discuss the need for such a meeting and make a recommendation to the Council. A similar letter has been sent to Commissioner Skoog and Dr. McVey.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Rosenberg
Director

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cc: SSC Members