

ADVISORY PANEL REPORT  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
July 26, 1978

The Advisory Panel of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council convened at 9:30 a.m. A roster of those present is included with this report.

The panel was privileged to have Mr. Robert Schoning, Special Assistant to Terry Leitzell, National Marine Fisheries Service, make a presentation explaining the desire by Washington, D.C. NMFS management to seek ways of smoothing out rough spots in the relationship between the Council and NMFS. Various members of the panel commented and pointed out their views on causes of friction and suggested remedies. The panel expressed its appreciation to Mr. Schoning for his efforts.

The Advisory Panel discussed the foreign fee schedules problem and adopted the following motion:

"That foreign fees for 1979 be based on the most current average yearly price available, and that the fees in no case be less than those previously recommended by the panel."

It is noted that this action parallels previous recommendations made by the Advisory Panel.

The panel discussed the Bering Sea-Aleutian groundfish plan after having an overview presented by Bert Larkins. The panel determined that it would withhold comment at this time and continue its review. A subcommittee consisting of Sig Jaeger and Bob Alverson was appointed to review and correlate the panel's effort.

Member Carlene Welfelt questioned Mr. Larkins as to the lack of consumer information contained in the plan.

Mr. Wes Johnson of Nova Scotia, a trawl expert, made a presentation on automated longlining, emphasizing on the positive side increased production capabilities and on the negative side the difficulty experienced by some fishermen in accepting new methods.

Mr. Olaf Aase was introduced to the panel. Mr. Aase is an experienced halibut fisherman and discussed with the panel the problems created by the continuing Japanese longline effort east of 140° this year. This is due to the long time delay in implementation of the Gulf groundfish plan. To date 2 million pounds of blackcod have been taken. Mr. Aase indicated that there would be additional effort launched later this year. The failure to implement the plan has resulted in a chilling effect on U.S. effort. The Advisory Panel appreciated the depth of experience Mr. Aase has in this fishery. Mr. Aase cited the small size

of the blackcod and stated that it was very difficult to get a five pound average.

The panel reemphasized its concern over the inordinate long delay in implementation of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish plan.

#### AP RECOMMENDATIONS

That Advisory Panel members be replaced after missing three consecutive meetings without excuse. Suggested members included:

Tim White	Douglas
Sarah Hemphill	Seattle
Shari Gross	Juneau
Bob Blake	Cordova
Floyd Heinbuch	Cook Inlet
Bob Jacobson	Newport, Oregon
Jake Phillips	Pelican

The need for consumer representation was discussed and the panel recognizes the need for consumer representation.

The Advisory Panel recognizes that there is under development a shrimp plan for the Bering Sea. While there is no indication that the Council intends to develop a shrimp plan for the Gulf of Alaska, the obvious relationship between management needs of the two areas is apparent. The panel recommends that the Council carefully examine the management techniques being employed by the State in its Gulf of Alaska shrimp management and that the Council be provided with a detailed analysis of those management and research techniques at the August Council meeting. The panel recommends that the Gulf shrimp management techniques be reviewed by the SSC and their comments made available to the Council at the August meeting.

The Advisory Panel met at 9:30 a.m. in the Easter Island Room of the  
Captain Cook Hotel. Advisory Panel members present were:

Keith Specking	Oral Burch	Robert Alverson
Truman Emberg	Joe Kurtz	Dan O'Hara
Don Rawlinson	Sigfried Jaeger	Bud Boddy
Richard Lauber	Jon Jacobson	Ray Lewis
Carlene Welfelt	Joe Demantle, Jr.	