



Agenda Item 13

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Rockville, Md. 20852

MAR 31 1977

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson
Chairman, North Pacific
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Dear Mr. Rasmuson:

As you may know, the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) advises the Secretary of Commerce on marine fisheries matters which are of concern to the Department. I serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Committee is otherwise comprised of 27 non-Federal experts in marine fisheries who individually represent commercial fisheries, marine recreational fisheries, the academic community, State government, and consumer and conservation regional interests. A current roster and a Committee charter are enclosed.

At its last meeting on February 8-10, 1977, the Committee received a report on Regional Fishery Management Councils' operations and problems from Mr. Bruce A. Lentz, Chairman, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, whom you, together with other Council Chairmen, had designated spokesman at your Houston meeting for this discussion before MAFAC. Mr. Lentz was well received and his summary of Councils' operations and problems emphasized the need for developing coordination between the Councils and MAFAC.

Committee members agreed that interaction between the Councils and MAFAC is necessary, if these bodies are to perform their respective functions effectively. It was suggested that each Council Chairman be invited, or asked to designate a member of the Council staff, to represent his Council at meetings of the Committee. The persons specified by Council Chairmen would be designated consultants to MAFAC and would receive copies of meeting Agenda Books and all pertinent materials which are distributed to the Committee. In turn the Committee would rely on the consultants for direct information on Councils' plans, operations and problems as a basis for recommendations to the Secretary. This invitation is issued with the understanding that Council schedules, as well as other considerations, may prevent the attendance by your designee at some meetings. Further the consultative role does not confer member status but rather, recognizes the desire of the Committee to draw upon the knowledge of such consultants for advice on Council and other pertinent matters.

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The Committee has developed an arrangement with the Interstate Fisheries Commissions, whereby the Executive Directors of the Commissions serve as consultants to the Committee. The Executive Directors are not paid for their services, nor reimbursed for travel and I would propose the same arrangement with the Councils. The Committee meets three times, but in some years twice, per year. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 24-26, 1977, in Washington, D.C.

I believe it is of benefit to both the Councils and MAFAC to pursue this arrangement, and further of benefit to the Secretary to receive views from this important advisory body which are based upon direct Council input. Therefore, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Robert M. White
Administrator

Enclosures

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MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) was established February 17, 1971, by the Secretary of Commerce under Reorganization Plan No. 4 of July 1970 and Executive Order 11007, Section 3b, Act of July 1, 1954 (15 U.S.C. 713-3(c)). The Committee Charter was renewed on January 3, 1973, and again on December 20, 1974, as required by Public Law 92-463. MAFAC members are appointed by the Secretary to advise on matters pertinent to the Department of Commerce's responsibilities for marine fisheries resources.

The Committee held three meetings during the year: February 24-26, 1976, in New Orleans, Louisiana; May 24-26, 1976, in Washington, D.C.; and October 20-22, 1976, in New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition, one meeting of the MAFAC Subcommittee on the National Plan for Marine Fisheries was held on February 23, 1976 and three meetings of the Subcommittee on Marine Recreational Fisheries were held: February 25, 1976; May 24, 1976; and October 20, 1976. Two meetings of the MAFAC Subcommittee on Planning for Extended Jurisdiction were held on April 27-28, 1976, and July 27-28, 1976, both in Reston, Virginia.

As of December 31, 1976, the Committee had 27 members. The membership was:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHARTER OF

MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ESTABLISHMENT

The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) (the "Committee") was established by the Secretary of Commerce on February 17, 1971, pursuant to Executive Order 11007. Initially chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1973, the Committee is hereby rechartered under the same Act, it having been determined to be in the public interest in connection with the duties imposed on the Department by law, and with the Office of Management and Budget concurrence.

OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

1. The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce (the "Secretary") on matters pertinent to the Department's responsibilities for fisheries resources and on means to facilitate cooperation between public and private interest in these matters.
2. The Committee may: draw on the experience and expertise of its members to form a collective judgment; review and advise on the adequacy of the programs of the National Marine Fisheries Service and related programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration covering the fields of fish conservation and management, aquaculture development, marine biological research, fish technology and marine fish user services, leading to the intelligent utilization of the marine living resources and the enhancement of the quality of the marine environment; and recommend priorities and needed changes in program direction and emphasis considering the long- and short-term needs of the American public and the Department's responsibilities under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.
3. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

MEMBERS AND CHAIRMAN

1. The Committee consists of at least 14 but not more than 27 members, appointed by the Secretary, who are individuals who have an active interest in the marine fisheries resources of the United States and to the extent possible, represent the following interests:

- (a) commercial fisheries
- (b) recreational fisheries
- (c) academic community
- (d) consumers of fish and fish products
- (e) state governments
- (f) conservation community

2. Members shall be appointed for up to 3 years and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary, on a rotating basis such that approximately one-third of the Committee will be selected each year, the completion of the terms of appointment being contingent upon the Committee's continuance.

3. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1. The Committee reports to the Secretary.

2. The Committee shall have an Executive Secretary who shall be a full-time Federal Officer or employee designated by the Administrator.

3. The Committee shall meet at least once a year.

4. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall provide clerical and other necessary support.

5. The annual cost of operating the Committee is estimated at \$50,000 and 1.0 man-years of staff support.

6. The Committee may establish, subject to the provisions of the Department of Commerce Committee Management Handbook (II, 1.E.), and the approval of the Administrator, such subcommittees or working groups of its members as may be necessary.

7. Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel expenses as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

DURATION

The Committee shall terminate 2 years from the date of this Charter unless it is earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority by appropriate action.

1/10/77
(Date)

Signed: Joseph E. Kasputys
Assistant Secretary for
Administration

Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, this charter was filed with the Assistant Secretary for Administration on January 10, 1977; copies were filed with the following Congressional committees on January 11, 1977; and a copy was furnished the Library of Congress.

- Senate Committee on Commerce
- House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
- House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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Date

Robert T. Jordan
Robert T. Jordan, Chief
Information Management Division
Office of Organization and Management
Systems

Appendix G

May 10, 1977

Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Department of Commerce
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Dr. White:

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson, Chairman of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, has asked me to respond to your letter of March 31st about Council interrelationships with the Marine Fishery Advisory Committee (MAFAC). This subject, and your letter in particular, was discussed at the last North Pacific Council meeting on April 27 and 28.

The Council has asked me to express their appreciation for your invitation to designate a member of the Council or the Council staff as an advisor to represent the Council at meetings of the Committee. There is considerable familiarity with MAFAC in the North Pacific Council, both Mr. Rasmuson and Senator Clem Tillion are members of course, as is Mr. Don Bevan, a member of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. The Council agreed that while an advisor from the Council to MAFAC would be valuable in developing the necessary interaction between the Council and MAFAC, it would be much more satisfactory if the Councils and MAFAC had a more dynamic interrelationship. The Council suggested that a member of MAFAC as a Council member, or if you wish, a Council member who is also a member of MAFAC, would allow a more active interface between the two organizations and eliminate the extra post of advisor from the Council.

That relationship exists now, of course, between the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and MAFAC, but the Council would like to see this concept established as a policy to provide a continuing close interrelationship between the two groups. While we can't necessarily expect a Governor's list of nominees for Council seats to contain one or more MAFAC members the odds are probably good that it will. On the other side of this coin, it might be possible to consider one or more Council members as candidates for new appointments to MAFAC when seats are open on that Committee.

The North Pacific Council would appreciate your consideration of their suggestion for interaction between the Councils and MAFAC. They believe it to be a more active alternative than sending an advisor to MAFAC meetings, and it also has the merit of reducing the number of people involved in these groups.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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