

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES Juneau, Alaska January 3-4, 1983

The Advisory Panel met on Monday, January 3, 1983, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Capitol Room of the Baranof Hotel, Juneau, Alaska. They reconvened on Tuesday, January 4, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The following members were present: Greg Baker, Bob Blake, Bud Boddy, Al Burch, Larry Cotter, Barry Fisher, Jesse Foster, Ron Jolin, Eric Jordan, Joe Kurtz, Rick Lauber, James O'Connell, Dan O'Hara, Jack Phillips, Don Rawlinson, Walt Smith, Tom Stewart, Ed Wojack and Chairman Robert Alverson.

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Alverson. The agenda was approved by all members. There were no comments on the minutes of the December 6-7, 1982 meeting.

### B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report. The report was presented by Jim Branson. With respect to the halibut moratorium teleconference hearings the AP suggested that the staff consider King Cove if teleconference facilities are available. Other areas such as Kake, Angoon, Craig and Wrangell were suggested depending on cost and facilities. The AP further suggested that these hearings be held during the evening, if possible (except Seattle), due to conflicts with work schedules.

Dr. Steve Langdon gave a report on the Study of Perceptions for a halibut limited entry program. Dr. Langdon was requested to provide a format of questions to the Council and AP that are going to be asked in the different communities in Alaska.

The AP requested that Dr. Langdon participate in as many small village areas as possible and suggested that Valdez and Cordova could be made into one trip.

### C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 Confirmation of SSC and AP Officers. The AP elected Bud Boddy as Vice-Chairman and Robert Alverson as Chairman.

C-2 Update on Moratorium and Public Hearings Schedule. This was included in the Executive Director's Report.

C-3 Other Business. The AP requests that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council follow up on its last request to the Pacific Fishery Management Council regarding Ed Wojcek's participation on their Salmon Advisory Panel.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon FMP

Treaty. The AP heard a report from Dr. Dayton L. Alverson regarding the proposed Salmon Treaty between Canada and the United States.

Since the PDT recommendations were predicated on a harvest suggested in the Treaty, the AP acted on the Treaty first and recommends at this time that the Council go on record as opposing the Treaty. This was supported 16 to 1.

The AP therefore advises that the Council request the Department of Fish and Game design a season using historical catch data that results in a commercial catch of approximately 285,000 to 288,000 chinook salmon. After the designed season commences the fishery will proceed without interruption, with the exception of designed closures herein provided. In this manner fishermen will benefit with higher catches if increased stock availability is observed or correspondingly have lower catches if the run exhibits lower than average availability; thus, providing a built-in mechanism for protection of the run.

This designed season would probably require a closure from April 15 to May 15 to benefit Alaskan Systems, a closure in June to benefit systems in the lower 48, and a closure in August to benefit Canadian systems. This would not disrupt normal emergency power of the Secretary of Commerce.

(The AP salmon season appears to open with a closure from April 15 to May 15, this maintains the historical fishery period so in future years if the stocks warrant further harvesting the historical integrity of seasons beginning in April would be preserved.)

If the Council requires an option from the PMT report, the AP suggests option #2.

We request the State and Federal governments to provide funds to research the timing of distinct chinook stocks in the Southeast commercial harvest and that this research data be used in the future to set seasons so that endangered stocks receive maximum protection and healthy stocks and hatchery stocks receive the heaviest harvests.

The following are responses to the Plan Development Team's suggestions.

Coho Salmon Management Proposal. The AP recommends the present system regarding coho salmon management be continued.

Selected Species Fisheries. The AP felt the Board of Fisheries Proposal #223 addressed this and recommended passage of it. There were four in opposition to selected species fishing.

The proposal reads, "The Department shall manage the salmon fishery to allow species-specific fishing when particular species of salmon are closed to trolling for conservation or allocation purposes."

Justification: Single species fisheries are feasible with a hook and line fishery, although incidental hooking of non-targeted species may occur; for the most part, gear and area regulations can minimize impact to stocks. Economic impacts to fishermen will also be minimized. The key to effective single species fishing is the continued education of fishermen in the necessary techniques. Workshops or instructional manuals developed by the Department.

Beginning with Board of Fisheries recommendaiton #208 the AP recommends adoption of the Board of Fisheries decisions on specific season and gear proposals.

D-2 Tanner Crab FMP

Steve Davis indicated that there probably is no need to take further action on this as new developments had occurred. The AP took no action.