

DRAFT AP MINUTES

ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES January 11, 2001 Doubletree Hotel - Seattle Airport Seattle, Washington

Advisory Panel members in attendance:

Alstrom, Ragnar
Benson, Dave
Boisseau, Dave
Bruce, John (Chair)
Burch, Al
Cross, Craig
Ellis, Ben
Fields, Duncan
Fraser, David
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Henderschedt, John
Jones, Spike
Madsen, Stephanie (Vice Chair)
Norosz, Kris
Ridgway, Michelle
Steele, Jeff
Ward, Robert

Steller Sea Lion-related Management Issues

(a) Specifications

The AP recommended Tables 13 - 15 be corrected to reflect the 60/40 Pacific cod split for catcher processors and AFA catcher vessel sideboards. *Motion passed 17-0*

(b) Measures Related to Second Half of 2001

The AP recommends that the Council advise NMFS against making a commitment to the long-term experimental design at its present stage of development. We encourage NMFS to refine the experimental design and fishery management measures with the input of the myriad review teams and objective application of SSL conservation and research goals. Further, the AP recommends that NMFS dedicate staff and funding to initiate smaller-scale experiments and research designed to maximize the opportunity to address key unknowns about sea lion biology, fishery impacts, and ecosystem interactions.

Motion passed 17-0

(d) Schedule/Proposal for Independent Scientific Review of BiOp

The AP, after receiving information regarding the timeline proposed by the NAS, recommends the Council conduct the scientific review in consultation with NAS in developing parameters of the review and identifying qualified individuals to ensure the review is completed in time for the Council's related tasks.