

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke
Executive Director



DATE: December 1, 1993

SUBJECT: Staff Tasking

ESTIMATED TIME

.5 HOURS

ACTION REQUIRED

Review current tasking and give staff direction.

BACKGROUND

A summary of the current status of plan amendments, regulatory amendments, and other actions in progress is found under Item D-4(a) as well as under B-3, the NMFS management report. These items are in various stages of completion, with several items still backlogged at the Proposed Rulemaking stage. Included in this list are the Moratorium and the Research Plan. Council and Region staff are working to get these and other items through the system. As the Council is aware, the Comprehensive Planning Program will take up a lot of available staff time in the next few months, including Council, Region, and Center analysts.

STATUS OF COUNCIL TASKING

December 1, 1993

	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TASKING</u>
REPORTS:			
1	Crab Management	Discussion in Dec.	Region/ADFG/ Council/BOF
2	Full Utilization	Industry/Staff meeting in Dec.	Council/Region
REGULATORY AMENDMENTS:			
1	Insh/Offsh/CDQ Bycatch	Passed by Council	Council/Region
2	Performance Pelagic Trawls	Effective August 19	Region
3	1994 Reptg/Recording Requirements	Being developed by NMFS	Region
4	Observer Requirements 1994	PR Published Oct. 28 Comments until Nov. 29	Region/Council
5	Require Offloading of PSC Species Caught Beyond EEZ	Effective Sept. 30	Region/Center
6	Standard PRRs/Pollock roe- stripping adjustments	Final Rule pending	Region
7	Redefine Roe-stripping	Effective Nov. 26	Region
8	Gangion-Cutting/Careful Release	Effective May 15	Region
9	Hook & Line Fair Start	Effective May 11	Region
10	Define Legal Gear Types	Published Nov. 12 Comments until Dec. 13	Region
11	Directed Fishing Standards	Initial Review in 1994	Region/Council
12	GOA PSC Apportionment BSAI Flatfish Season Change	PR in preparation	Council/Center/Region
13	Area 4B Halibut Am.	Initial Review in Dec.	Council

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PLAN AMENDMENTS:			
1	Moratorium	PR in preparation	Council/Region
2	Sablefish/Halibut IFQs	Final Rule on Nov. 9	Council/Region
3	NPFR Plan	PR in preparation	Council/Region/Center
4	Gear/Seasonal Allocations of Cod	PR published Oct. 27 Comments until Dec. 6	Region
5	Pribilof Closures	Final Review in Jan.	ADFG
6	Salmon Bycatch Program	PR in preparation Discuss in Dec.	Region
7	Comprehensive Rationalization Plan	Report in Dec.	Council
8	Subdivide Aleutians Mgmt Area	In Effect	Center/Council
9	Establish Atka Mackerel as Separate Species in GOA	Effective Oct. 18	Region
10	Total Weight Measurement for CDQ Fisheries	PR Published Effective sometime in 1994	Region
11	Rockfish Rebuilding Amendment	Submitted to WDC	Center/Region/Council
12	Additional Marine Mammal Closures	Effective Oct. 13	Region/Center
13	Scallop Management	Final review in Jan.	ADFG/Council
14	Release PSC rates by vessel name	PR in preparation	Region
15	Norton Sound Crab Superexclusive Zone	Initial review in Dec.	State/Region/Council
16	Mesh Size Am.	Analysis in 1994	Council/Region

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OTHER ACTIONS:

1	June 24, 1992 Control Date	Published June 20, 1993	Region
2	100% Observer Coverage in Area 517	NMFS in-season action Effective early 1994	Region
3	Halibut Charter Boat Issue	Discuss in Jan.	Council
4	Groundfish Specifications/EA	Review in Dec.	Region