


Agenda Item F-1
February, 1980

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 1980

TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee,
and Advisory Panel

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Joint Meeting with Board of Fisheries

ACTION REQUIRED

None - informational.

BACKGROUND

As directed by the Council, a joint meeting with the Alaska Board of Fisheries has been discussed, possibly for March 26th. The Executive Directors of the Board and Council have agreed to meet in February to consider the need for a meeting, issues that might be discussed, and an agenda for the meeting.

In case it appears desirable to meet with the Board in March we submitted a letter prior to their comment deadline asking them to again consider the Tanner crab C. opilio closing date and U.S. herring trawling north of 56° N. latitude. The letter is attached.

Attachment

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January 30, 1980

Mr. Nick Szabo, Chairman
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Dear Nick,

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council wishes to thank you and the Board of Fisheries for their consideration of the Council's request.

1. The Council requests the Board to reconsider the season closing date for C. opilio Tanner crab in the Bering Sea.

Rationale

The Council would like to discuss with the Board the implications of a change of season closing date for the U.S. fishery. There is a possibility that the season will be closed before the optimum yield has been reached. The foreign fleets would be unaffected by such a closure and could continue fishing while the U.S. fleet up tied up in port. Other implications of the season change involve the pot storage regulations and potential costs; and the opening of the king crab season.

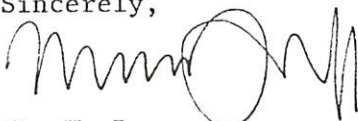
2. The Council requests the Board to consider the proposed management strategy for the offshore fisheries as contained in the Bering-Chukchi Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan.

Rationale

The Council will be discussing the proposed management strategy and options at their March meeting (March 27,28,1980). There is a potential for conflicting offshore policies, i.e., domestic trawling for herring north of 56° N. latitude. These issues should be discussed before the plan is approved by the Council.

I have enclosed a letter to Greg Cook, September 14, 1979. which briefly describes the options the Council will be considering in March.

Sincerely,



for Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

Enclosure

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September 14, 1979

Mr. Greg Cook
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Dear Greg:

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council recently approved a draft Bering-Chukchi Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan for distribution to the public for their review and comment.

On behalf of the Council, I am submitting this draft fishery management plan to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for their review.

Our public comment period will begin approximately September 28th and run through December 31. At our January meeting the Council will then review these comments and adopt a management regime and implementing regulations applicable to the fishery in the Fishery Conservation Zone (3 to 200 miles). The proposed management strategies addressed in this plan apply to the resource throughout its range and for that reason we have adopted the following goals and objectives:

1. To implement a conservative management regime until adequate biological data and analysis are available;
2. to promote full utilization of the herring resource by domestic fisheries;
3. to maximize the economic value of the harvest taken by the domestic commercial fisheries;
4. to insure that the needs of subsistence users are met; and
5. to promote coordination between state and federal management of the resource.

We have also prioritized our management objectives as follows:

1. The subsistence fishery;
2. the domestic inshore roe fishery;
3. the domestic offshore food and bait fishery; and
4. the foreign offshore food and bait fishery.

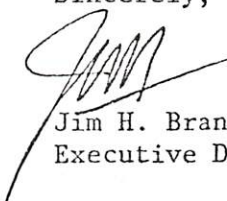
The Board of Fisheries may wish to consider those management measures in this plan which will directly effect nearshore management of herring by the State. First, are the management options dealing with the offshore fishery. The plan contains two options available to accommodate a food and bait fishery during the roe fishing period by closing the FCZ until

July 1: (1) then food and bait fishing could be restricted to west of 168° West longitude and/or (2) food and bait fishing could be restricted to south of 56° North latitude which would direct fishing towards stocks not utilized in the roe fishery. If a harvestable surplus is available to the food and bait fishery following the roe fishery, fishing would be allowed throughout the FCZ until the end of the fishing year, March 31 or until the allocation is harvested. If a surplus does not exist then the food and bait fishery will be allowed to harvest its initial allocation if any remains either (a) unrestricted, (b) south of 56° North, (c) everywhere but in the herring savings area.

The other important area in the plan is the use of mid-season stock assessments by Alaska Department of Fish & Game and post-season domestic harvest estimates to determine remaining surpluses for the foreign fishery. There are probably no conflicts between the Board and the Council on this management philosophy as it is intended to utilize the most current information to manage the foreign offshore fishery.

We have stated in our plan that the inshore fisheries will continue to be managed by the State through regulations promulgated by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. It is our intent in this plan to develop consistent and complimentary regulations inshore and offshore and to cooperate with the Board in the development of management philosophies and high seas fisheries management.

Sincerely,



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cc: Management Plan Drafting Team

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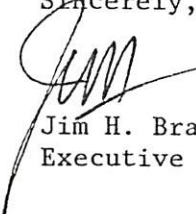
Dear Greg,

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering adoption of a number of regulatory changes to its fishery management plan currently in effect for Tanner Crab off Alaska. The proposals are designed to compliment regulatory changes which are being submitted to the Board of Fisheries by ADF&G staff for the conduct of adjacent inshore Tanner crab fisheries. The Council's purpose is to coordinate the management of the Tanner crab fishery in the Fishery Conservation Zone with the fishery in State waters in a manner that will enhance so far as possible the conservation and enforcement aspects of the Tanner crab fishery. In October the Council will be considering the following amendments:

1. A requirement to report Tanner crab deadloss on the fish ticket.
2. An earlier closing date for the Bering Sea C. opilio season.
3. A reduction in the Kodiak Tanner crab OY.
4. A reduction in the Bering Sea OY for C. bairdi and C. opilio.
5. The reduction or elimination of the Japanese Tanner crab fishery.


We will act on these amendments at our October 4th and 5th meeting in Sitka. It would however, still be an excellent agenda item for our proposed joint meeting in December. At that time we could explore the rationale which led to our decisions and work toward a mutual understanding for the cooperative promulgation of regulations for the Tanner crab fishery. The Board may wish to consider these proposed amendments and the impact they may have on regulations to be considered by the Board.

Sincerely,


Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

Agenda Item F-2
February 1980

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 7, 1980
TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee
and Advisory Panel
FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Advisory Panel Appointments

ACTION REQUIRED

Close nominations.

BACKGROUND

There are currently two openings on the Advisory Panel. Twenty-six people have been nominated to date. The nominations will close February 8, 1980 at the close of this Council meeting. The new appointments will be selected and announced at the March meeting.

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Executive Director
Resource Development Council
Anchorage, Alaska
5. Gabriel George
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Angoon, Alaska 99820
6. Gilbert Gunderson *
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Executive Committee member, Tlingit & Haida Central Council
Juneau, Alaska
7. Jim Guiney *
Icicle Seafoods
processing worker
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nominated by International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union
8. R. Eldridge Hicks *
Ruskin, Barker & Hicks
Attorneys at Law
Anchorage, Alaska

* letters of recommendation available for review

9. Weaver Ivanoff *
Unalakleet, Alaska
10. Eric Jordan *
commercial fisherman
Sitka, Alaska
11. Herman Kitka, Sr. *
Vice Chairman
Northern Southeast Regional Acuaculture Assn.
Sitka, Alaska
12. David R. Milholland *
former president
Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
commercial fisherman
Anacortes, Washington
13. Harry R. Mitchell
retired U.S. Air Force, telecommunications
fulltime commercial fisherman
Anchorage, Alaska
14. Ed Naughton *
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15. Sharon Newsome *
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 7, 1980
TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee and
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FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Herring Public Hearing Schedule

ACTION REQUIRED

Final commitments from Council participants.

BACKGROUND

Attached is the public hearing schedule for the Bering-Chukchi Sea Herring Draft FMP and DEIS for February 9 and 10, 1980.

Currently these people are scheduled to attend:

Togiak - February 9th

Ron Skoog
Bart Eaton
Jeff Stephans
Mark Hutton

Bethel, Tooksook Bay and Hooper Bay
February 9th and 10th

Don Bevan (Bethel only)
Harold Lokken
Gordon Jensen
Pat Travers
Harry Wilde
Jesse Foster and Harold Sparck
Jim Branson
Maggie Duff

Anyone else interested in attending will be cheerfully drafted.

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HERRING PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1980

TEAM A Bethel, Tooksook Bay and Hooper Bay

Reservations on Wien for 9 people

Leave Anchorage Saturday morning (February 9) Flt. #27 at 7:15 am
(see Judy Willoughby for your tickets before Thursday afternoon)

Public hearing in Bethel at the Kuskukwim Native Association Hall
at 9 am.

1 p.m. Charter with SeaAirmotive for 9 passengers scheduled to
Tooksook Bay. Hearing scheduled that afternoon. Passengers
will be housed and fed by the villagers. The hearing will
be held in the High School Multi-purpose room. Everyone
must take a sleeping bag.

Sunday, February 10 - SeaAirmotive will leave Tooksook Bay for
an hour flight to Hooper Bay. The hearing will start "soon"
after arrival at the I.R.A. Building. This meeting place is
about 2 miles from the runway and all will be transported by
snowmachine.

The charter flight is scheduled to leave no later than 5 p.m.
for an hour flight to Bethel.

Leave Bethel at 8:10 on Wien Flight #16 Sunday evening at 8:10
arriving Anchorage at 9:30 p.m.

TEAM B - Togiak

Reservations for 5 passengers on Wien flight #25 at 8:20 am
on Saturday February 9 for Dillingham. Arrive Dillingham
at 9:30.

Leave Dillingham for Togiak on Yute Air for 30 minute flight.
Hearing to be held in the Togiak Community Hall. If the travelers
can be back in Dillingham by 4:00 pm they could be on the Wien
flight # 5 that leaves at 4:15 p.m. If they are later they will
have to overnight Dillingham and return on Sunday at 4:15 p.m.