

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver *Chip*
Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 2002

SUBJECT: Industry Proposal for Pollock Bycatch

ESTIMATED TIME
10 HOURS
(for all C-7 items)

ACTION REQUIRED

Review potential industry proposal for addressing pollock bycatch and provide direction.

BACKGROUND

In February the Council discussed recent legislation passed by Congress relative to the AFA, and determined that the Council could not create a directed fishery qualification for non-AFA catcher/processor vessels with historic pollock catch, but which were not included as AFA-eligible for BSAI pollock. The language in the appropriations bill (conference report) suggested Council consideration of an industry proposed solution to allow such vessels to maximize utilization of their historic pollock catch. The Council scheduled consideration of such a proposal for this meeting, although we have not received a proposal at this time.