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NEWSLETTER

Change of Location for Groundfish Trawler Conference

Previously scheduled to be held at the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center in Seattle, the first Alaska Groundfish Trawler Conference has been moved to the Main Conference Room of the NOAA Western Regional Center, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23, 1981, and is just the beginning of more than a week of fisheries-related activities planned around Seattle's FISH EXPO. Speakers include such well-known fishery management and industry figures as Clem Tillion, Chairman of the North Pacific Council; Dr. Dayton L. Alverson of Natural Resources Consultants, Seattle; Captain Barry Fisher of the F/V EXCALIBUR II; Konrad Uri of TransPacific Seafoods, operators of the F/V ARCTIC TRAWLER; Jeffrey Povolny, Groundfish Plan Coordinator for the Council; and many others. A forum will be held on Friday afternoon for open discussion of current groundfish issues.

There is no admission charge for the two-day conference. Coordinator for this event is Mark Miller, Fishery Biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Extended Jurisdiction Section, in Juneau.

Council and Staff Plan Busy Schedule for Seattle Fisheries Activities

Council and staff members have planned a full circle of activities around the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center 50th Anniversary and FISH EXPO in Seattle, beginning with the Alaska Groundfish Trawler Conference on October 22-23, 1981. On Saturday, October 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., a public hearing will be held at the University Tower Hotel, College Room, at 4507 Brooklyn Avenue N.E. Comments will be accepted on proposed amendments to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan and any of the Council's other plans. The Council's plan coordinators and economist will attend INPFC technical sessions in Vancouver, B.C., October 26-31. Council Chairman Clem Tillion will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the NWAFC Anniversary banquet on Tuesday evening, October 26, at the Westin Hotel; Council staff will participate in the Fishery Industry Energy Conservation Conference on October 26 and 27 and FISH EXPO October 28-31; and Council Executive Director Jim Branson will conduct a seminar, "The Background of Joint Ventures in the North Pacific and Bering Sea", at the FISH EXPO on Wednesday, October 28, at 9 a.m. And finally, on November 2, a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan and the Southeast Alaska troll salmon fishery will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Centennial Building in Sitka.

A Permit Review Committee meeting may be scheduled, if necessary, immediately following the October 24 public hearing at University Towers.

Hope to see you in Seattle!

Domestic Crabbers Receive Protection From Foreign Trawlers

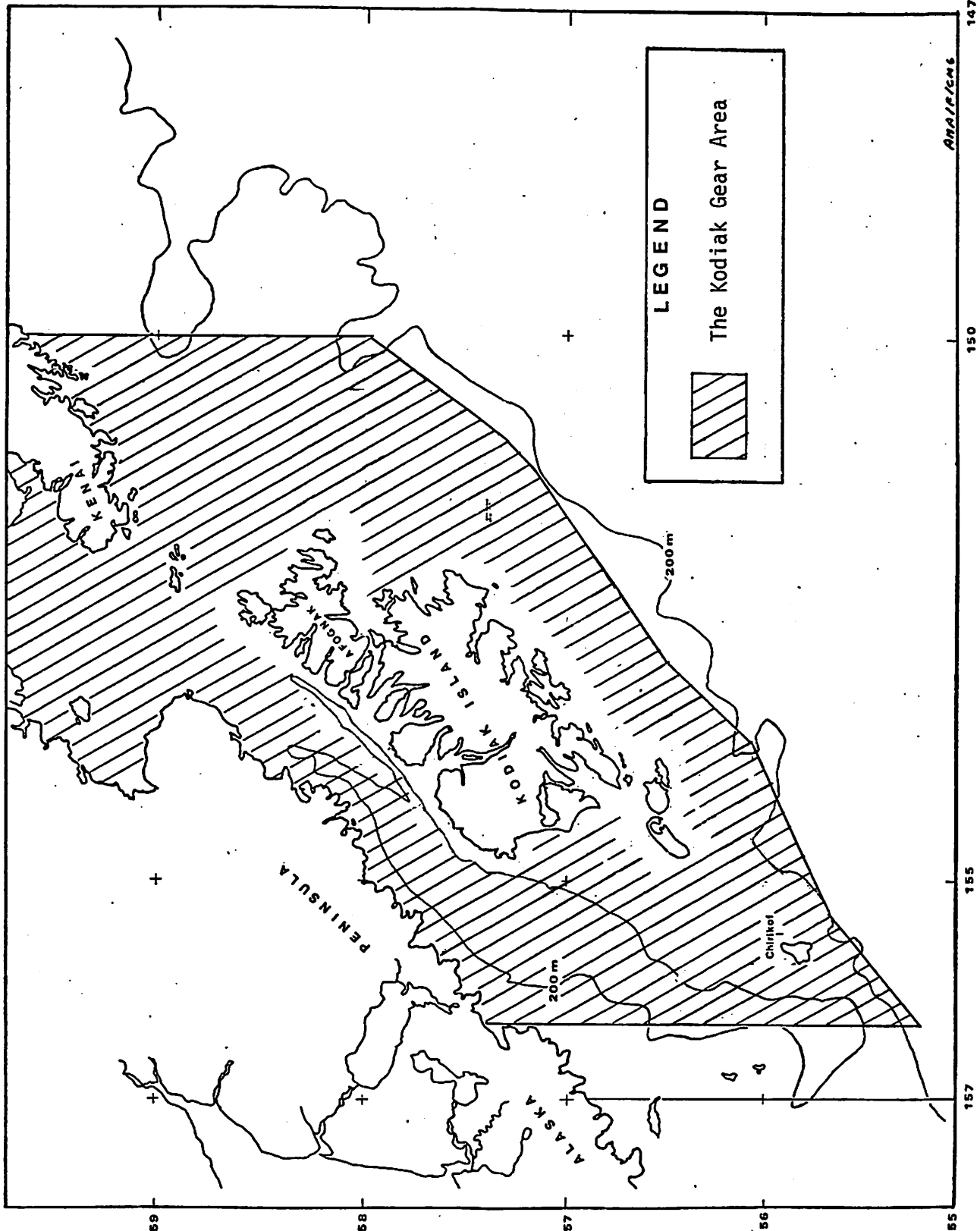
Amendment #9 to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, approved in July 1980 by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to protect U.S. crab gear around Kodiak Island from foreign trawlers, became effective on October 2, 1981. Regulations were published in the Federal Register, 46 FR 49128, on October 6.

Significant gear losses suffered by U.S. crab fishermen as a result of conflicts with foreign trawlers prompted development of the amendment. Working closely with the U.S. fleet, the Council developed the "Lechner Line" to close domestic crab grounds around Kodiak to foreign trawling from two days prior to the opening of the U.S. Kodiak king crab season through February 15. The Regional Director will notify designated representatives of each foreign nation of the Kodiak king crab season opening date at least four days before that opening.

The closed area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting points on shore to the following coordinates in the order listed below. (See the enclosed diagram of the Kodiak Gear Area).

<u>North Latitude</u>	<u>West Longitude</u>
Shore	156° 19'
55° 11'	156° 19'
55° 40'	155° 17'
56° 03'	153° 45'
56° 30'	153° 00'
56° 46'	152° 20'
57° 11'	151° 14'
57° 19'	150° 57'
58° 00'	150° 00'
Shore	150° 00'

This amendment represents a positive step in the development of a viable U.S. fishing industry.



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