


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke
Executive Director 

DATE: December 3, 1992

SUBJECT: Staff Tasking

ACTION REQUIRED

Review current tasking and give staff direction

BACKGROUND

Item D-6(a) provides a summary of the current status of plan amendments, regulatory amendments, and other actions in progress. These items are in various stages of completion, with several items backlogged at the Proposed Rulemaking stage, awaiting submission to the Secretary of Commerce. Included in this list are the Moratorium and the North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan. Council and Region staff are working to get these items through the system. As the Council is aware, the proposed Comprehensive Rationalization Program will consume a large amount of the available staff in the future, including Council, Region, and Center analysts. We are already working on compilation of initial data bases to be provided to the Council for the January meeting, as requested at your meeting on November 12-13. As we get further down the road on this project, the Council will need to really scrutinize its priorities for staff tasking.

STATUS OF COUNCIL TASKING

DECEMBER 3, 1992

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TASKING</u>
REPORTS		
1. Rockfish management	Report in Dec	Center/Region/ADFG/Council
2. Total wt measurement	Report in Jan	Region
3. Interactive Comm.	Report in Jan	Region
REGULATORY AMENDMENTS		
1. CDQ fisheries	Receive update in Dec Determine guidelines for 1993 fisheries	Region/State
2. Insh-offsh/CDQ bycatch	Final review in Dec	Council/Region/Center
3. Performance pelagic trawls	Review enforcement standards in Dec	Region
4. 1993 Rept/record requirements	Comment on PR in Jan	Region
5. Observer requirements 1993	Final review in Dec	Region/Center/Council
6. Prohibit landing of undersized halibut from beyond EEZ	Proposed rule to WDC in Oct	Region/Center
7. Require offloading of PSC species caught beyond EEZ	Proposed rule to WDC in Oct	Region/Center
8. Standard PRRs	Proposed rule to FR in Sept	Region
9. Pollock roe-stripping PRR	Final rule to GCAK in Jan	Region
10. Gangion-cutting/careful release	Final review in Dec	Region/IPHC
11. Hook & line fair start	Final action in Sept Comment on PR in Jan	Region

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TASKING</u>
12. Define legal gear types	Final action in Dec	Region
PLAN AMENDMENTS		
1. Moratorium	Submit to SOC Review in January	Council/Region
2. BSAI-18 insh/offsh	Approved in Nov	Council
3. Bycatch rate std 1992 (amdt19/24)	Review in Dec for 1st half of 1993	Region
4. Sablefish/Halibut IFQs	Proposed rule published Oct 26	Council/Region
5. NPFR Plan	Submit to SOC Review in Jan	Council/Region/Center
6. GOA-26 King crab closures/	Submitted to SOC Review in Oct	Council/Region/Center
7. BSAI-21 trawl & fixed gear halibut PSC & pot exemptions from PSC	Submitted to SOC Review in Oct.	CouncilRegion/Center
8. Trawl test zones A 22/27	PR pending Indiv comments on PR	Region
9. Pref allocations of cod	Initial review in Apr	Center
10. Opilio OY	Initial review in Jan	Crab team
11. Seasonal allocations of cod	Initial review in Apr	No assignment
12. Pribilof closures	Final review in Dec	ADFG
13. Salmon bycatch	Initial review in Dec	ADFG
14. B season delay/excl reg area	Final review in Dec	Council/ISER/Region
15. Sitka block/Hegge block 1000 pd floor	Review in Jan	State/Council
16. Comprehensive Rational Plan	Initial review in Jan	Council

ACTIONSTATUSTASKING

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| 17. Delay 2nd quarter GOA pollock season | Comment on PR in Dec | Region |
| 18. Subdivide Aleutians Mgmt Area | Report in Dec | Center/Council |
| 19. Establish Atka mackerel as separate species in GOA | Initial review in Apr | Center/Region/Council |

OTHER ACTIONS

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| 1. June 24, 1992 control date | FR notice to WDC in Oct | Region |
| 2. Herring PSC inseason adjust | FO (3-day action) for misspecification | Region/ADFG |
| 3. Explain length overall & Explain miles=n.m./Walrus Is. | Interpretive rule | Region |
| 4. Annual EA for Specs | Review in Dec | Region |