

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 1980

The Finance Committee of the N.P.F.M.C., met July 24, 1980 with a total of 19 people attending for the purpose of approval of payments of contracts, and for FY80 and FY81 Programmatic budget and Administrative budget discussion and approval.

CONTRACTS

77-5 "An Observer Program," to ADF&G. The final report for the Gulf of Alaska was approved and the committee recommends payment of \$12,837.00. The \$10,000.00 balance of this \$100,000.00 contract will be approved upon receipt and acceptance of the Bering Sea Aleutian Island phase of this contract, which should be in September.

78-5 "Assessment of Spawning Herring and Capelin Stocks at Selected Coastal Areas in the Eastern Bering Sea".

A final report was also accepted and the committee recommends approval of payment of \$11,610.00. The remaining balance of \$10,000.00 of this \$240,000.00 contract, will be pending receipt and approval of infra-red study.

II. FY 80 Programmatic Funds

The SSC recommended, for approval to the Council, the following funding for the unobligated FY 80 Programmatic Funds and the Finance Committee concurred.

I. 80-3 "Feeding Habits of the Walrus of Bristol Bay"
The Finance Committee discussed and recommended additional funding of up to \$10,000.00, upon receipt of an additional budget from the contractor, to cover unexpected inflationary fuel costs for charter services.

II. "Pot Gear vs. Halibut" for approval of \$55,000.00.
This project would involve a study of the mortality of halibut in pot gear.

III. "Fisheries Data Summation" for approval of \$50,000.00.
This would provide funding to the State of Alaska for a full-time position for the purpose of providing immediate access to data needed for the development and maintenance of management plans.

These three projects would require approval of funding and of an additional \$115,000.00 to the FY 80 Programmatic request. This brings the total for this year to \$517,000.00.

III. FY 81 Programmatic Funds

The SSC had received 17 proposals for the FY 81 Programmatic Funds. Each proposal was examined to see if it fit the Council's criteria for funding controls which are:

1. Does it pertain to Council Management Plan.
2. Short-term (about 2 years).
3. Funding can not be obtained elsewhere.

After discussion, the Committee recommends this Council request \$839,000.00 for FY 81 Programmatic funds. The following projects were considered to be within the criteria for funding, but before final funding would be approved, re-examination and approval will be done by the SSC Finance Committee and Council. The total of these proposals is \$619,000.00.

- Herring Research
- Predator/Prey Interactions
- Socio-economic Data
- Feeding Habits of Marine Mammals
- Incidental Catch of Salmon
- Crab Pot/Halibut Mortality Study
- Tanner Crab Study

Additional funding for short-term research up to \$150,000 was also recommended as was \$70,000 to ADF&G for the writing and development of management plans.

IV. FY 81 Administrative Budget A tenth staff position as "Plan Coordinator", was approved by the Finance Committee. With the addition of this position, for the NPFMC, the total of this budget would be \$989,304.00. The Finance Committee recommends approval.