

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

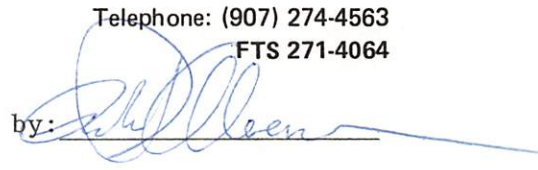
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MINUTES

ADVISORY PANEL

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Westward Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska
December 8-9, 1980

The Advisory Panel convened Monday, December 8, 1980 at the Westward Hilton Hotel in Anchorage at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 a.m., December 9, 1980. The following panel members were present: Harry Wilde, Tony Vaska, Sharon Macklin, Robert Blake, Jeff Stephan, Jesse Foster, Dan O'Hara, Ray Lewis, Charles Jensen, Alvin Burch, Jack Phillips, Kenneth Olsen, Joseph Kurtz, Don Rawlinson, Weaver Ivanoff, Al Otness, Bud Boddy, and Chairman Robert Alverson.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Alverson.

APPROVAL OF ADVISORY PANEL AGENDA

The agenda was approved by all Advisory Panel members.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AP MINUTES

The minutes from the September meeting were approved by all Advisory Panel members.

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report. Mr. Jim Branson presented the Director's Report. During the report, he included an update on the Breau Bill which has been passed by the U.S. Congress; summary of the Council Chairman's meeting, and reviewed the status of various fisheries management plans.

B-2 The Advisory Panel would like to thank Vidar Weststad and Alan Kingsbury for their help on the Herring Plan. Bob Otto and Marty Eatons explanations on Tanner Crab were appreciated by the Advisory Panel members also. The AP also thanks Dennis Pedersen for a report on the joint venture operations this year.

C. OLD BUSINESS

- C-1 Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee Appointments. The AP requests that the Council consider for appointment to SSC a member from the International Pacific Halibut Commission. If necessary the SSC charter should be amended to provide for additional representation from the IPHC.
- C-2 Council Meeting Schedule for 1981. The AP approved the recommendation to move the January 1981 meeting from January 23-24 to January 5-9 in order to meet jointly with the Alaska Board of Fisheries in Juneau.
- C-3 Policy on Public Participation at Plan Development Team Meetings. The AP request that the Council define exactly the relationship of AP members that may be assigned to PDTs. The AP proposes that a minimum of 2 people from the AP be assigned as regular members of a PDT. In addition to the assigned AP members, the AP chairman and vice-chairman should be welcome at PDT meetings as participants. AP members assigned to PDT's should be informed of all PDT meetings in a timely manner.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 Foreign Permit Applications and 1981 Allocations.

- (a) Review permit applications from ships with violations since March, 1977.

A motion was adopted by the AP, with Don Rawlinson abstaining, proposing that permits to foreign vessels that have had a history of underlogging or inferring with observers be denied their 1981 permits. It was further passed unanimously that the amount that foreign nations overlogged be deducted from their 1981 TALFF.

- (b) Review permits from Polish ships in light of their performance - gear conflicts and violations.

The AP request that the Council ask the State Department to reduce or eliminate the Polish allocation in lieu of the gear conflicts and violations recorded during the last two fishing seasons.

- (c) St. George Tanaq Corporation request for greater allocation for Taiwan so they can conduct a joint venture with them.

The AP is reluctant to act on this request until additional information is provided by St. George Tanaq Corp., regarding a performance schedule on training; a detailed schedule on vessel purchases from profits, and testimony from the St. George community.

- (d) Request by All Marine Products for additional allocation to Japan of 50,000 mt of pollock.

The AP unanimously turned down this request.

Advisory Panel and Statistical Committee... The AF requests that the Council consider an appointment to the Board from the Institute for Pacific United Nations... The AF should be invited to provide for additional representation from the AF.

Special Meeting Schedule for 1981... The AF approved the recommendation to move the January 1981 meeting from January 23-24 to January 29-30 in order to meet jointly with the House Board of Trustees in January.

Policy of Public Information... The AF... reports that the Council believe exactly the relationship of the AF... that may be assigned to the AF... The AF proposes that a statement of 2 people from the AF be assigned as regular members of the IOT... In addition to the assigned AF members, the AF Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be welcome as IOT members as well... AF members assigned to IOT's should be members of all IOT meetings in a timely manner.

Final Report on the AF Allocation

(a) Review of AF applications from Japan with Japanese... 1977

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(b) Review of AF applications from other... in light of their... gear... and... The AF requests that the Council ask the State Department to... or... in light of the... for... during the last two... sessions.

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The AF is... on this... will... information... provided by... Georgia... regarding a... a... from... from the St. George community.

(d) Review by AF... for... to Japan of... of...

The AF... down this request.

- (e) Review request from Nordstern (West Germany) for 1981 allocation of 63,200 mt.

The AP rejects the request for increasing the German allocation from 26,000 mt to 63,200 mt unanimously. The AP proposes that no additional allocation be given to the German Government until the Council has been informed of the purchases of U.S. product from the Germans for their initial allocation and that any additional allocation be predicated upon the German purchases of a pound of U.S. product for a pound of additional allocation.

- (f) Review request for a Soviet allocation to allow Soviet catcher/processors in joint ventures to augment their catch.

The AP proposes that the Soviet Union does not need a allocation in order to keep their catcher/processors fully occupied while involved in joint venture operations where U.S. catcher vessels are delivering to Soviet processors. If the Soviet Union wants additional allocations in FCZ they should consult the U.S. State Department. Dennis Pedersen gave testimony regarding the joint venture operations this year.

- (g) The AP approved the joint venture permits that involved Japan and Pan Alaska and Japan and Universal Seafoods. This was passed with one opposed vote. The concern was, as the permit is written the Japanese processing vessel would be allowed to fish if it was not fully supplied by U.S. catcher vessels. The concern was one of enforcement.

- D-2 NMFS Proposed Foreign Fishing Fees for 1981. The AP proposes that the changed fee schedule be adopted.

E. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- E-1 Salmon FMP. No formal Council action was required and the AP has taken no action regarding this subject. The AP would like to point out to the Council that it is lacking an active participant in troll salmon problems and to adequately address this issue the AP should have someone knowledgeable of the troll salmon problem and proposed FMP.
- E-2 Herring FMP. The AP proposes the adoption of area C as the herring savings area. The AP also proposes that the Council reassess the formula for determining the Allowable Incidental Catch (AIC) as there seemed to be concern that it may not adequately protect stocks of high seas herring.

The FMP was approved by the AP to be sent to the Secretary of Commerce. There were 3 members in opposition. Their concern was that the plan should not be approved for Secretarial review without additional review of the AIC formula.

- E-3 King Crab FMP. The AP took no action as the hearing process was not completed and deferred all action until January. The AP could have made some suggestions regarding a preference on certain plan options but felt this would pre-empt the hearing process.

Review request from Western (West Germany) for 1987 allocation of 43,000 mt.

The AF rejected the request for increasing the German allocation from 19,000 mt to 43,000 mt as unreasonable. The AF proposed that an initial allocation be given to the German Government until the Council has been informed of the purchase of U.S. products from the German for their initial allocation and that any additional allocations be purchased upon the German purchase of a pound of U.S. products for a pound of additional allocations.

(1) Review request for a Soviet allocation to allow Soviet catches to increase to 1987 levels.

The AF proposed that the Soviet Union should have a 1987 allocation in order to keep their catches at 1987 levels. The AF proposed that the Soviet Union should have a 1987 allocation in order to keep their catches at 1987 levels. The AF proposed that the Soviet Union should have a 1987 allocation in order to keep their catches at 1987 levels.

(2) The AF proposed the joint venture permit between Japan and the Soviet Union. The permit was approved by the Council. The permit is valid for 10 years. The permit is valid for 10 years. The permit is valid for 10 years.

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E-4 Tanner Crab FMP. The AP unanimously moved to eliminate the foreign harvest of Tanner Crab and adopted II B. changing the C. bairdi OY's in the Bering Sea, Chignik and South Peninsula Management areas to reflect the latest estimates by NMFS and ADF&G. They are as follows:

	<u>Proposed 1981 OY</u> (millions of lbs)
Bering Sea	28.0 - 36.0
Chignik	5.0
South Peninsula	6.0

E-5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP. The AP propose that the PDT options regarding the Eastern Regulatory Area be added to the plan admendments for public review. The AP proposes that the plan and admendments be sent out for public review.

E-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP. The AP recommends that the Council incorporate the new estimates of U.S. cod catches for the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska in 1981 into the DAH for 1981, this will amount to approximately an additional 40,000 mt. The AP request the Council to contact those proposing to participate in this additional catch so that it can be distributed between the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

F. CONTRACTS

Halibut Study - The AP requests that the Council have the limited entry workshop on halibut convene at the earliest possible time to discuss limited entry and halibut.

G. NEW BUSINESS

The AP request that the SSC, if at all possible, make a presentation to the Council this week regarding time and area closures effecting Chinook salmon in the Bering Sea.

In response to the Alaska Board of Fisheries resolution 80-79 FB regarding high seas interception of Western Alaska Chinook Salmon, the AP passed a motion requesting the Secretary of Commerce to exercise emergency authority to close INPFC areas I and II in the Bering sea in order to protect herring and salmon. This closure would be from November 1 to April 30, 1981. This motion only effects foregin regulations. There was one vote in opposition.

3-4 Letter from FMP. The AF unanimously moved to eliminate the FMP in favor of Hunter Crab and adopted it by a vote of 10-0. The AF's in the hearing was, Chitka and South Peninsula Management Board to review the latter estimates of WBS and BWS. They are as follows:

Approved 1981 BY
(Billions of lbs)

18.0 - 20.0

Bering Sea

2.0

Chitka

2.0

South Peninsula

3-5 Bill of Alaska Governor FMP. The AF proposed that the FMP be eliminated and the Bering Sea Regulatory Board be added to the plan amendments for public review. The AF proposed that the plan and amendments be sent out for public review.

3-6 Letter from Alaska Governor FMP. The AF recommended that the Council incorporate the new estimates of U.S. and Canada for the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska in 1981 into the BAW for 1981. This will amount to approximately an additional 40,000 mt. The AF requested the Council to consider those programs in particular in this additional report so that it can be distributed between the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

CONCLUSION

3-7 Letter from Alaska Governor FMP. The AF requested that the Council have the limited entry working on a review of the current possible time to discuss limited entry and FMP.

AF RECOMMENDATIONS

3-8 The AF requested that the BAW be at all possible, make a presentation to the Council this week regarding time and when changes effective October 1981 in the hearing was.

3-9 In response to the Alaska Board of Fisheries resolution 80-19 FB request for high level information of Western Alaska Chitka Salmon, the AF passed a motion requesting the Secretary of Commerce to exercise emergency authority to close the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska in order to protect the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. This motion only affects foreign fisheries. There was no vote in opposition.