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JANUARY 10-11, 1980 PROPOSED AGENDA

The Council recessed the meeting in December after acting on all but five agenda items. Technically, any item on the December agenda may be brought up now. The following items, however, constitute remaining unfinished business:

- ✓ 1. (A.) CALL TO ORDER
- ✓ 2. (B.) APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND EXPLANATIONS

- ✓ 3. (G-2) TANNER CRAB FMP ✓

A discussion of Tanner crab pot storage in the Bering Sea.

- ✓ 4. (G-1) TROLL SALMON FMP

Hand trolling in the FCZ.

- ✓ 5. A presentation by Nick Szabo, Chairman of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

- ✓ 6. (G-3). HERRING FMP

✓ A discussion of 1980 OY, DAH, and TALFF in the Bering Sea.

(A discussion of public hearing schedule.)

7. (G-6) BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS GROUND FISH FMP

✓ (1.) Resolution of halibut winter savings area problem.

(2.) Consideration of salmon savings time and area closures to foreign trawling.

✓ (3.) Consideration of inseason field order authority.

(4.) Joint Venture time and area closures.

- ✓ 8. (H-5) JOINT VENTURES

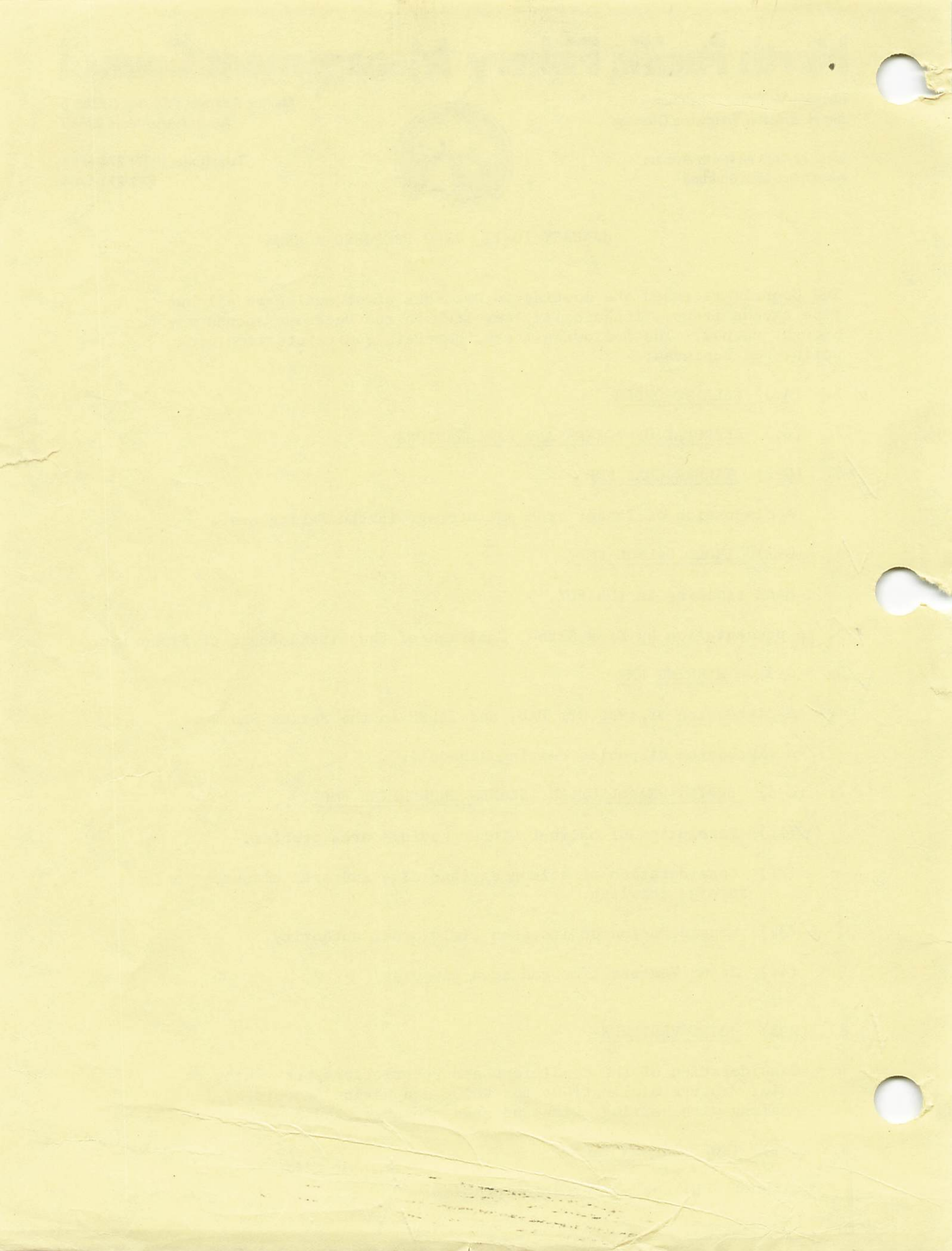
Consideration of the conditions and restrictions pertaining to Joint Venture applications for KMIDC and Marine Resources, Inc. dealing with herring, time and area closures, and others.

9. (G-1) TROLL SALMON FMP

✓ Offshore chinook conservation problem.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

✓ H-5 - Permit applications:
✓ H-10 - confidentially



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PRELIMINARY
DRAFT AGENDA
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
29th PLENARY SESSION
December 12-14, 1979
Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

The Council will convene on Wednesday, December 12, 1979, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn on Friday, December 14, 1979 at 5:00 p.m. at the Alaska Room of the Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel, 3rd & E Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. The Council will meet Thursday, December 13, 1979, with the Alaska board of Fisheries at 8:30 a.m., in the Alaska Room of the Anchorage/Westward/Hilton Hotel. The Advisory Panel will convene on Tuesday, December 11, 1979, at the Council Conference Room, 333 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The SSC will meet on Tuesday, November 27th, 1979, and (if necessary) on November 28th in the Council conference room. The meetings may be lengthened or shortened depending on progress on the agenda. The meetings are open to the public.

SPECIAL NOTE

Preregistration (except in special or unusual cases) will be required for all public comments which pertain to a specific agenda topic. Preregistration is accomplished by informing the agenda clerk--BY 10:00 A.M. OF THE FIRST DAY--of the agenda item to be addressed and the time required. Preregistration and public comment may be scheduled for F. OLD BUSINESS, G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS, and H. NEW BUSINESS agenda items. There will be a general comment period (Agenda K.) scheduled for late afternoon of the third day for testimony on matters not on the current agenda. Ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each person or group.

✓ A. CALL TO ORDER

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B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two additional agenda items have requested:

- (a) the reconsideration of the Tanner crab decisions in Sitka (G-2); and
- (b) the reconsideration of the salmon savings time and area closures to foreign trawling in the Bering Sea (G-6).

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C. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

The minutes of the October 4th and 5th Council meeting in Sitka are included in this mailing. You might note the exceptionally long record created for the Tanner crab decision.

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D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- D.1 - Limited Entry Workgroup Report
- D.2 - FMP Status Report
- D.3 - Recruiting an Economist
- D.4 - Travel and Meetings
- D.5 - Introduce New Staff Member
- D.6 - Need Addition to Permit Review Group

E. SPECIAL REPORTS

- ✓ E.1 The Alaska Department of Fish and Game Report on Domestic Fisheries
- ✓ E.2 National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Foreign Fisheries Including Joint Ventures

- ✓ E.3 U.S. Coast Guard Report of Enforcement and Surveillance
- ✓ E.4 Special SSC & AP Reports

F. OLD BUSINESS

(Action required: Executive Director, SSC, AP and other staff comments may be scheduled. Pre-registered public comments are allowed following each item.)



- F.1 Appointment of new Advisory Panel Members and Advisory Panel Chairman

Four Advisory Panel vacancies currently exist. The Advisory Panel Nominating Committee, chaired by Chuck Meacham and consisting of Bart Eaton, Clem Tillion and Harold Lokken, should meet to nominate new members. A list of 22 Advisory Panel nominees has been distributed to each Council member. The Advisory Panel is expected to recommend a new Chairman for the AP to be confirmed by the Council.



- F.2 Other Business as Needed

LE work group report.

G. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

(Executive Director, SSC, AP and other staff comments may be scheduled. Pre-registered public comments scheduled following each item.)



preliminary review



- G.1 High Seas Salmon Fishery off the Coast of Alaska East of 175° E. Longitude FMP. . . Council briefing on Alaska Board of Fisheries' actions and proposed amendments.



Troll salmon amendments will be discussed three times during the Council meeting. Initially, the Council will be briefed on the proposed amendments to the plan, hear Advisory Panel and Scientific & Statistical Committee comments on the proposed amendments, actions taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries and miscellaneous staff reports. There are two sets of proposed amendments to the plan. The first set consists of proposals to the Alaska Board of Fisheries to amend State regulation in areas which require similar amendments to Federal regulations. They include time and area closures north and south of Dangerous River, a four-line limit offshore, a prohibition against mutilating salmon to disguise species or size, and prohibiting the possession of cohos in any area where their taking is closed. The other set of amendments have been generated by the Council and consist of a prohibition on hand trolling offshore and a proposed extension of the current power troll limited entry program (moratorium) through 1980.



When the Troll Salmon Plan was approved by the Secretary, the prohibition against hand trolling in the Conservation Zone was deleted and our power troll limited entry system was accepted as a one-year moratorium. All of the amendments have been discussed at a series of public hearings throughout Southeast Alaska held jointly by ADF&G Advisory Boards the Council.


This amendment package will be discussed at the joint meeting with the Alaska Board of Fisheries on Thursday with a special emphasis on obtaining acceptable complementary regulations in State and Federal waters. Following the joint meeting with the Board, and under NEW BUSINESS, we will take action on each amendment to the Plan.

 G.2 Tanner Crab off Alaska FMP. . . Council briefing and report on Alaska Board of Fisheries' action on amendments and proposals. 

The Tanner Crab Plan will also be addressed three times during the Council meeting. On Wednesday the Council will be briefed on the proposed amendments to the Plan, hear Advisory Panel and Scientific & Statistical Committee comments, a report of action by the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and miscellaneous staff reports. Only one set of amendments are proposed and were developed by ADF&G. Reporting dead loss on fish tickets, changing Bering Sea seasons, and modifying guideline harvest levels.

On Thursday we will meet jointly with the Alaska Board of Fisheries to consider the actions they have taken on these proposals. Following the joint meeting with the Board, the actual amendments will be addressed under NEW BUSINESS, Item H.1.

 G.3 Draft FMP for Herring in the Bering-Chukchi Sea . . . Council briefing on actions of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. 

There is no action required at this time but we will follow the same procedure as with Troll Salmon and Tanner Crab. We will begin with a Council briefing on the public hearings held so far, Advisory Panel and Scientific & Statistical Committee comments, a report of the Alaska Board of Fisheries' actions and miscellaneous staff reports. Public hearings have not been completed since some have had to be postponed until January, consequently the comment period has been extended until January 31, 1980. Action on those proposals by the Council is not scheduled until March. 

On Thursday, the Herring Draft FMP will be considered jointly by the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Council. We will discuss any area of perceived conflict, especially with the offshore fisheries proposals.

No subsequent action should be taken by the Council until the close of the comment period.

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- G.4 Draft Halibut Off Alaska FMP . . . Review and comment on proposed enabling legislation.

(Action: Comment and urge early Congressional consideration.)

We have mailed each of you a copy of the draft legislation supporting the re-negotiated International Pacific Halibut Convention. The draft we have does not contain all of the language we suggested at the last meeting but I have been told the language will be sued.

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- G.5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Amendments FMP . . . Amendments and issues.

(Action: consider and act on three amendments.)

Three amendments have been proposed: reduce the sablefish OY from 13,000 mt to approximately 10,500 metric tons, allow the Regional Director to make time and area closures for gear conflicts or establishing additional closed areas by FMP amendment to protect fixed fishing gear, and a policy for area closures to joint venture processing ships.

- G.6 Bering Sea and Aleutian Island Groundfish FMP Amendments . . . Amendments and issues.

There are two amendments to consider to this plan which is scheduled for implementation in January, 1980. One would establish the same inseason field order authority for the Regional Director that currently exists in the Tanner Crab and Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plans. The other is in response to requests from domestic fishermen (i.e., Daniel Webster/Steuart Fisheries) to relax domestic trawl restrictions in the Bristol Bay pot sanctuary and winter halibut savings area.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, December 13.

(No action required, no public comments scheduled.)

The first annual Alaska Board of Fisheries/North Pacific Fishery Management Council joint meeting to consider:

- (a) Development of a Memorandum of Understanding
- (b) Joint management proposals for Troll Salmon
- (c) Joint management proposals for Tanner crab
- (d) Joint management issues for Bering Sea Herring

H. NEW BUSINESS

(Action required: Executive Director, SSC, AP and other staff comments may be scheduled. Pre-registered public comments will be allowed following each item.)

H.1 Resolutions and actions resulting from joint meeting with Alaska Board of Fisheries on the following items:

- (a) Memorandum of Understanding
- (b) Troll Salmon Amendments
- (c) Tanner Crab Amendments
- (d) Bering Sea Herring Issues

- H.2 SSC Membership Change
 - H.3 January Meeting Date and location
 - H.4 Department of State Reports
 - H.5 Joint Venture Applications from Korea and USSR and permit applications from ships that have committed serious violations of the FCMA in 1979. *
 - H.6 1980 Foreign Fee Schedule
 - H.7 HR 5611, A bill to Amend the FCMA
 - H.8 Suspended coverage of World Developments in the "WORLD FISHERIES REPORT"
 - H.9 State/Federal Management and research in Interjurisdictional Fisheries--Proposed Meetings
 - H.10. *Confidentiality of statistics*
- I. REPORTS, CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS *Done*
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(Action required as indicated: Executive Director, SSC, AP and other staff comments may be necessary.)

- I.1 A Proposal for funding: TO ASSESS AND STUDY THE SEASONAL USE AND FEEDING HABITS OF WALRUS IN THE PROPOSED BRISTOL BAY CLAM FISHERY AREA.
- I.2 A proposed Request For Proposal (RFP) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO HELP ESTABLISH WHETHER ACCESS TO THE HALIBUT FISHERY IN ALASKA SHOULD BE LIMITED.

I.3 Contract Final Report 78-5 - ASSESSMENT OF SPAWNING HERRING AND CAPELIN STOCKS IN SELECTED COASTAL AREAS IN THE EASTERN BERING SEA.

I.4 Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) on THE FEEDING HABITS AND FOOD REQUIREMENTS OF MARINE MAMMALS IN THE IN THE BERING SEA.

J. FINANCE REPORT

K. GENERAL COMMENT PERIOD

L. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS

M. ADJOURNMENT