

Finance Committee Minutes

September 28, 1984

The Finance Committee met on September 28, 1984 in the Council offices with the following people in attendance: John Winther (Chairman), Robert McVey, John Peterson, John Harville, Gene Didonato, Donald Rosenberg, Pat Barker, Robert Alverson, Donald Collinsworth, Jim Branson, Clarence Pautzke, and Judy Willoughby.

The Council submitted a request for \$1,028,100 for FY85, but was only level funded for \$982,200, or a \$45,900 shortfall. It was noted that with the Council's decision to pursue the management of halibut, there will be an even larger deficit. The Committee then instructed Jim Branson to immediately request the necessary funds to operate from NMFS. Should these funds not be available in the regular NMFS administrative budget, a request will be made to reprogram programmatic monies.

Next it was noted the state pass through funds will now be administrated through the Council's budget, not a direct grant as has been the policy in the past. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will be granted \$75,000, or \$25,000 each for Alaska, Washington and Oregon. The Committee recommends these funds continue to be given to each state as in the past.

The Council's research projects were discussed, but no recommendation was made pending the review by the SSC at the December meeting.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP Members
FROM: Jim H. Branson
Executive Director
DATE: September 20, 1984
SUBJECT: Status of Contracts and Proposed Projects

ACTION REQUIRED

- (a) *Contract 84-2: Chinook Troll Data Analysis: final approval.*
- (b) *FY/85 Programmatic requests: approve projects for submission for funding.*

BACKGROUND

Current Council contracts are listed below with information on the contractor, funding amount, percent expended to date, duration, objective, and status.

Current Council Contracts

83-2: ADF&G Plan Maintenance
(ADF&G, \$60,000, 56%, July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1985)

Objective: To support liaison between ADF&G and the Council by funding personnel travel to Council activities and providing support for such other activities as computer compilation and data analysis, etc.

Status: Work is proceeding satisfactorily; no progress reports are required.

83-4: Joint Venture Trawl Logbook Program
(ADF&G, \$33,400, 0%, September 1, 1983 to June 30, 1985)

Objective: To provide interview coverages at three major ports (Kodiak, Akutan, and Unalaska/Dutch Harbor) to support the joint venture logbook program.

Status: This contract was recently extended to June 30, 1985.

84-1: Sea Lion Pup Census Adjacent to Shelikof Strait
(ADF&G, \$16,548, 0%, October 1, 1983 to December 31, 1984)

Objective: To provide an estimate of the total number of sea lion pups produced at the major sea lion rookeries in and adjacent to Shelikof Strait for comparison with similar counts made in 1978 and 1979.

Status: The pup census was conducted in June. The contract was extended to December 31, 1984 to allow more time to draft the final report.

*84-2: Chinook Troll Data Analysis
(ADF&G, \$22,600, 40%, January 1 to September 30, 1984)

Objective: To provide a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the potential consequences of ADF&G changing the chinook accounting period.

Status: The draft final report has been distributed to the SSC for review. Given their approval, the Council may give final approval at this meeting.

84-3: Origin of Chinook Salmon Incidentally Caught in Foreign Trawls - Part II
(FRI/UW, \$40,000, 0%, July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985)

Objective: To provide additional information on stock separation of chinooks caught incidentally to the foreign trawl fisheries.

Status: The contract was signed on July 10, 1984 and the first progress report is due on September 30, 1984.

84-4: Domestic Groundfish Data Monitoring
(ADF&G, \$145,000, 0%, contract period unspecified)

Objective: To provide first year funding for a State of Alaska monitoring system including dock sampling and observers to collect catch and effort information on the domestic groundfish fishery.

Status: Exact work specifications are now being drawn up.

84-6: Bering Sea Herring Scale - Part II
(FRI/UW, \$62,465, 8%, April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985)

Objective: To provide additional information on stock composition of herring stocks in the Eastern Bering Sea, North Alaska Peninsula and Aleutians using scale pattern characters.

Status: Funding has finally been received from NMFS and a contract is being written.

Update on Programmatic Funds for FY/84

Three of the five projects approved by the Council in December 1983 for programmatic funding have been approved by NMFS as follows: Domestic Groundfish Monitoring (\$145,000), Chinook Incidental Catch - Part II (\$40,000), and Bering Sea Herring Scale Analysis - Part II (\$62,465). The other two requests were denied by NMFS: \$10,000 for the Fishery Management Conference and \$15,000 for ADF&G FMP Development. The Council instead contributed \$5,000 to the Conference from its administrative budget.

In addition, we submitted a request for \$481,900 to NMFS for programmatic support of offshore winter herring research. NMFS has responded that this funding would not be available from FY/84 or FY/85 funds.

*Requires Council action at this meeting.

*Update on Programmatic Funds for FY/85

In response to a request from NMFS we submitted a very tentative list of projects for support from programmatic funds for FY/85:

Domestic Groundfish Monitoring (to support logbooks, port sampling, and processing, analysis and reporting of fish ticket data)	\$150,000
Domestic Observer Program (To support at-sea observers to collect data on discards, incidental catch, gear units, biological samples, and to verify fishery-generated data)	150,000
ADF&G FMP Support (To support ADF&G travel to plan team and Council meetings)	30,000
King Crab Research (Economic/policy study-cosponsor with ADF&G and NWAFC)	10,000
TOTAL	\$340,000

It was emphasized that this list is subject to revision after a thorough review by the SSC, Finance Committee and the Council in September. We've recently learned that the proposers for king crab research have withdrawn their proposal. Thus, we have a total FY/85 request of \$330,000.

Status of Other Projects

Joint Venture Analysis

This analysis of the short and long term effects of joint ventures on the entire domestic groundfish industry is being done at the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center under the supervision of Dr. Rich Marasco. A report will be distributed when available. There have been no Council funds used to support this project.

Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium on Non-fishing and Fishing Induced Changes in King Crab Populations

The Council in September approved contributing \$4,000 from administrative funds to co-sponsor the Lowell Wakefield Symposium which is tentatively scheduled for January 1985 in Anchorage.

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