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ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES Juneau, Alaska January 4, 1982

The Advisory Panel met on Monday, January 4, 1982, in the Gastineau Room of the Baranof Hotel from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Greg Baker, Robert Blake, Bud Boddy, Larry Cotter, Richard Goldsmith, Eric Jordan, Joseph Kurtz, Richard Lauber, Raymond Lewis, Kristy Long, Ken Olsen, Jack Phillips, Jeffrey Stephan, and Chairman Robert Alverson.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Alverson. The agenda was approved by all AP members. Minutes of the December 6, 1981 Advisory Panel meeting were approved as read.

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report. The Executive Director's Report was presented by Clarence Pautzke.

(a) The Advisory Panel requests the Council to send a letter to Truman Emberg thanking him for his participation on the AP since its conception and for his dedication to the resources of the Bering Sea.

(b) On the motion of Larry Cotter the AP supported Commissioner Skoog's recommendation to place a scientist from the Alaska Trollers Association on the Salmon PDT. This was passed 10 to 1. Concern was expressed that each group may have to go out and hire its own scientists and could present some significant problems concerning domestic vs. domestic issues.

B-2 Update of Polish Joint Venture. The Advisory Panel endorsed this venture pending the current recommendations of the Reagan Administration. There was a request of the Polish to operate inside 12 miles. The AP is opposed to the foreign vessels being allowed this exemption.

B-3 AP and SSC Reports on Non-Agenda Items. No action taken.

C. OLD BUSINESS

C-1 Report on Capital Construction Fund. No action taken.

C-2 Review of Draft Guidelines for Framework FMP. Greg Baker was placed on this committee as the Advisory Panel representative.

C-3 Other Old Business.

- (a) Halibut Limited Entry. The AP heard from the Petersburg Fishing Vessel Owners Association regarding their support for a limited entry program that would involve a share system.

The Advisory Panel passed a motion requesting the Council to take all available action it could in promoting a moratorium on entry into the halibut fishery for 1982 or 1983. The AP also requests the Council to provide possible scheduling duties for implementing a limited entry system or moratorium at the March 1982 meeting.

- (b) The Advisory Panel voted 10 to 1 to have the Council send out for public comment the attached range of regulations concerning the Pot Sanctuary Area. The letter endorsed was from various fishermen's organizations.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 Demonstration of ADF&G Data Reporting System. No action taken.

D-2 Other New Business. The Advisory Panel approved the Japanese joint venture permits with a vote of 7 to 4.

The AP took no action regarding the Norwegian directed fishery.

E. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

E-1 Salmon FMP. The Advisory Panel discussed the following issues it felt the Council and Board should take joint action on.

- (a) Quota. The AP endorsed the PMT alternative harvest guideline of 272,000 chinook for 1982 with one opposition vote. The rationale was as follows.

- (1) Citing Director McVey's letter, it was difficult to justify a cut in the Southeast Alaska quota without some assurance regarding the Canadian interception problem and dam loss issue both of returning fish and juvenile fish.
- (2) The additional socioeconomic loss to the troll salmon fishery.
- (3) Last year's reductions seemed to rebuild the Southeast Alaska streams.

The opposition suggested a 5-7% reduction to aid the Southeast Alaska streams.

- (b) Seasons. The AP endorsed unanimously that the scheduled coho and chinook seasons remain the same as in 1981. Chinook, May 15 - September 20 and Coho, June 15 - September 20.

- (c) The Advisory Panel suggested that in lieu of the Regional Director closing the entire FCZ to achieve management goals that he be granted authority to close specific FCZ areas during the coho season.
- (d) The AP defeated a motion 8 to 3 to change the power troll line limit from 6 to 4.

The rationale was that under a fixed quota and a fixed number of power trollers, to reduce the efficiencies of the power trollers would only increase the cost of operation per fish. This was felt to be unreasonable considering the trollers economic conditions.

- (e) The AP passed a motion to take the ban off treble hooks in lieu of the research information during 1981.
- (f) For the purpose of clearly identifying FCZ waters, the Advisory Panel passed a motion to adopt a single management system over the waters of Alaska by reconciling the State's definition of the area.
- g) The AP voted unanimously to maintain the status quo of non-FCZ allocation resolutions regarding troll salmon.

E-2 Herring FMP. No action.

E-3 King Crab FMP. No action.

E-4 Tanner Crab FMP No action.

E-5 Gulf of Alaska FMP. No action.

E-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands FMP. No action.

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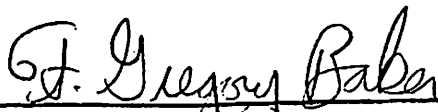
It has come to the attention of the below signed organizations that that portion of the ammendment #1 to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island Groundfish Plan regarding domestic trawling and its effect on halibut in the Pot Sanctuary area was thrown out by the Commerce Department and the Council due to the complexity of writing the restirction. The pot sanctuary area is very important as a halibut nursery ground as well as an area of high abunance of tanner and king crab. The below signed organizations request that the following two proposals be sent out for council action as ammendments to the Bering Sea Groundfish Plan.

1. Trawling will be permitted in the Pot Sanctuary with Pelagic gear only.

2. A pelagic gear restriction will be enforced in the Pot Sanctuary area if the incidental catch of halibut exceeds .6 % or the incidental catch of crab exceeds .8 % (tanner or king).


Fishing Vessel Owners Association


Petersburg Fishing Vessel Owners Association


Alaska Longline Fishermens Association


Deep Sea Fishermens Union of the Pacific