

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

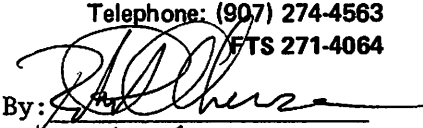
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## ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

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The Advisory Panel met on Wednesday, July 22, 1981, at the Elks Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Richard Goldsmith, Joseph Kurtz, Richard Lauber, Raymond Lewis, Ken Olsen, Don Rawlinson, Lewis Schnaper, Jeff 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 Advisory Panel members. Minutes of the May 27th 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 and Jim Branson. Under this agenda item a motion to support extending port privileges to Polish vessels in Seward for fueling and obtaining supplies was approved. It was felt that port privileges such as this would give Seward additional commerce.

The motion was passed with two in opposition. Their objectives were:

1. Port privileges reduce the true cost of foreign distant water fishing activities thereby giving foreign fishing activity a competitive advantage over shoreside facilities.
2. Polish fish products from Alaska are delivered through Mexico and British Columbia to Mrs. Paul's Kitchen which compete with the domestic white fish market. Port privileges would further give the Poles a competitive advantage on such enterprises as the Arctic Trawler.

B-2 ADF&G Report on Domestic Fisheries. This report was presented by Mark Miller.

B-3 NMFS Report on Foreign Fisheries. This report was presented by Ron Naab and Phil Chitwood.

B-4 U.S. Coast Guard Report on Enforcement and Surveillance. There was no representative from the Coast Guard to present this report.

B-5 Update on Joint-Venture Operations. John Schmiedtke gave an update on the West German/U.S. joint-venture. The AP then discussed problems with the Korean joint-venture in the Gulf of Alaska and other related fishing conflicts with the Koreans. The AP then adopted the following motion.

The Advisory Panel is concerned about reports of misconduct in the Korean joint-venture and of delays encountered by American fishermen in receiving compensation for crab pots lost to Korean fishing activities in the FCZ. The AP asks the Council to investigate these reports, and if these claims are substantiated and the problems not immediately rectified, to recommend to the Secretaries of State and Commerce that Korean allocations of fish be reduced. Although the AP does not believe that the Council should normally concern itself with private business arrangements, these incidents, if true, demonstrate that the Republic of Korea is not meeting the Magnuson Act's Criteria for allocationg fish to a foreign nation.

B-6 AP and SSC Reports on Non-Agenda Items. No action taken.

C. OLD BUSINESS

C-1 Report on the Economist's Workgroup on Halibut Limited Entry. The AP reviewed the report on limited entry on halibut by the economist's workgroup and adopted the following motion.

It is recommended that the Council should determine as soon as possible if it wants to consider limited entry for the halibut fishery. If it does, the Council should commit the resources necessary to develop options and distribute them to the public for public comment as soon as possible.

This motion passed 8 for, 1 against.

C-2 Confirmation of PMT Memberships. The Advisory Panel passed a motion to have the members of the Troll Salmon Advisory Panel Workgroup represented on a similar workgroup for the Inter-Council Salmon Committee.

The AP wishes to review its memberships on its fishery plan subgroups at the next council meeting when high percentage of its members may be present.

C-3 Other Old Business as Appropriate. The Advisory Panel discussed the benefits and problems of the Capital Construction Fund and Fishing Vessel Obligation Guarantee programs. The AP adopted the following motion.

We request the Council to advise the Secretary of Commerce to curtail financial assistance programs such as the CCF and FVOG financing programs to potential vessel owners where those new vessels would be used in fisheries where sufficient harvesting capacities exists (such as crab, halibut, salmon, etc.).

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the project.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study and their implications.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references.

5. The fifth part of the report is an appendix containing additional data and figures.

6. The sixth part of the report is a bibliography of the sources used in the study.

7. The seventh part of the report is a list of tables and figures.

8. The eighth part of the report is a list of abbreviations.

9. The ninth part of the report is a list of acknowledgments.

10. The tenth part of the report is a list of footnotes.

11. The eleventh part of the report is a list of appendices.

12. The twelfth part of the report is a list of references.

The AP also request the information generated by the Council on vessels using these programs be further developed and any other information to fully assess the value of these programs.

D. NEW BUSINESS AS APPROPRIATE

No action was taken.

E. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

E-1 Salmon FMP

E-1(a), (b). The Advisory Panel heard a report of the Salmon FMP by Jim Glock and were advised that proposals for the 1982 troll salmon fishery were being requested.

E-1(c). The Advisory Panel reviewed the option paper on limited entry for troll salmon and reaffirmed a motion made by the AP at the May meeting. That motion was:

The Advisory Panel does not endorse limited entry for the troll salmon fishery, as the harvest is regulated by means of a quota and the elimination of fishing units will not result in a reduction in the total harvest.

E-1(d). The AP recommended that the Salmon Limited Entry Workgroup be augmented by adding the five people nominated in Agenda Item E-1(d).

E-2 Herring FMP. There was no action taken. The Advisory Panel heard an update from Steve Fried from ADF&G on the western Alaska herring fishery.

E-3 King Crab FMP. The AP heard a report from Steve Davis on the Draft King Crab FMP and its schedule of implementation.

The AP recommended adoption of Schedule #1 (item E-3(b) for implementation of the FMP). This schedule allows more comprehensive input from the industry.

The AP passed a motion 5 to 4 to include Kodiak and the Peninsula in the FMP. Those opposed feel the current management regime by the State is adequate and has done a good job of managing the resource, and do not wish to have federal management.

The AP took no further action on the Draft FMP because Schedule #1 will allow time for the AP members to read and make comment of the Draft prior to the Council's final action at the September 25th meeting.

E-4 Tanner Crab FMP. The Advisory Panel heard a report from Steve Davis on possible future revisions to the FMP. The AP unanimously passed a motion to accept Option #3, which would amend the FMP by changing it into a multi-year FMP not requiring annual amendments.

E-5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP. Mark Miller gave a report on further steps in revising the GOA FMP. The PMT recommends on changing the sablefish OY followed by the drafting of the prohibited species amendment and a possible redraft of the FMP into a multi-year plan.

The AP generally concurred with those procedures but took no formal action.

E-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP. The Advisory Panel heard an extensive report on Amendment #3 by Dr. Loh-Lee Low.

The AP course of action was as follows:

A motion was put forward to recommend adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the PDT, after incorporating the alternative PDT proposal for in-season implementation of PSC (Part IV on p. 10).

This motion was tabled.

The AP discussed the need for further Council policy guidance on linking the foreign fishery to the domestic catch of prohibited species, lacking that guidance the AP voted 5 to 3 to table the original motion.

#### F. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

F-1 Status of Contracts and RFP's. The Advisory Panel supports full funding for the University of Washington proposed research on determinations on stock origins of chinook incidentally caught in foreign trawls in the Alaska FCZ.

The Advisory Panel then passed a motion to adjourn.