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Report of the Advisory Panel to the NPFCM June 24, 1977 Anchorage, Alaska

The Panel considered a presentation from Walt Jones, NMFS. In his developing a proposal for a fishery development, he wanted an expression from the advisors as to the species that should be considered for further development. Several species were suggested, including pollock, and blackcod. A sub-committee chaired by Rick Lauber was appointed.

Consideration of the tanner crab PMP followed with several recommendations adopted.

It was recommended that CPUE data and references in the Plan be standardized.

A motion was adopted that no foreign harvest of tanner crab be permitted south of $58^{\rm O}$ 3¶' N latitude. In addition, it was recommended that an OY for C.opilio south of $58^{\rm O}$ 39' be established to be determined by the anticipated U.S. harvest. Rationale was that this makes the Plan consistent with State regulations.

A motion was adopted that the \$441 ex vessel price used (Page 51) should be adjusted to \$727 per ton to reflect more current market prices.

A motion was adopted that whenever U.S. and foreign fisheries are being conducted in the same areas, management measures should be consistent for both U.S. and foreigners.

The Panel recommended that the tanner crab Plan accompanied by the Advisory Panel recommendations be adopted as a working document. The Advisory Panel requests that it be permitted to add additional recommendations be maintained.

The Advisory Panel discussed the Groundfish Management Plan, page 172. It was recommended that the term "1,500,000 fish" be converted to pounds (19,836,000) as being a more meaningful comparison.

A motion was adopted (page 254) that Option I B 2 be the option chosen. It was noted that on some species it would not be practical to hold 30 percent in abeyance.

A motion was adopted expressing preference for Option II A (page 256).

A lengthy discussion of the sablefish effort indicated concern that there could be a quantuum jump in the domestic catch. The following motion was adopted: (on page 259) Option numbered III C.

It was moved that the Groundfish Management Plan be adopted as a working document and that the Advisory Panel recommendations be made part of that document.

The Advisory Panel held a discussion on herring quotas and adopted a recommendation that the 1978 FAC for the Bering Sea herring fishery be reduced by 3,000 metric tons: the 1977 U.S. commercial catch. It is recommended that the 1978 allocation be 7,000 metric tons.

Rationale: The Advisory Panel feels very strongly that the TAC not be exceeded and would have asked that the FAC for 1977 be reduced but recognizes that the desired result can be obtained by adjusting the 1978 PMP.

A motion was adopted that there be no foreign fishery for herring east of 168° W. longitude.

The panel believes that bureaucratic needs are preempting the time required for meaningful scientific and advisory input. It did not want to provide figures in response to the June 17, 1977 letter of Robert Schoning, Director, NMFS, Washington, D.C.

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NPFMC Advisory Panel Meeting, June 22, 1977 at Council Headquarters

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Charles Jensen

Joe Kurtz

Rick Lauber

Ray Lewis

Ken Olsen

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Robert Starck

Also attended:

Jay Hastings

Ed Furia

Tom Casey

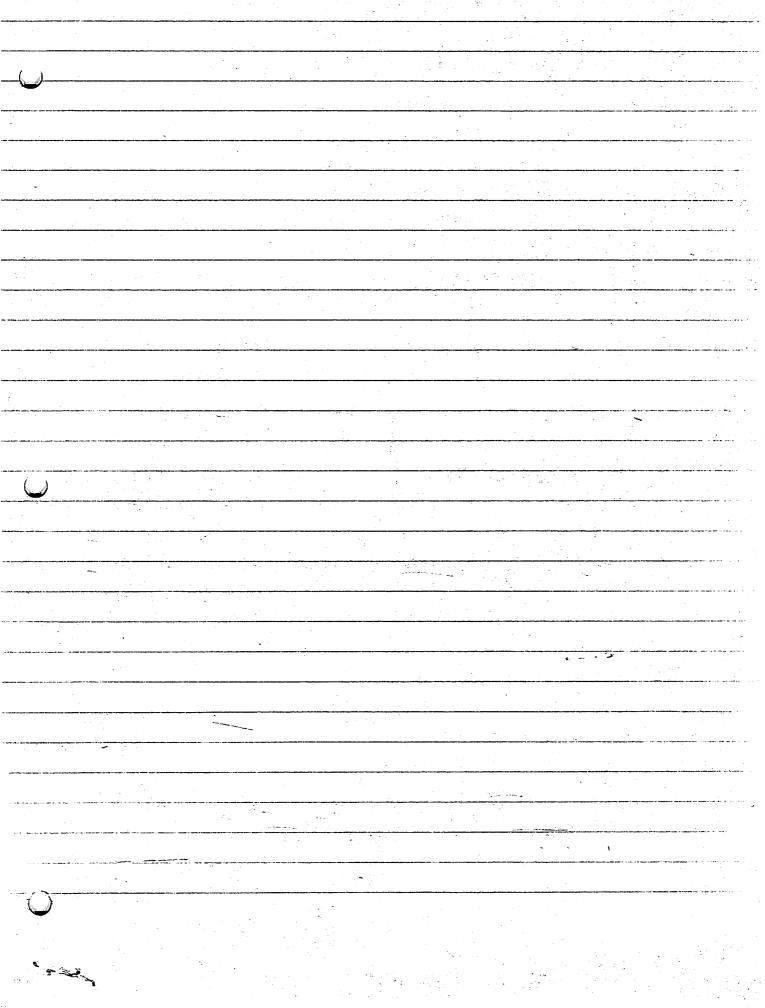
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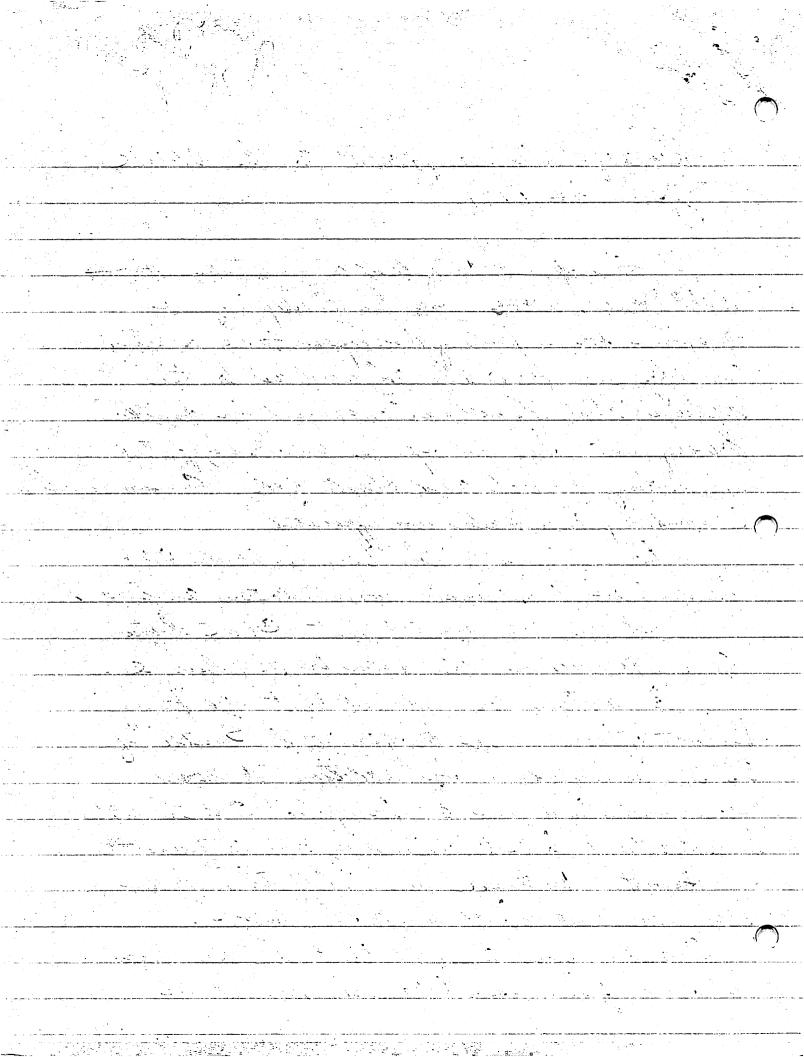
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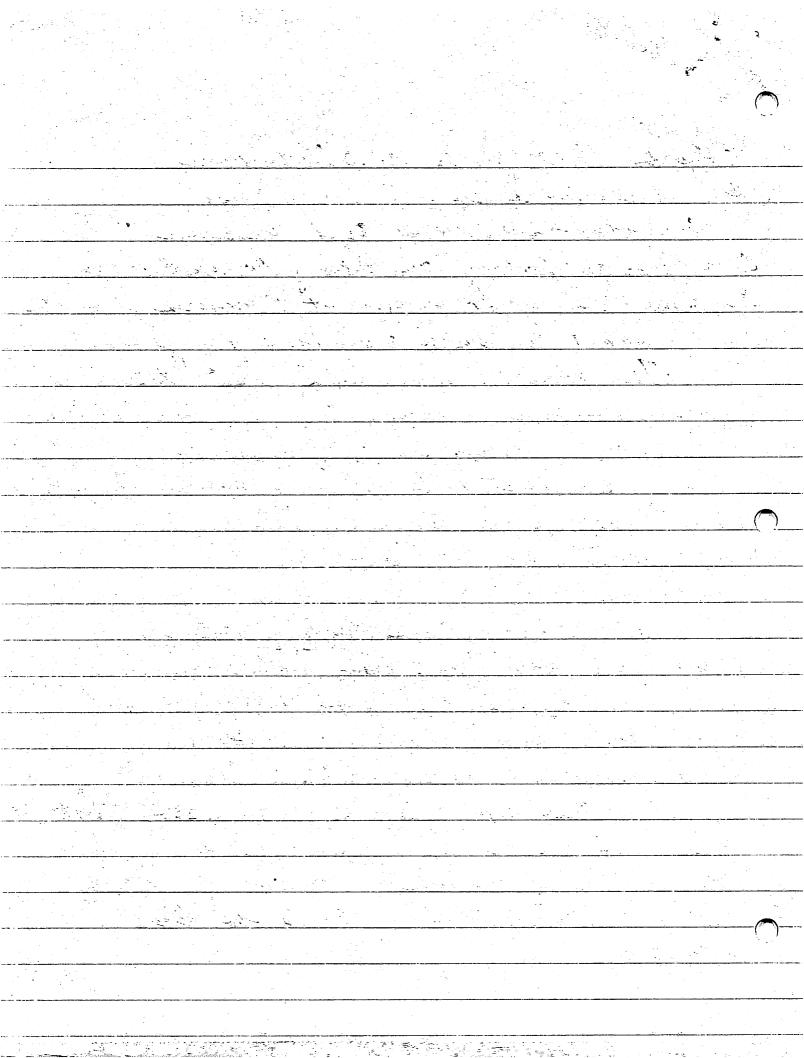
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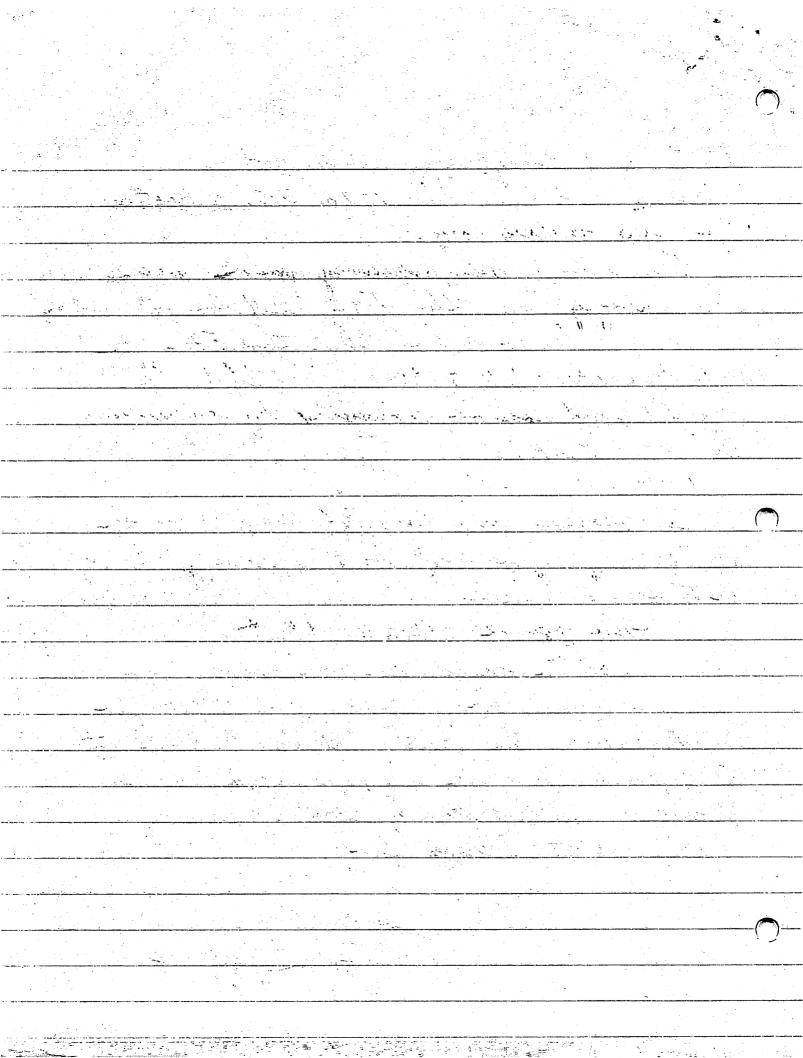
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statistical area of S.E. Alaska finds that these allocations

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available operating time of longline vessels, suggest as an

option, expanding the proposed sanctuary areas as a pla nned approached

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Alaska and reassesment of the total Oyfor the entire Gulf.

(Example no foreign longline fishing south of 58 12.

(The area indicated would include Cross Sound Gully , Salisbury Sound and Cape Edgecumbe.))