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EXPANDED PRELIMINARY AGENDA
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
13TH PLENARY SESSION
February 23, 24, 1978
Anchorage Westward Hotel

1. Approve preliminary agenda.
2. Approve minutes of January Council meeting.
3. Executive Director's Report.

Status of Council Fishery Management Plans.

4. Tanner Crab

At the last Council meeting we were asked to justify, for the record, the Council's decision for the 15,000 metric ton total allowable level of foreign fishing (TALFF) for Tanner crab in the Bering Sea north of 58°. As a result of this exercise we now have on file, verbatim typed transcripts of all Tanner crab discussions by the Council and by the public since the first Council meeting in 1976. You need to consider, revise, and approve this proposed supporting document to the plan so that we can send it immediately to Richard Frank, who will hopefully expedite approval of the

Tanner crab plan. We have been told that the PMP has been revised to regulate the foreign fishery until the FMP comes into effect. The PMP we understand, maintains the 58° line and a 12,500 MT or 15,000 MT quota.

5. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish

We were told by Dick Schaefer over the telephone (2/21/78) that the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP had been approved although the formal letter had not been signed. The revised draft regulations to implement the plan should be available for Council review at this meeting.

6. Troll Salmon Plan

The redraft of the Troll Salmon Plan will not be done in time for this Council meeting. It is expected to be completed sometime early in March and at that time will be mailed to you for your comments. We will probably need another public hearing or two to present the revised plan for public comment. With this substantial delay it is doubtful that the Plan can be implemented at any time during the 1978 season.

There are some problems still to be worked out with the Troll Salmon Fishery Observer Program and contract. This subject will be reviewed by the SSC and AP and discussed later in the agenda.

7. Bering Sea Clams

Presentation by eastern Bering Sea Clam Management Plan Development Team with guidance on objectives for the plan and the options the Council may wish to consider.

8. Proposed Interim Policy Governing the Purchase of Fish by Foreign Vessels from U.S. Fishing Vessels Within the FCZ.

As indicated by my letter to Dave Wallace dated February 10, 1978, the Council will not be able to meet the deadline for comments on the proposed policy statement. We need your review and recommendations at the meeting as we have promised Council comment by February 28th.

8a. Foreign Permit Application Review.

We have received several foreign permit applications, which, for one reason or another can not be handled routinely. Among them are two applications from the Republic of Korea for joint ventures with U.S. fishermen. (They are from KMIDC and request 72,800 metric tons of pollock and incidental species including POP, Pacific Cod, flounders, rockfish and other species in the Gulf of Alaska.) The others request out-of-the-ordinary gear types or have previous violations.

9. Action by the Council's Finance Committee.

(a) The Finance Committee and the Council should act to select a contractor to do the study of the Social and Economic Impacts of a Commercial Herring Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the Arctic/ Yukon/Kuskokwim Area in Western Alaska. Funding has already been approved. The SSC will review the RFP's on Wednesday and make their recommendations on Thursday.

(b) The Finance Committee will also consider a staff equalization salary study, and

(c) Several sole source contracts to the ADF&G for the 1977 salmon troll logbook analysis, the eastern Bering Sea herring biology study and a salmon troll observer program.

10. Advisory Panel Vacancies.

We have two Advisory Panel vacancies which should be filled.

11. Limited Entry.

In a letter from Don McKernan to Harold Lokken dated February 2, 1978 we have been asked to suggest representation from the Council to a meeting to be held in Denver in mid-July to discuss limited entry. This concept and the proposed meeting are timely in that we have current problems with the salmon troll fishery limited entry program. All future Council FMP's are expected to have limited entry options.

12. Optimum Yield.

The Council has been asked to respond to a set of draft guidelines for OY determination submitted to the Council in mid-December by Wallace. These policy guidelines are not for the purpose of establishing criteria for determining OY but rather for documenting the record and the process for the OY determination. It also seems timely to discuss OY in light of the problems we have encountered with the Tanner crab FMP.

12a. Draft Procedural Guidelines

12b. Pacific Fishery Management Council Response.

12c. South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Response.

13. Board of Fisheries Presentation.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries has asked to talk to the Council about the implementation of management plans and the development of management measures and regulations. I expect this presentation to center on the Tanner Crab FMP and on the role of the Alaska Board of Fisheries to solicit and review proposals for management measures and regulatory changes. The Board of Fisheries meets in one month to discuss shellfish proposals and regulations.

14. Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Resolution on Marine Estuaries.

We have been asked to endorse a resolution by the Gulf of Mexico Council concerning marine estuaries. The attached January 26th letter from Swingle outlines the request.

15. Council/NMFS Workshop on Foreign Fee Schedule.

The attached memo from Wallace (1-31-78) requires that we respond as to (a) the dates for a June workshop, (b) location, (c) contact person from the Council, (d) items and format for the meeting and (f) suggested consultants.

16. Chairman's Meeting.

Agenda items are still being solicited for the Chairman's Meeting in March.

17. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report

- a. C. opilio OY justification
- b. Bering Sea herring research contract

- c. Socio-economic herring study proposals
- d. Designation of Bering Sea herring plan development team
- e. Alaskan domestic shrimp fishery in the FCZ
- f. Designation of Bering Sea shrimp as a separate management unit
- g. Alaska Fisheries Atlas
- h. Contract for fisheries information system - ADF&G
- i. Development of troll salmon fishery research proposal
- j. Joint ventures policy
- k. Gulf of Mexico Council estuarine resolution
- l. National Conference on Limited Entry
- m. Foreign Fee Conference
- n. Other

18. Advisory Panel Report

- a. C. opilio OY justification
- b. Joint ventures policy
- c. Troll salmon observer proposals
- d. Advisory Panel vacancies - recommendations
- e. Limited Entry Workshop/National Conference
- f. Optimum Yield draft guidelines
- g. Board of Fisheries role with Council
- h. Comments on Foreign Fee Conference
- i. Cycle of Management Plan Development

19. Observer program/contract for troll salmon fishery.

Will be reviewed by the AP and the SSC for recommendations to the Finance Committee and the Council.

20. U. S. Coast Guard Report

- 20a. Announcement of selection of Admiral Hayes as Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

21. National Marine Fisheries Service Surveillance Report
22. Possible Council meetings away from Anchorage for 1978.
23. Miscellaneous Correspondence.
 1. February 7, 1978 letter from Marty Eaton to Executive Director regarding written copy of King crab presentation.
 2. Letter to Lee J. Weddig, Executive Vice President of National Fisheries Institute, Inc., dated 2/9/78 from Jim Branson responding to Weddig's 12/22/77 letter to Secretary Kreps and the 2/6/78 letter to Weddig from Dave H. Wallace regarding Tanner Crab FMP by NPFMC.
 3. Memo dated 2/6/78 to Chairmen, Regional Fishery Management Councils from Robert W. Schoning regarding Deferred Funding for Research Vessel Construction.
 4. News Releases from Japanese Papers "What Will Come After Japan-U.S.-Canada Fishery Consultations" and "Japan's Fish Catch in 1976 Down 0.8 Percent to 10,455,000 tons."
 5. Department of Commerce News Release of 2/10/78, "Foreign Nations Pay More Than \$10 Million to Fish in 200-Mile Zone."

