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DRAFT AGENDA

49th Plenary Session NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

> July 21-22, 1982 Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 1982, in the Aft Deck of the Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will continue until approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 22. The Council will review proposed revisions to the Bering/Chukchi Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan, "housekeeping" amendments to remove inconsistencies between State and Federal Tanner crab regulations, and a draft amendment to establish a Fishery Development Zone north of Unimak Pass. The Council will take final action on the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association proposal in Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Amendment #11 to establish an exclusive hook and line fishery for sablefish and discuss the status of pollock in the Gulf of Alaska. The Council will confer with the halibut limited entry study contractor to reduce the number of options to be studied for the remainder of the contract.

The SSC will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 1982, and continue on Tuesday, July 20, in the Conference Room.

The Advisory Panel will meet in the Adventure Room of the Hotel Captain Cook from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

All meetings are open to the public.

AGENDA

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

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report
- B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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- B-3 Foreign Fisheries Report by National Marine Fisheries Service
- B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard
- B-5 Joint Venture Operations
- B-6 U.S.-Canada Salmon Negotiations
- B-7 NMFS Observer Program
- B-8 Review of 1982 Halibut Fishery

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

- C-1 Progress Report on Halibut Limited Entry
- C-2 Operational Guidance for PMT's and PDT's
- C-3 Review of AP Operations
- C-4 Meeting Schedule for 1983
- C-5 Joint Venture Permit Application from Taiwan
- C-6 Other Business

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Salmon FMP

Council consideration of policy on the management of natural fish stocks. Synthesis of information received on scarred fish. Update on the salmon fishery. Status of litigation.

D-2 Herring FMP

PMT report on the status of FMP and issues raised concerning its component fisheries. Report on the fisheries.

D-3 King Crab FMP

Review status of plan.

D-4 Tanner Crab FMP

Initial Council consideration of Amendment #8 which would remove inconsistencies between state and federal regulations.

D-5 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

Final Council consideration of various portions of Amendment #11 including exclusion of pot gear east of 140°W and exclusion of foreign fisheries between 140 and 147°W. Review of sablefish stock status. Discussion of status of pollock stocks.

D-6 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

Council consideration of draft Amendment #6 concerning the fisheries development zone and a proposal to allow foreign longlining in the Winter Halibut Savings area. Review current resource assessment document on status of groundfish stocks--first step in 1983 OY determination.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

E-1 Status of Contracts and RFP's

- (a) Report on Status of Contracts
- (b) Funding for a Marine Mammal Workshop and Report on Joint Venture Policy Study
- E-2 Review and Approval of Administrative and Programmatic Budgets for Fiscal Year 1983
- E-3 Financial Status Report
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- G. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE July 2, 1982

The SSC will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 1982 and continue on Tuesday, July 20, in the Council conference room.

1. Operational Guidance for PMT's and PDT's (C-2)

SSC review is needed of this approach to improving operations of the teams (see Attachment 1).

2. Salmon FMP (D-1)

SSC review is needed of the draft policy for management of natural stocks that was distributed in the Council mailing of June 15th.

3. Herring FMP (D-2)

SSC should review the Herring PMT's report on issues raised by the State of Alaska concerning the offshore fisheries. This report was distributed on June 29th to the Council, SSC and AP.

4. King and Tanner Crab FMP's (D-3 and D-4)

No SSC action required.

5. <u>Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP</u> (D-5)

The PMT met on June 24-25 to discuss sablefish management in the Eastern Gulf and the pollock ABC in the Central Gulf. This report is enclosed here as Attachment 2. SSC review of both subjects is needed for this meeting.

6. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP (D-6)

The PMT has provided reports drafted by Dr. Loh-lee Low concerning the proposed U.S. Fishery Development Zone and relaxation of foreign longline restrictions in the Winter Halibut Savings Area. SSC review is required of both documents included here as Attachment 3.

7. Contracts, Proposals, and Financial Reports (E)

The SSC has already reviewed programmatic requests for 1983 but we will probably need further discussion on two topics, a marine mammal workshop and a joint venture policy study. Attachment 4 relates to the workshop. Attachment 5 relates to the joint venture study; other materials were distributed under item B-1 at the May meeting.