

## **Executive Director's Report**

### New Admiral

There has been a change of command at the Seventeenth Coast Guard District. RADM Ray Riutta has been relieved by RADM Terry Cross as of June 6, 1997. RADM Riutta is headed for a higher post in Washington, D.C. He has been very responsive to the Council during his term in Juneau and we wish him well in his next post. We welcome RADM Cross to the Council and look forward to getting to know him.

### Board-Council Joint Committee to Meet

The joint committee of the Board of Fisheries and the Council is tentatively scheduled to meet in July, most likely on the 21st and 22nd in Anchorage. Board representatives include Dan Coffey, Larry Engel, and Ed Dersham. Council representatives include Kevin O'Leary, Robin Samuelsen, and Dennis Austin. The Council-Board protocol has been signed by both groups, and the committee will work out details of future interaction. We also should have proposals to review, as well as other issues. I will place a notice in the June newsletter on the specifics of the agenda.

### September Council Meeting

The September meeting will be in Seattle at the Doubletree Hotel-Seattle Airport (formerly the Red Lion-Seattle Airport) during the week of the 22nd. I do not have a handle on the agenda yet, but the halibut charterboat issue will be prominent. I will identify prospective issues for September in the three-meeting outlook that will accompany the June newsletter.

### Meeting Schedule for 2000-2002

Item B-1(a) has meeting schedules for the other end of the bridge to the 21st Century. We need to lock in as soon as possible to solicit bids from the appropriate hotels.

### Council Chairmen's Meeting

Chairman Lauber and I attended the chairmen's meeting in Puerto Rico earlier this month. Much of the meeting focussed on Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements. These will be covered this week under agenda item C-9 as they pertain to our Council. There is a chance that oversight hearings will be held later this summer by the Senate, and so we will need to ensure that we come away from this meeting with a clear gameplan for addressing the new requirements. If we need more time on certain issues, we will need to let the Senate committee know. We also reviewed the proposed recusal regulations. Those will come up on our agenda under C-9 also. This will be our last chance to comment on them in plenary session, because they will go to proposed rulemaking over the summer and be published this fall. Chairman Lauber and I also staunchly defended Bob Mace's continuing membership on the Council even though he is not directly employed by the State of Oregon. We extracted a promise out of Rollie Schmitten that he would leave Bob alone, no matter how NMFS rewrites its Council administrative regulations. I will send out a full summary of the Chairmen's meeting as soon as it is available.

### Staff Tasking

Item B-1(b) has current workloads. We'll need it as a reference point in determining new tasks.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Tentative Meeting Schedules - 1996-99\*

	<b>February</b> Week of/ Location	<b>April</b> Week of/ Location	<b>June</b> Week of/ Location	<b>September</b> Week of/ Location	<b>December</b> Week of/ Location
<b>1997</b>	3/Anchorage	14/Anchorage	16/Kodiak	22/Seattle	8/Anchorage
<b>1998</b>	2/Anchorage	20/Anchorage	8/Dutch Harbor	21/Seattle	7/Anchorage
<b>1999</b>	1/Anchorage	19/Anchorage	7/Kodiak	20/Seattle	6/Anchorage

\*Meeting dates are subject to change depending on availability of meeting space. Any changes will be published in the Council's newsletter.

Suggested Meeting Dates for 2000-2002

	<b>February</b> Week of/ Location	<b>April</b> Week of/ Location	<b>June</b> Week of/ Location	<b>September</b> Week of/ Location	<b>December</b> Week of/ Location
<b>2000</b>	7/Anchorage	17/Anchorage	12/Portland	18/Sitka	4/Anchorage
<b>2001</b>	6/Anchorage	17/Anchorage	12/Kodiak	18/Seattle	4/Anchorage
<b>2002</b>	5/Anchorage	16/Anchorage	11/Dutch Harbor	17/Seattle	3/Anchorage

**STATUS OF COUNCIL TASKING**

June 17, 1997

	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>	<b><u>TASKING</u></b>
<b>REPORTS:</b>			
1	IFQ Weighmaster Program	Report in Sept 1997	Region
2	Pollock "B" Season Change	Discuss in December 1997	Council/Region
3	Generic Bycatch Measures	Discuss in June 1997	Council
4	GOA Management Area Boundaries	Discuss in Sept 1997	Council/Region/Center
5	North Pacific Loan Program	Report in June 1997	Council/NMFS
6	Gear Storage Areas/Gear Conflicts	Report in June 97	Region/ADF&G
7	Western GOA pollock deliveries by vessel size classes (trip limits)	Report in June 1997	Council
8	Skipper Reporting Program	Report in June 1997	NMFS/ADF&G
9	DOI Ecosystem Research Initiative	Report in June 1997	DOI
10	SEIS for Groundfish TACs	Report in June 1997	NMFS/Council
11	Designate pollock mid-water only (GOA plan amendment) (framework for BSAI)	Direction	Council/Region

**MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REQUIREMENTS:**

1	IFQ/CDQ Fee Program & NAS Studies/Loan Program	Review in Sept 1997	Council/Region
2	Vessel Buyback Program	Report in June 1997	Council/Industry
3	Essential Fish Habitat Amendments	In Progress-Report June 97	Region/Council/Center

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4	Central Lein Registry	PR published Comments till August 5	NMFS
5	Other Issues	Discuss in June 1997	Council/NMFS
<b>REGULATORY AMENDMENTS:</b>			
1	Halibut Subsistence Program	Final Action in June 1997	Council/NMFS/IPHC
2	Halibut Charter Management	Final Action in Sept 1997	Council
3	Halibut Area 4 Catch Sharing Plan	Final Action in June 1997	Council/Region
4	Directed Fishing Standards adjustments	Review in September 1997	Region
5	Sablefish Rolling Closures	Initial Review in June 1997	Region
6	Electronic Reporting Requiremtns (a) Observer data  (b) General reporting	(a) Final rule on Dec 2 Effective July 1, 1997 (b) Final action in Dec 1996 PR in preparation	Council/Region
7	"Slime and Ice" Accounting	Final action in Dec 1996 PR on June 11, 1997	Region
8	IFQ Program Amendments	Final Action in June 1997	Region/Council
9	Seabird Avoidance (groundfish)	Effective May 29, 1997	Region
10	Seabird Avoidance (halibut)	Review in April 1997	Region
11	Sitka Sound Local Halibut Plan	Initial Review in June 1997	Council
12	Reporting Requirements	Review in June 1997	NMFS
13	Halibut Possession Limits	Initial Review in Sept 97	Council
<b>PLAN AMENDMENTS:</b>			
1	Comp. Rationalization Plan (a) License Limitation/CDQ (PSC trading) (b) IFQ Program for BSAI pollock (c) IBQs/VBAs	(a) PR in June 1997  (b) On hold  (c) Discussion in Sept 1997	Council/NMFS  Council  Council/Center/Region
2	Scallop FMP/future amendments	Discuss in September 1997	Region/Council/ADFG

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3	Total Weight Measurement in Groundfish Fisheries (a) Scale certification (b) Application to at-sea processors (non-CDQ)	(a) PR on June 10, 1997 (b) PR in preparation	NMFS/Council NMFS/Council
4	Demersal Shelf Rockfish License Limitation Program	Pending Development	ADFG
5	Forage Fish Prohibition	Final action in April 1997 PR in preparation	Region
6	Crab PSC Cap Analysis (a) bairdi (Am 41)  (b) opilio (Am 40)	(a) Approved March 3 Effective April 23, 1997 (b) Action in Dec 1996 PR in preparation	Council/ADFG/Center
7	BSAI Improved Retention/ Utilization	Final Action in Sept 1996 PR on June 5, 1997	Region/Council/Center
8	GOA Improved Retention/ Utilization	Final Action in June 1997	Center/Region/Council
9	Groundfish Plan Update	In progress. Initial review in fall 1997	Council/Region
10	Limited Processing for Catcher Vessels	Discuss in Sept 1997	Center/Region/Council
11	Pelagic Shelf Rockfish Mgmt authority to State	Final Action in June 1997	Council/Region/ADFG
12	Streamline Specs Process	Review in Sept 1997	Council/Region
13	2% Jig Allocation for BSAI Atka mackerel	Final action in June 1997	NMFS/Council
14	Inshore/Offshore & Pollock CDQ Program	Direction in June 1997	Council
15	Modified Observer Program	Review in June 1997	Region/Council/OAC
16	Trip Limits for GOA pollock and Pacific cod	Direction in June 1997	Council
17	VIP Program for <i>C. bairdi</i> in BSAI cod fishery	Initial Review in Sept 97	Council

**ACTION**

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**OTHER ACTIONS:**

1	April 24, 1994 Scallop Control Date	Published on June 15, 1994	Region
2	Halibut Charter Control Date	Never published in F.R.	Region
3	1998 CDQ Allocations by group	Review/approve in Sept 97	Council/ADFG/NMFS

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

1	Observer Advisory Committee	Meet as necessary
2	Ecosystem Committee	Meet as necessary
3	Crab Rebuilding Committee	Meet as necessary
4	Enforcement Committee	Meet as necessary
5	VBA Committee	Meet as necessary
6	IFQ Implementation Team	Meet as necessary