

Agenda Item: B-3

## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME REPORT TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

June 13, 1995

Fisheries managed under delegated authority of the State of Alaska since the last council meeting include crab, salmon and demersal rockfish.

BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES: To date, 21 vessels are participating in the Adak brown king crab fishery with a catch of 3.4 million pounds. The season is expected to continue to the August 15 regulatory closure with an expected harvest of 6.0 million pounds, close to the 5 year average of this fishery. Four vessels are currently targeting deep water Tanner crab (C. tanneri) in the Eastern Aleutians district. Catch to date is 285,000 pounds.

SALMON TROLL FISHERY: Approximately 17,000 Chinook salmon were harvested during the 1994/95 winter troll fishery. Driven primarily by lower stock abundance, fishing effort during this season was the lowest in recent history, resulting in a decreased harvest. The Biological Assessment for the Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Fisheries was submitted in April. Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations continued during June. Experimental troll fisheries that target Alaska hatchery Chinook salmon began in June.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY: On March 15, the directed Demersal Shelf Rockfish (DSR) was closed in the Southeast district due to management concerns caused by overlapping IFQ and directed DSR fishing. The directed fishery will remain closed until November 15.