

STATUS OF COUNCIL TASKING

December 1, 1993

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TASKING</u>
REPORTS:		
1 Crab Management	Discussion in Dec.	Region/ADFG/ Council/BOF
2 Full Utilization	Industry/Staff meeting in Dec.	Council/Region
REGULATORY AMENDMENTS:		
1 Insh/Offsh/CDQ Bycatch	Passed by Council	Council/Region
2 Performance Pelagic Trawls	Effective August 19	Region
3 1994 Reptg/Recording Requirements	Being developed by NMFS	Region
4 Observer Requirements 1994	PR Published Oct. 28 Comments until Nov. 29	Region/Council
5 Require Offloading of PSC Species Caught Beyond EEZ	Effective Sept. 30	Region/Center
6 Standard PRRs/Pollock roe- stripping adjustments	Final Rule pending	Region
7 Redefine Roe-stripping	Effective Nov. 26	Region
8 Gangion-Cutting/Careful Release	Effective May 15	Region
9 Hook & Line Fair Start	Effective May 11	Region
10 Define Legal Gear Types	Published Nov. 12 Comments until Dec. 13	Region
11 Directed Fishing Standards	Initial Review in 1994	Region/Council
12 GOA PSC Apportionment BSAI Flatfish Season Change	PR in preparation	Council/Center/Region
13 Area 4B Halibut Am.	Initial Review in Dec.	Council

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PLAN AMENDMENTS:			
1	Moratorium	PR in preparation	Council/Region
2	Sablefish/Halibut IFQs	Final Rule on Nov. 9	Council/Region
3	NPFR Plan	PR in preparation	Council/Region/Center
4	Gear/Seasonal Allocations of Cod	PR published Oct. 27 Comments until Dec. 6	Region
5	Pribilof Closures	Final Review in Jan.	ADFG
6	Salmon Bycatch Program	PR in preparation Discuss in Dec.	Region
7	Comprehensive Rationalization Plan	Report in Dec.	Council
8	Subdivide Aleutians Mgmt Area	In Effect	Center/Council
9	Establish Atka Mackerel as Separate Species in GOA	Effective Oct. 18	Region
10	Total Weight Measurement for CDQ Fisheries	PR Published Effective sometime in 1994	Region
11	Rockfish Rebuilding Amendment	Submitted to WDC	Center/Region/Council
12	Additional Marine Mammal Closures	Effective Oct. 13	Region/Center
13	Scallop Management	Final review in Jan.	ADFG/Council
14	Release PSC rates by vessel name	PR in preparation	Region
15	Norton Sound Crab Superexclusive Zone	Initial review in Dec.	State/Region/Council
16	Mesh Size Am.	Analysis in 1994	Council/Region

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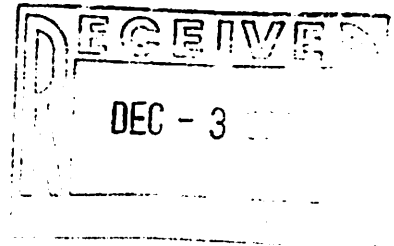
OTHER ACTIONS:

1	June 24, 1992 Control Date	Published June 20, 1993	Region
2	100% Observer Coverage in Area 517	NMFS in-season action Effective early 1994	Region
3	Halibut Charter Boat Issue	Discuss in Jan.	Council
4	Groundfish Specifications/EA	Review in Dec.	Region



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RE: Roe Stripping Regulations

Dear Mr. Pennoyer:

It is my understanding that the purpose of the roe stripping regulation is to prevent vessels fishing for pollock during the "A" season from stripping Roe and throwing the carcasses overboard.

The roe stripping regulation as it is now proposed seems to set up a paradox. A vessel could strip Roe so long as it did not retain more than the statutory maximum percentage of roe and not be in violation of the regulation. On the other hand a vessel such as our Arctic Storm, which is set up to maximize the extraction of roe from the catch, would be in violations of the regulation if we retained more than the maximum roe percentage allowed even though we do not discard carcasses, but rather utilize the entire fish.

If our interpretation is correct, then the proposed regulation is fatally flawed and should be rescinded in favor of some regulations that addresses the discarding of carcasses directly.

Our reason for concern is that should the maximum roe percentage be fixed at 5% as proposed the Arctic Storm will undoubtedly be forced to discard valuable roe. Thus the regulation despite its good intention will be contributing to the waste of the most valuable by-product of the pollock fishery... something we cannot afford nor should it be tolerated.

Certainly being forced by regulation to discard valuable roe would be contrary to one of the intents of the Magnusson Act; that is to maximize the value of our fishery resources to the nation.

I would greatly appreciate an answer to the questions regarding the present roe stripping regulation; and how it can be improved to address the problems I see in enforcing it in its present form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Hovik".

Stan Hovik
President

cc: North Pacific Fisheries Management Council