## MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC, and AP Members

FROM: Jim H. Branson

Executive Direct

DATE: March 17, 1982

SUBJECT: Appointment of SSC alternates

## ACTION REQUIRED

Adopt Council policy for alternates on the SSC.

## BACKGROUND

SSC member John Clark has requested the Council to appoint Phil Rigby as his alternate. At their January meeting, the SSC reviewed this request and made the following recommendation: "The SSC believes that SSC members which represent primary agencies should by the nature of their involvement be allowed to have alternates. Therefore, the SSC recommends that in accordance with past procedures Dr. Clark be allowed to appoint an alternate."

In a meeting in Juneau on March 12, 1982 the Policy and Planning Workgroup for the Council developed a policy for alternates on the SSC which they now propose for adoption by the Council. The policy reads as follows:

Each statutory agency designated as a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 shall have a member on the Scientific and Statistical Committee. That member may have an alternate, although it is expected that the primary member from an agency will attend meetings of the Scientific and Statistical Committee in person whenever possible. The statutory agency may nominate the alternate for their primary member, notifying the chairman of the SSC by letter of that selection. Alternates will be appointed for the same period as the primary member.

Other Scientific and Statistical Committee members may have an alternate on a case by case basis when the member would be unable to participate for an extended period of time. It is expected that those alternates would be experts in the same field as the member and familiar with the work of the SSC and the Council.