## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Clarence Pautzke Executive Director

DATE:

April 4, 1989

SUBJECT:

Oath of Office

## **ACTION REQUIRED**

The NOAA Assistant Administrator for Fisheries will administer the Oath of Office to Council members.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Oath of Office under this tab is a new requirement of the Secretary of Commerce Guidelines and Regulations. Jim Brennan will do the honors.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

\_\_\_\_\_, AS A DULY APPOINTED MEMBER OF A REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER THE MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, HEREBY PROMISE TO CONSERVE AND MANAGE THE LIVING MARINE RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY CARRYING OUT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE GREATEST OVERALL BENEFIT OF THE NATION. I RECOGNIZE MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE AS A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED TRUSTEE OF THE NATION'S MARINE FISHERIES RESOURCES, BEING CAREFUL TO BALANCE COMPETING PRIVATE OR REGIONAL INTERESTS, AND ALWAYS AWARE AND PROTECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THOSE RESOURCES. I COMMIT MYSELF TO UPHOLD THE PROVISIONS, . STANDARDS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND SHALL CONDUCT MYSELF AT ALL TIMES ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF CONDUCT PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. THIS OATH IS FREELY GIVEN AND WITHOUT MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION.