


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke   
Executive Director

DATE: June 14, 1989

SUBJECT: NPFMC Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPP)

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Approve revised SOPP for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

**BACKGROUND**

At the April 1989 Council meeting the Council approved for public review the draft revised NPFMC SOPP. A Notice of Availability was published in the April newsletter with the comment period ending on June 9. Upon approval the SOPP will be submitted by August 17, 1989 to the Secretary for approval and publication in the Federal Register (item C-2(a)).



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Directors, NMFS  
FROM: F - James W. Brennan */s/ James W. Brennan*  
SUBJECT: Review of SOPPs as per 601 Regulations

As you know, the Councils are expected to submit their revised SOPPs to the Secretary by August 17, 1989 (180 days from the effective date of the 601 regulations/guidelines). We have received calls and letters from some Councils regarding procedure and timing, but others may need to be reminded of the deadline. There is no requirement to have them in place by August 17 but it would be to everyone's benefit not to delay or extend the review process, once submitted.

I want to clarify that, as with FMP review and approval, the Regions are largely responsible for the SOPPs review and approval process. You should inform the Councils to work with and through you and the Regional Councils to obtain initial technical review and clearance of their SOPPs, ensuring compliance with established guidelines and policies. However, copies of each draft SOPP should also be sent to NOAA Fisheries headquarters as soon as received by you so that headquarters review may begin simultaneously. Thereafter, you should provide your comments and recommendations to the headquarters office for final Secretarial approval. F/CM will work with each of you to resolve any outstanding issues, and will continue to facilitate Federal Register publication of the Notices of Availability for the SOPPs.

Please call F/CM1 - Loretta E. Williams, FTS 427-2334, if you have questions.

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cc: F/CM, F/CM1, GCF, F/RE, F/MB  
F/CU, Regional Councils

