


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

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DATE: June 14, 1988

SUBJECT: Non-profit Fishery Research Foundation

ACTION REQUIRED

Information Only.

BACKGROUND

A meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 20 at the Sheraton to further discuss the topic of industry-funded research and data gathering. This meeting will be the final opportunity for industry associations to voice support for, or opposition to, the concept. The results of the June 20 meeting will be presented to the Council on June 21.

Non-profit Fishery Foundation

On June 29, 1988 at 7:00 p.m., a meeting was held at the Anchorage Sheraton to discuss whether there is sufficient interest in pursuing the idea of industry funding of fishery research and data gathering. The meeting was attended by representatives from:

the Alaska Crab Coalition  
the Alaska Draggers Association  
the Alaska Factory Trawlers Association  
the Alaska Groundfish Data Bank  
the American High Seas Fisheries Association  
the Kodiak Longline Vessel Owners Association

It was the consensus of those present not to pursue the matter further. This consensus was based on the belief that private funding of fishery research should be on an industry-wide basis and that the fishing industry is not yet ready to focus on the idea because its attention is currently held by other priorities and because of shifting affiliations within the industry.

It was also the consensus of those present that there was no one "burning" issue that would unify the industry behind the idea of private funding of research. Those present at the meeting believe that most the major issues identified at earlier meetings as needing industry funding were being addressed by other entities.

The association representatives concluded that, should an issue arise of sufficient magnitude that would require industry funding, it would not be difficult to mobilize their associations. In the meanwhile, they would discuss among themselves the concept of forming an industry research group consisting of a representative from each interested association that would meet annually or semi-annually to discuss research projects that could be jointly funded by the various associations.