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LOGBOOK #1, Council Mailing.

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To All Council Members:

The Council Management Plans on Tanner Crab off Alaska and the Groundfish Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska are still on schedule. Notices of availability for both have been printed in the Federal Register. NMFS, NOAA and the Department of Commerce were very cooperative in moving the DEIS's through the CEQ review so that they remain on schedule with the management plan review and development process. The public hearings beginning with Petersburg on August 3rd, will combine the management plans/draft environmental impact statements and the joint venture hearings (co-chaired with National Marine Fisheries Service).

I hand carried the first 15 copies of the Tanner Crab Plan to Washington, D.C. on July 14th and spent the 14th and 15th in Washington. While there I talked to Bob Schoning and to Bill Aron in NOAA as well as Roland Smith and the rest of the staff in Marine Resources in NOAA. I think the trip was very effective in smoothing out some of the procedural matters that have not been clearly understood by many of the parties involved.

The plans have been mailed to the distribution list developed by NMFS and the Council. There are spare copies at the Council offices in Anchorage, NMFS in Juneau, and ADF&G in Juneau. Eight-hundred copies of each plan were printed, there are approximately 150 of each still available for distribution.

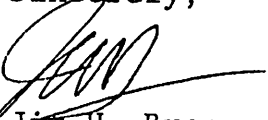
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