

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## MINUTES

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The North Pacific Fishery Management Council met December 9-12, 1986 at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. The Scientific and Statistical Committee, Advisory Panel, and Permit Review Committee began Sunday, December 7. The AP Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, December 10, and the Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 11.

Members of the Council, Scientific and Statistical Committee, Advisory Panel and general public in attendance are listed below.

### Council

James O. Campbell, Chairman  
Rudy Petersen, Vice Chairman  
Don Collinsworth/Steve Pennoyer  
Mark Pedersen for  
Joseph Blum  
RADM Edward Nelson  
Oscar Dyson  
Larry Cotter  
Larry Snead, State Department

Robert U. Mace for  
Randy Fisher  
Robert McVey  
Henry Mitchell  
John Harville  
John Peterson  
John Winther  
Jon Nelson for  
Robert Gilmore

### NPFMC Staff

Jim H. Branson, Executive Director  
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Nancy Munro, Chairman  
Bob Alverson, Vice Chairman  
Rupe Andrews  
Al Burch  
Ron Hegge  
Oliver Holm  
Rick Lauber  
John Woodruff  
Joseph Chimegalrea  
Gregory Favretto  
Daniel O'Hara

Terry Baker  
Thorn Smith  
Cameron Sharick  
Barry Fisher  
Don Rawlinson  
Julie Settle  
Walter Smith  
Richard White  
Dave Woodruff  
Pete Isleib  
Al Osterback

General Public

It was estimated that over 200 people attended the Council meeting during its session, including the following:

Governor Steve Cowper  
James Winchester, Dagnet Fisheries  
William LeBow, Far North Fishermen, Inc.  
Joe Burt, Whitney Foods  
Mike Atterberry, Alyeska Ocean, Inc.  
John Gissberg, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo  
Phil Chitwood, MRCI  
Andy Golia, BBHMC  
Tom Hoseth, BBHMC  
Terry Thomas, Arctic Venture Fisheries  
Ken Nonsen  
Arni Thomson, ACC  
H.J. Park, NPFI  
Arne Aadland  
Jeff Stephan, UFMA  
Li Shanxun, China Fisheries

Nancy Davis, Quest  
Sam Stoker  
Steve Grabacki, Graystar  
Spike Jones  
Bill Jacobson  
Robert Ayres, NMFS-Seattle  
Ray O'Neill, BBHMC  
Paul Hansen, BBHMC  
Earl Katzi  
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Stephan B. Johnson  
Ted West  
Barry Collier, PSPA  
Y. JuiBiao, China Fisheries

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Chris Hansen, NorFish  
Eric Sutcliff, American President Lines  
Charles Jacobsen  
William Orr, AFTA  
O. Bendiksen, East Point Seafoods  
Kathy Shepard, Dona JV Fisheries  
Del Allison, Allison & Assoc.  
Max Lestenkof, St. Paul Fishermen's Assn  
Joe Nord, Allied Processing  
M. Karasawa  
H. Kawamura, Anyo Suisan  
Steve Levinson, Southwest Journal  
S. Hutton  
C.K. Chee, Korea Wonyang Fisheries  
F. Gregory Baker, AK Dept. of Commerce  
Bob Brophy, Icicle Seafoods  
Y. Ogata, NPLA  
M.N. Kim, Daerim  
D. Hoedel, Shawnee Inc.  
Paul Peyton, AK Dept. of Commerce  
R.K. Dearborn, Alaska Sea Grant  
Eric Maisonpierre, Alaska JV Fisheries  
Tomasz Pintowski, Polish Embassy  
Irene Wrzesniewski, Ministry of Economy, Poland  
Edward Zeaser, Mrs. Paul's Kitchens  
John M. Bruce  
Bill Fields, Campbell Soup/Mrs. Paul's Kitchens  
C.S. Gilmore, DSFU  
Warren Malkerson, Pillsbury Co.  
Matt Holmes, Alaska Public Radio  
Ken Kobayashi, Japan Deep Sea Trawlers Assn.  
Paul Gilliland, AK Pacific Int'l  
Kathleen M. Lee, Alaska Pacific Int'l  
Bill Dalten, U.S. Marine Corporation  
Alec Brindle, Columbia-Wards Fisheries  
T. Tenkahaara, Overseas Fishery Coop. Fnd.  
John N. Taylor, U/A, Fairbanks  
Ralph Angason, Great Pacific Fish Co.  
Toru Hayakawa, Nippon Suisan  
Chris Blackburn  
Myrtle F. Johnson  
Fritz George  
John Jemewouk  
Jim Hubbard

Fred N. Kirkes  
Ron Bundy, Greatland Seafoods  
K. Jodai, JFA  
John Enge, CFAB  
Mary Truitt, Alaska Maritime  
Mick Stevens, ProFish  
Jerome Selby  
Mason Williams  
Ray Benish  
Rod Armstrong  
Deborah Greenberg  
Shari Gross  
Lynn Gabriel  
Mike Zachara  
N. Tokaji, NPLA  
W. Pereyra, ProFish  
M.K. Lee, Samho Moolsan  
Monica Spoon  
Eric Rosvold  
Roger Mercer, NMFS  
Ralph Angason  
Russell Moore  
R. Philemenof, TDX  
Barbara Bielama, Rubex  
Stephanie Wilson  
Vern Hall  
V. Horgan, OBSI  
Jerry Ivanoff  
Alf Aillie  
Peter C. Machke  
Bill Comstock, BSFA  
C. Meacham, ADF&G  
David Harville, KWT  
Wm. Nicholson, BBHMC  
Wm. Enland  
Dennis Cox  
Dean Paddock  
David Valdez  
Elizabeth Hasdorf  
V. Wilson  
David Quarders  
Debbie Hicks  
Chuck Kekoni  
Richard Wilson

A. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Chairman Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted. Jim Branson reviewed the agenda which was approved. Chairman Campbell introduced attendees John Gissberg, Fisheries Attache, Tokyo; Bob Ayers, NMFS, Northwest Region; Tom Billy and Prudence Fox, NOAA-NMFS, DC; and Rich Parker from the U.S. Trade Office in Washington, DC.

B. SPECIAL REPORTS

B-1 Executive Director's Report

Jim Branson told Council members that staff member Jim Glock will be leaving at the end of the year. Interviews of top candidates were held last week but no decision has been made. Mr. Branson also reported that a news team from a Japanese public television network would be filming at various times throughout the meeting. They are making a 50-minute documentary on the Council and the Alaska fishing industry.

B-2 Domestic Fisheries Report by ADF&G

Fred Gaffney reported that the 1986 Alaska commercial salmon harvest was 127.8 million fish weighing a total of 589.6 million pounds. The exvessel value of the harvest is estimated at \$413.9 million.

B-3 NMFS Management Report

Foreign Fisheries Update

By early December the foreign fleets in the Gulf of Alaska harvested 15,529 mt, almost all Pacific cod. In the Bering Sea and Aleutians the foreign harvest was 451,350 mt which included 342,970 mt pollock, 33,230 mt cod, 50,933 mt yellowfin sole, 9,359 mt other flatfish, and 10,396 mt turbot.

Domestic Fisheries Update

By early December U.S. industry harvested and processed 136,344 mt of groundfish off Alaska. Pollock accounted for 55,368 mt, Pacific cod for 38,609 mt, and sablefish for 26,133 mt. These figures do not include joint venture harvests by U.S. trawlers delivering to foreign processing vessels in over-the-side sales off Alaska.

B-4 Enforcement and Surveillance Report by U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard enforcement efforts for calendar year 1986, through November 30, have totaled 512 cutter days and 1,323 aircraft patrol hours. Coast Guard ships and aircraft have patrolled over 15 million square miles of ocean in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and North Pacific Ocean. A total of 123 notices of violation and written warnings have been issued to foreign fishing vessels. The most significant MFCMA enforcement incident since the last Council meeting was the alleged sexual harassment and assault of a female NMFS observer assigned to the South Korean stern trawler SHIN YANG HO. The vessel was seized November 5, 1986 by the cutter MORGENTHAU and escorted to Kodiak where it was held until a release bond was posted.

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

C-1 AP, SSC and Plan Team Appointments

Plan Team Appointments

The SSC had extensive discussions about consolidating the two groundfish plan teams. The majority could not support full consolidation but suggested that the two teams meet together during the next year and to work toward standardizing terms in the two plans. The SSC reviewed agency nominations to the plan teams and submitted their recommendations to the Council (Appendix I).

Larry Cotter moved to accept the SSC recommendations for plan team memberships. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

SSC Nominations

Dr. William Clark of the Washington Department of Fisheries, was nominated to replace Tom Northup. Gordon Kruse was nominated as the alternate for Dr. Douglas Eggers.

Bob Mace moved to reappoint current SSC members with the above changes. The motion was seconded by Mark Pedersen and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

AP Nominations

The AP Nominating Committee reviewed the resumes of all nominations to the Advisory Panel. Under instructions from the Council to limit the AP to 20 members, the Committee recommended the following nominees:

Bob Alverson	Pete Isleib
Rupe Andrews	Rick Lauber
Terry Baker	Nancy Munro
Al Burch	Dan O'Hara
Joe Chimegalrea	Ron Peterson
Lamar Cotten	Cameron Sharick
Barry Fisher	Thorn Smith
Edwin Fuglvog	Richard White
Ron Hegge	Dave Woodruff
Oliver Holm	John Woodruff

Oscar Dyson moved to accept the recommendation of the AP Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

C-2 Legislative Update

The Council received a report on the omnibus fisheries bill, S. 991, that passed Congress on October 18, 1986 and was signed into law by the President on November 14, 1986. The bill, among other things, reauthorized and amended the MFCMA, created seafood marketing councils and a NOAA estuarine programs

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office, authorized the appointment of a chief scientist of NOAA, repealed the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964 and replaced it with an interjurisdictional fishery research program, and redesignated the office of NOAA Administrator as the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

The Council also was briefed on legislation from the last Congress that may be reintroduced in the early days of the 100th Congress. H.R. 5013, the Commercial Fishing Vessel Liability and Safety Act of 1986, was defeated in the House on August 13. That bill would have set limits on liability for vessel owners and operators and require certain safety equipment on fishing vessels. Congressman Don Young intends to reintroduce that bill early next year.

Three bills were introduced in October 1986 that dealt with reflagging of foreign processing vessels. Congress did not act on any of the bills before adjourning. All three bills are expected to be reintroduced next year.

Report of the Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel reiterated their support for legislation which would prohibit the reflagging of foreign vessels for the U.S. fishing/processing fleet.

C-3 Domestic Observer Program

Fishery Funded Organization for Research and Data Gathering

The Council received a status report on a public forum to discuss the creation of a private, non-profit industry supported foundation that would fund fishery research and data gathering. The meeting will held in Anchorage on January 18, 1987, at the Hotel Captain Cook. A detailed agenda will be mailed to those on the Council mailing list in the near future.

Rod Moore, aide to Representative Young, told the Council that Congressman Young is in the process of drafting a piece of legislation which would provide a legal basis for the fishing industry to set up a foundation or group to conduct research projects to provide data needed by the Council. Once the legislation is drafted they will circulate among the Councils and within the fishing industry for comments.

Report of the Advisory Panel

The AP recommended the Council convene a meeting of the industry on January 18 to begin discussions on domestic observer coverage.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

John Winther asked why selling bycatch was not being considered as a possible funding source. Barry Fisher said that he had discussed this with several groups and that it is such a contentious idea that the committee didn't include it at this time. Council members felt that all possible solutions should be explored and problems dealt with as they arise.

Bob Mace moved to accept the Committee's report and recommendations and to allow them to proceed with the forum. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Council members suggested that legislative aides be invited to the forum. Barry Fisher said that representatives from all fishery organizations and processors, Council and agency observers will also be invited.

C-4 Halibut Regulatory Proposals

The Council reviewed regulatory proposals that have been submitted to the International Pacific Halibut Commission by fishermen from Atka, the Pribilof Islands, and Dillingham. The fishermen from Atka had requested the Council to implement exclusive area registration in the halibut fishery around Atka Island. The Council will consider that proposal at its January meeting.

Public Testimony on this agenda item is in Appendix II to these minutes.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Council members were concerned that this agenda item was not advertised in advance of the meeting. Since it was on the agenda as an information-only item, they did not have much discussion or take any action.

Council members briefly discussed the proposals received. John Harville pointed out that money for added enforcement to control the "cheating" mentioned during public testimony is not available and that the Council has to take a long-term view of the problems of managing the fishery rather than trying to use short-term solutions for things that are happening as a result of those problems.

John Winther moved to put this issue on the January agenda as an action item. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. McVey pointed out that if any allocation proposal is implemented by federal regulation he is not sure that it could be implemented by the halibut season. Eileen Cooney said that it would be very close and would also depend on how complex the proposals are. He also reminded the Council that allocation decisions are very difficult for the IPHC to legally enact and they also feel that U.S. allocation issues are strictly a U.S. matter.

C-5 Review DAP for 1987

Public Testimony for this item is under Appendix II. Council discussion and action for 1987 DAP are found under D-2 for the Gulf and D-3 for the Bering Sea.

C-6 Review JVP for 1987

(a) Report on 1986 Joint Ventures

The total joint venture catch for 1986 was roughly 1.2 million metric tons, 95% of it taken in the Bering Sea/Aleutians. Almost all operations met their

goals. Major shortfalls were experienced by some small Japanese companies, by the Korean company Marine Enterprise, all three Polish operations, and the Chinese.

Several companies had difficulties finding catcher boats. The maximum number of U.S. trawlers on the grounds was 102 in August.

(b) 1987 Joint Venture Requests

Public Testimony for this item is under Appendix II. Council discussion and action for 1987 JVP are found under D-2 for the Gulf and D-3 for the Bering Sea.

Report of the Permit Review Committee

The Committee reviewed joint venture applications from Japan, Korea, the USSR, Poland, and China requesting a total of 2,001,066 mt and heard public comments on behalf of many of the joint ventures. The Committee voted to approve joint venture requests as follows, subject to the availability of JVP:

Japan	922,626 mt
Korea	759,740 mt
USSR	200,000 mt
Poland	81,800 mt
China	37,000 mt

The Committee also considered a request for a Portuguese internal waters joint venture permit. The U.S. partner, ProFish International, testified that there had not been much progress on establishing the venture, therefore the Committee took no action on that permit.

The Committee also called several issues to the Council's attention:

1. Catches in the international waters of the Bering Sea are a continuing major concern. Permit requirements to report catches in these waters and carry U.S. observers should be explored. Long term solutions also need consideration.
2. Restricting permits of foreign processing vessels as a means of providing priority access to DAP operations should also be explored. A legal opinion would be very useful.
3. A seminar on Japanese trade barriers and import quotas and access to Japanese markets by U.S. processors is highly recommended. Present should be representatives of both countries to clearly describe the complexities of the system.
4. There also is concern that with decreasing TALFF the funds recovered from foreign fees are decreasing. How can these funds be replaced?
5. Another concern is over marine debris and whether all countries are making sufficient progress in resolving the problem of net and plastics discards.



Several Committee members also stated their opinion that there should be thorough review of the Council's joint venture policy during 1987 to determine if changes are needed in light of the rapidly evolving U.S. groundfish fishery.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Bob Mace moved to approve the recommendations of the Permit Review Committee with the stipulation that the Council provisionally approve joint venture requests from the Hokuten Association and the North Pacific Cooperation Japanese Longline Association joint ventures and when the permits are received they will be brought before the Council for final approval. The motion was seconded by John Winther and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Henry Mitchell brought up the issue of catches in the international waters of the Bering Sea and asked that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

C-7 Review of Foreign Fisheries for 1987

Public testimony on this agenda item is under Appendix II to these minutes.

Report of the Permit Review Committee

The Committee reviewed allocations requests from Japan, Korea, Poland, China and the USSR. They also reviewed the industry agreements recently made between the U.S. and Japan and Korea. After considerable debate the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the following percentages of TALFF for 1987, should it be available: Japan - 77%; Korea - 22%; and China - 1%. The recommendation was based on Japan being a major trading partner of the U.S. Korea is also very important to U.S. fisheries trade and has increased its imports of U.S. processed fish products. The Committee views China as a potentially large, latent market for U.S. fishery products. China and Korea have reported their catches in the international waters of the Bering Sea.

The Committee also reviewed foreign vessel permit applications from Japan, Korea, Poland, China and the U.S.S.R. and recommended they be approved subject to the availability of JVP and/or TALFF, depending on the activity requested. As last year, the Committee recommended that the Council express its continuing concerns over serious violations and recommend that sanctions be imposed by the foreign nation involved on skippers and companies involved in repeated violations.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Don Collinsworth moved to approve the permit applications as submitted, subject to availability of JVP and/or TALFF. The motion was seconded and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Don Collinsworth moved to approve the following percentages of TALFF, if available: Japan - 77%; South Korea - 22%; and China - 1%. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Bob Mace pointed out that there more joint venture requests than available resources and asked whether the Council should make any recommendations on how

the resources should be apportioned. John Peterson pointed out that current Council policy is the pooling system and it is not necessary to get involved in apportionments. Bob Mace suggested that when new permit applications are received they should be advised that there's no more JVP.

D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

D-1 Crab Management

The Council voted last March to suspend the implementing regulations for the Tanner crab plan. The plan team then developed an options paper analyzing management alternatives for the fishery which was sent out for public comment. After considering the comments received the Council appointed an industry/Council workgroup (Crab Management Committee) to develop a comprehensive management approach for the crab fisheries off Alaska.

The Council also had to consider whether to extend the emergency rule suspending the Tanner crab regulations and whether or not to repeal the Tanner Crab FMP.

Report of the Crab Management Committee

Bob McVey told the Committee that NOAA/NMFS strongly favors an FMP, preferably covering both king and Tanner crab. An FMP deferring routine management to the State would be acceptable.

The Committee recommended the Council instruct the crab plan team to:

- (1) Draft an FMP which would include all king and Tanner crab species in the Bering Sea and Aleutians and have maximum flexibility to defer management to the state.
- (2) Work closely with NOAA General Council to ensure the plan's contents meet the required provisions of MFCMA Section 303.
- (3) Use the king crab FMP as a point of reference for developing the new plan.
- (4) Separate management measures into three categories: those that are fixed in the plan and need amendment, those that are frameworked, and those on which the plan remains silent.
- (5) Report back to the Council at its March 16-20 meeting.

The Committee recommended the Council ask the Secretary to extend the emergency rule suspending the Tanner crab regulations for another 90 days. It was their understanding that while a new plan is being developed the State of Alaska would have full management authority for the crab fisheries inside and outside three miles. The Committee also recommended the Council ask the Secretary to develop a Secretarial amendment repealing the plan.

Public Testimony for this item is under Appendix II.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Council members discussed whether the focus of the FMP should be both the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands. The Crab Management Committee recommended only the Bering Sea/Aleutians at this time. There was some question whether combining the two would create major policy problems which couldn't be analyzed before the March meeting, but several members felt that the plan team should pursue the options for both areas and address problems as they arise.

John Winther moved to accept the recommendations of the Crab Management Committee to instruct the crab plan team to develop a new king and Tanner crab FMP for the Bering Sea/Aleutians. The motion was seconded by Steve Pennoyer.

Bob Mace moved to amend the motion to include the Gulf of Alaska. The motion to amend was seconded by Bob McVey and failed, 7 to 4, with Mace, McVey, R. Petersen and J. Peterson voting in favor.

The main motion carried, 9 to 2, with Bob McVey and Rudy Petersen voting against because they wanted the Gulf to be included in the FMP.

Mark Pedersen moved to instruct the plan team to include a preliminary scoping of the measures considered necessary in including the Gulf in the plan. The motion was seconded by Bob McVey and failed, 7 to 4, with Mace, McVey, M. Pedersen and R. Petersen voting in favor.

Bob Mace moved to ask the Secretary of Commerce to extend the emergency rule suspending the Tanner crab regulations for 90 days. The motion was seconded by John Winther and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Larry Cotter moved to ask the Secretary of Commerce to develop a Secretarial amendment repealing the Tanner Crab FMP. The motion was seconded by Steve Pennoyer and carried with Rudy Petersen objecting and Bob McVey abstaining.

#### D-2 Gulf of Alaska Fishery Management Plan

##### (a) Status of Stocks and Setting ABCs

Jim Balsiger reviewed the updated status of stocks report prepared by the Gulf plan team. Revisions since the September assessment were:

ABC for pollock was reduced to 95,000 mt in the Western & Central Areas.

ABC for flounder was increased to 537,000 mt.

ABC for Other Rockfish was increased to 3,350 mt to incorporate additional resource in the Southeast Outside District as determined by a habitat comparison study.

Report of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

With regard to the ABCs, the SSC provided the following comments:

Pollock - concurred with the team's recommendation of 95,000 mt for the Western and Central Areas and 16,600 for the Eastern Area.

Pacific Cod - concurred with the team recommendation of 125,000 mt distributed as follows: 38,000 mt - Western; 77,000 mt - Central; and 10,000 mt - Eastern.

Flatfish (Flounders) - concurred with team's recommendation of 537,000 mt, apportioned as follows: 101,000 mt - Western; 346,000 mt - Central; and 90,000 mt - Eastern.

POP Complex - concurred with team's recommendation of 10,500 mt, apportioned as follows: 2,800 mt - Western; 3,300 mt - Central; and 4,400 mt - Eastern.

Sablefish - concurred with team's recommendation of 25,000 mt. They also concurred with the team's recommendation that the apportionment of harvest among regulatory areas should not vary drastically from the distribution of biomass in regulatory areas at depths at which the fishery takes place.

Atka mackerel - concurred with team's recommendation that ABC be set at zero.

Other rockfish - concurred with team's recommendation that the ABC for shelf demersal species in the Southeastern Outside District be set at 1,250 mt. The SSC could not agree with team's recommendation for an ABC of 2,100 mt for this category in other areas of the Gulf because biomass estimates are not available. The SSC felt there was insufficient data to make a recommendation.

Thornyhead rockfish - concurred with the team's recommendation of 3,750 mt Gulfwide.

Squid and Other Species - the SSC concluded there was not sufficient information to allow the determination of an ABC for these resources.

The SSC had the following comments on target quotas for the Gulf:

Pollock - recommended a Gulfwide TQ of 162,000 mt provided that 50,000 mt of this TQ is available for harvest only outside the Shelikof Strait area during the period of January 15 through April 10 to encourage an exploratory fishery to take place, as recommended last year.

Pacific cod - the SSC recommended the Council consider the incidental catch of halibut in setting the TQ for Pacific cod.

Flatfish (Flounders) - The SSC concurred with the Team's determination that if TQ is set at ABC the exploitation rate is not sustainable. Additionally,, the SSC recommended the Council consider the incidental catches of halibut, sablefish and POP when setting the TQ.

Other rockfish - concurred with the team's recommendation that TQ can be set equal to ABC for the Shelf demersal species in the Southeastern Outside District. Within the other areas of the Gulf the SSC felt the Team's recommendation of 2,100 mt was conservative in light of the lack of information on the resource. The SSC felt the TQ could be set as high as 4,000 mt assuming that sufficient programs can be developed to ensure that the Council does have data in the future.

Report of the Advisory Panel

The AP had the following recommendations on Gulf TQs:

Pollock - recommended a Gulfwide TQ of 102,000 mt, apportioned as follows: 85,000 mt - Western & Central; and 17,000 mt - Eastern. They also recommended an exploratory fishery outside the Shelikof Straits area of 20,000 mt, available from January 15 through April 10, and that the Regional Director be instructed to hold the 20% pollock reserve through the year for the purpose of providing fish for fall DAP operations if needed.

Pacific cod - recommended a TQ of 75,000 mt; this was adjusted down from the plan team and SSC recommendations to account for halibut bycatch. The AP recommended zero TALFF on Pacific cod in the Gulf.

Flounders (Flatfish) - recommended a TQ of 30,000 mt.

POP complex - recommended a Gulfwide TQ of 4,939, apportioned as follows: 1,316 mt - Western; 1,511 mt - Central; and 2,112 mt - Eastern.

Sablefish - recommended a TQ of 20,000 mt.

Atka mackerel - concurred with the plan team's recommendation of setting the TQ at zero.

Other rockfish - recommended a Gulfwide TQ of 5,250 mt, apportioned as follows: 1,250 mt - Southeast Shelf stock; and 4,000 mt to be divided between the Eastern, Central and Western regulatory areas with no area exceeding 2,000 mt. The AP also strongly recommended that the Council prescribe a system for data collection in this fishery.

Thornyhead, Squid and Other species - concurred with the plan team's recommendations: Thornyheads - 3,570 mt; Squid - 5,000 mt; and Other species - 12,608 mt.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Don Collinsworth moved to adopt the ABCs recommended by the SSC. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and carried with Mark Pedersen objecting. Mr. Pedersen's objection was based on the distribution of sablefish ABC.

Later in the meeting, Bob Mace moved to set the ABC for Thornyhead rockfish at 3,750 mt. The motion was seconded by Bob McVey and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Before setting TQs, the Council discussed the concept of making the Gulf wholly domestic, with no JVP or TALFF. Don Collinsworth said this is one way to provide direct processor preference for access to the resources in the Gulf. Rudy Petersen said that he would concur with this concept except in the case of pollock where there is fish available even after DAP is covered and allocating some to JVP would not affect the domestic fishery. Oscar Dyson agreed with Mr. Petersen.

POLLOCK

Henry Mitchell moved to set the TQ for pollock at 68,000 mt for the Western & Central areas, 1,930 mt for the Eastern area, and 50,000 mt for Outside Shelikof area. There was no second to this motion.

Bob Mace moved to set the pollock TQ at 95,000 mt for the Western & Central area, 17,000 mt in the Eastern area; and 50,000 for the Outside Shelikof fishery. The motion was seconded by Rudy Petersen and failed, 9 to 2, with Bob Mace and Rudy Petersen voting in favor.

Don Collinsworth moved to set the pollock TQ at 84,000 for the Western & Central areas. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and carried with Mark Pedersen objecting.

Henry Mitchell moved to set the pollock TQ for Outside Shelikof at 20,000 mt to be prosecuted between January 15 and April 10. The motion was seconded by Mark Pedersen and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Henry Mitchell moved to set the pollock TQ for the Eastern Gulf at 4,000 mt. The motion was seconded by Larry Cotter and carried with Don Collinsworth objecting. There was considerable discussion on whether this amount would be utilized by the DAP fishery; however it was pointed out that should the amount be set lower and attained, the fishery would be shut down under the TQ concept.

PACIFIC COD

Don Collinsworth moved to set the TQ for Pacific cod at 9,000 mt for the Western Gulf; 32,000 mt for the Central Gulf; and 2,000 mt for the Eastern Gulf with the intent to make the Pacific cod fishery in the Gulf totally domestic. Bob McVey pointed out the importance of documenting, for the purpose of Secretarial review, the Council's rationale for setting the TQ down from ABC. In the past, halibut bycatch has been an important component of this fishery and has been taken into account when setting the OY. Mr. Collinsworth subsequently withdrew the motion for further discussion. Henry Mitchell also pointed out that he was not sure the Sand Point fishermen's efforts have been accounted for in the DAP survey. Don Collinsworth cited competition for the resource and creating the best environment for full domestic utilization of fisheries within the Gulf as additional rationale for this action.

Henry Mitchell moved to set the TQ for Pacific cod at 15,000 mt for the Western Gulf; 33,000 mt for the Central Gulf; and 2,000 mt for the Eastern Gulf. The motion was seconded by John Winther and carried 7 to 4, with Mace, McVey, M. Pedersen, and R. Petersen voting against.

FLOUNDERS

Don Collinsworth moved to set the TQ for Flounders at 2,000 mt in the Western Gulf; 2,000 mt in the Central; and 500 mt in the Eastern. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and carried, with Mark Pedersen and Bob Mace objecting.

Council discussion indicated the TQ was reduced in order to control the incidental catch of halibut.

After subsequent discussion and setting JVP and DAP, Oscar Dyson moved to increase the TQ for Flounders in the Central Gulf to 3,000 mt. The motion was seconded by John Winther and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH

Rudy Petersen moved to set the TQ for POP at 75% of the ABC for all areas. The motion was seconded by Oscar Dyson and failed, with R. Petersen and Dyson voting in favor.

Council members discussed the need for setting TQ at a figure which will allow rebuilding of the stocks.

Bob Mace moved to adopt the Advisory Panel's recommendation on POP: 1,316 mt in the Western Gulf; 1,511 mt in the Central Gulf; and 2,112 mt in the Eastern Gulf. These figures were subsequently rounded off as follows: 1,500 mt, 1,500 mt, and 2,000 mt, respectively. The motion was seconded by John Winther.

Mark Pedersen moved to amend the motion to set the POP TQ for the Eastern Gulf at 900 mt. The motion was seconded by John Winther and carried, 6 to 5, with R. Petersen, J. Peterson, Dyson, and Mace voting against.

The main motion, as amended, carried with Rudy Petersen objecting.

Later in the meeting Bob McVey asked Council members to return to the discussion of the TQ for Pacific ocean perch. He was concerned that the 900 mt in the Eastern Gulf would not be enough to support the domestic industry.

There was discussion and concern about the bycatch of sablefish in this fishery. Mr. McVey said he felt they could monitor it much better this year and that there may have been some targeting last year. Mr. Campbell suggested sending a letter to factory trawlers stating the Council's concern over the bycatch and/or targeting on sablefish in this fishery. It was the consensus of the Council to do so. Mr. McVey said his office would convey that message as he could not give the Council the names of those involved.

Bob McVey moved to return the TQ for POP in the Eastern Gulf to 2,000 mt. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried, 6 to 5, with Campbell, Collinsworth, Cotter, Mitchell and Winther voting against.

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SABLEFISH

Larry Cotter moved to set the TQ for sablefish as follows: Western Gulf - 3,000 mt; Central Gulf - 8,800 mt; West Yakutat - 4,000 mt; and E. Yakutat/Southeast Outside - 4,200 mt. The motion was second by Henry Mitchell and carried with Rudy Petersen and Mark Pedersen objecting.

ATKA MACKEREL

Steve Davis pointed out that Atka mackerel have pretty much disappeared from the Gulf and that the TQs recommended are for bycatch purposes only.

Henry Mitchell moved to set the TQ for Atka mackerel at 100 mt for the Western Gulf; 100 mt for the Central Gulf; and 40 mt for the Eastern Gulf. The motion was seconded by John Winther and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

ROCKFISH

Members of the plan team reviewed a habitat comparison study estimating the shelf demersal habitat found in the northern and southern parts of the Southeast Outside district. The team felt that other rockfish caps are needed because of declining catch rates in Sitka Sound, and the fact that fishermen are moving farther away from the central area and fishing heavily in the southern district.

John Winther moved to set the TQ for shelf demersal rockfish in the Southeast Outside District at 1,250 mt. The motion was seconded by Mark Pedersen and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Rudy Petersen moved to set the TQ for rockfish in the Western/Central/Eastern Gulf at a total of 4,000 mt, to be apportioned among the three areas. The motion was seconded by John Winther and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

THORNYHEAD ROCKFISH

The plan team pointed out that there is insufficient information to develop an ABC for Thornyhead in the Gulf of Alaska. The recommended target quotas are the numbers the Council has used for managing this species for the last several years.

John Peterson moved to set the TQ and DAP for Thornyhead rockfish in the Gulf at 3,750 mt. The motion was seconded by Larry Cotter and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

SQUID

John Peterson moved to set the TQ and DAP for Squid at 5,000 mt. The motion was seconded by Larry Cotter and carried with John Winther objecting.

OTHER SPECIES

No action required; this quota is determined by formula in the FMP.



(b) Review 1987 DAP and JVP Estimates

Bill Robinson and Janet Smoker, NMFS, reported on the industry survey of DAP needs for 1987. The survey was redesigned by eliminating the species already fully utilized by the DAP fishery, i.e., sablefish, POP and rockfish. Respondents were asked not to include contingency amounts in order to eliminate double counting of requests in more than one area. They were also asked to provide their actual 1986 production of each species. After comparing requests to actual 1986 performance and allowing for expansion, new operations, etc. they told the Council that it is unlikely that production for 1987 will approach requests.

Working from the table created by the Council's TQ decisions, Don Collinsworth suggested that DAP be set to equal TQ for all species in the Gulf. The following discussion and motions were made subsequent to the decision to follow Mr. Collinsworth's suggestion.

PACIFIC COD

For Pacific cod in the Western Gulf, Steve Davis pointed out that the DAP amount provided by the industry survey is 9,000 mt and the TQ is 15,000 mt.

Henry Mitchell moved to set DAP for Pacific cod at 15,000 in the Western Gulf. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried, with Mark Pedersen, Bob Mace and Rudy Petersen objecting.

Henry Mitchell moved to set DAP for Pacific cod at 33,000 in the Central Gulf. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection.

These decisions were made after discussing public testimony which indicated a growing domestic cod fishery in the Gulf.

POLLOCK

Larry Cotter moved to set the DAP for pollock in the Western and Central Gulf to equal TQ (84,000 mt). The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with Rudy Petersen objecting.

Henry Mitchell moved to set the DAP for pollock in the Outside Shelikof District at 20,000 mt. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

There was some discussion about whether or not this would be taken if all pollock in the Gulf is made DAP. It was suggested that allowing some JVP in this fishery might encourage exploration.

Larry Cotter moved to set JVP for pollock in the Outside Shelikof District at 20,000 mt, to be taken by midwater trawl (to avoid bycatch) between January 15 and April 10. The motion was seconded John Peterson and carried with no objection.

Henry Mitchell moved to set the DAP for pollock in the Eastern Gulf at 4,000 mt (equal to TQ). The motion was seconded and carried with no objection.

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FLOUNDERS

Oscar Dyson pointed out that he would like to accommodate a request from Kodiak fishermen for an experimental JV flounder fishery in the Central Gulf. The fishery might generate a larger flounder fishery in the area for domestic fishermen in the future. Observer coverage could also provide valuable stock and bycatch information.

Some Council members were concerned with approving one particular request after deciding to close the Gulf to joint venture fishing. Clarence told the Council that the only other JV flounder requests in the Gulf are bycatch amounts for pollock fisheries.

Oscar Dyson moved to set JVP for Flounders in the Central Gulf at 1,500 mt. The motion was seconded by Don Collinsworth and carried, with Rudy Petersen and Bob Mace objecting.

Oscar Dyson moved to increase the TQ for Flounders in the Central Gulf to 3,500 mt. The motion was seconded by Don Collinsworth.

MOTIONS TO FINALIZE THE GULF OF ALASKA TABLE FOR 1987 ABCs, TQs, & DAPs:

Steve Davis explained that the final table will show lower figures in the DAP column than approved by the Council because of the 20% reserve required in the plan. With the exception of Flounders, the total of the Reserve and DAP columns will equal TQ. Since these will now be fully U.S.-utilized fisheries, the Reserves will automatically be released to DAP on January 1.

FLOUNDERS

Henry Mitchell moved to increase the Flounders TQ and DAP by 2,000 mt in the Central Gulf (from 3,500 to 5,500 mt for TQ and from 2,000 mt to 4,000 mt for DAP) to accommodate bycatch in the bottom trawl fisheries for cod and pollock. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection.

Henry Mitchell moved to increase the TQ and DAP for Flounders in the Western Gulf to 3,000 mt (from 2,000 mt) to accommodate bycatch in the bottom trawl fisheries. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection.

POLLOCK

Mark Pedersen moved to provide 300 mt for pollock JVP in the Western/Central Gulf to accommodate bycatch in the flounder joint venture fishery. The motion was seconded by Oscar Dyson and carried with no objection.

PACIFIC COD

Mark Pedersen moved to provide 225 mt Pacific cod to JVP in the Central Gulf to accommodate bycatch in the flounder joint venture fishery. The motion was seconded by Larry Cotter and carried with no objection.

ATKA MACKEREL

Bob Mace moved to provide 25 mt Atka mackerel in the Central Gulf for JVP to accommodate bycatch in the flounder joint venture fishery. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection.

THORNYHEAD

John Peterson moved to provide 50 mt Thornyhead JVP for bycatch s in the flounder joint venture fishery. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and carried with no objection.

SQUID AND OTHER SPECIES

John Peterson moved to provide 50 mt squid and 1,100 mt Other species JVP for bycatch s in the flounder joint venture fishery. The motion was seconded by Bob Mace and carried with no objection.

DAP for all other species were set equal to TQ in accordance with the Council's earlier decision.

(c) Set Halibut PSCs

Using the figures set by the Council for TQs, DAP & JVP, the plan team estimated halibut bycatch and PSC rates for 1987.

Report of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

The SSC felt they could not comment on halibut PSC limits because of the complexity of the topic and the amount of time required to thoroughly discuss the appropriate concepts and procedures. They suggested that the Council staff economist, with the assistance of NMFS and University economists, prepare a document outlining procedures to calculate benefits and costs associated with the bycatch. Once the document has been prepared and reviewed it would serve as a guide for calculation of benefits and costs.

Report of the Advisory Panel

The AP recommended a 2,000 mt mortality limit on halibut.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Henry Mitchell moved to set a Gulfwide halibut bycatch cap of 3,000 mt. When this cap is reached, bottom trawls would be prohibited. The motion was seconded by John Winther and carried with no objection.

John Winther moved to set the halibut mortality rate in the Gulf at 1,340 mt. The motion was seconded by Don Collinsworth and carried with no objection. A rate of 1,500 mt was suggested as a reasonable rate by the plan team, however it was pointed out that last year the actual rate was well below this amount. John Winther suggested that by setting a lower number perhaps IPHC will be able to set higher quotas.

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Henry Mitchell moved to set the a halibut PSC of 47 mt for the joint venture fishery in the Gulf. The motion was seconded by John Winther and carried with no objection. When this limit is reached, the fishery would shut down; however, the plan team felt this figure would accommodate the fishery.

Oscar Dyson moved to set the Gulfwide bycatch requirements as follows: Sablefish - 48 mt; POP - 111 mt; and Other rockfish - 20 mt. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection.

Bob Mace moved to adopt the final table (Appendix III to these minutes) of ABCs, TQs, DAPs and JVPs for the Gulf of Alaska. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried unanimously.

The figures on the original table, before Council discussion and approval, were generated as follows: ABCs were those recommended by the SSC; TQs were recommended by the Advisory Panel, and DAP figures were obtained from the NMFS industry survey. Using these preliminary figures the Council received testimony from industry on their needs and expectations for 1987 and then proceeded to discuss and amend them accordingly.

D-3 Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

(a) Review Status of Stocks and set 1987 ABCs

Loh-Lee Low briefly reviewed the changes in stock status since the July assessment. Briefly, they are:

Pollock - ABC estimate has been increased to 1,200,000 mt (up from 1,100,000 mt) for the Eastern Bering Sea.

Pacific cod - ABC estimate has been increased to 400,000 mt - 375,000 (up from 230,000 mt) for the Eastern Bering Sea and 25,000 mt for Aleutians (down from 35,000 mt).

Greenland turbot - ABC estimate has been increased to 20,000 mt (BSAI) - up from 5,500 mt.

Arrowtooth flounder - ABC reduced to 30,900 mt (BSAI) - down from 33,400.

Other flatfish - ABC increased to 193,300 mt (BSAI) - up from 159,700.

Sablefish - Bering Sea: reduced to 3,700 mt from 5,000 mt  
Aleutians: reduced to 4,000 mt from 5,000 mt

POP - Bering Sea: increased to 3,800 mt from 3,000 mt.  
Aleutians: reduced to 10,900 mt from 11,900 mt.

Other rockfish - Bering Sea: reduced to 450 mt from 500 mt.  
Aleutians: reduced to 1,430 mt from 1,900 mt.

Other species - increased to 49,500 mt (BSAI) from 36,700 mt.

The plan team estimated the "donut hole" catch in the international waters of the Bering Sea at approximately 200,000 mt in 1986, of which 50% may be of

U.S. origin. The plan team also had recommended earlier that the Council consider separating rock sole from the other flatfish complex because of increasing interest by the U.S. industry; however the plan team feels that there is inadequate justification to do so at this time and industry did not support the proposal at this time.

Report of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

The SSC agreed with the plan team's recommended ABCs, with the following exception:

POP Complex - to maintain consistency between the Gulf and eastern Bering Sea, the SSC suggested that the ABCs be set at 75% of the values proposed by the team to promote rebuilding: Bering Sea: 2,800 mt; and Aleutians: 8,200 mt.

The SSC also noted that the team identified a problem with the pollock harvest in the "donut area." The Council has been asked to determine whether to adjust the BSAI TAC to account for this harvest. The SSC recommends that at this time the Council not consider a reduction in TAC. If they are to consider a reduction for catches outside the U.S. EEZ they also have to consider additions to the biomass and ABC for those stocks not measured by our current surveys.

The SSC also recommended that the Council consider the potential for a high crab bycatch when setting the TAC for Other flatfish.

Report of the Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel made the following recommendations for BSAI TACs for 1987:

POLLOCK

Concurred with the plan team - TAC of 1.3 million mt to be apportioned 1.2 million mt for the Bering Sea and 100,000 mt for the Aleutian Islands.

POP, ROCKFISH, SABLEFISH

Concurred with the plan team's recommended TACs and recommended the following apportionments:

POP	BS	3,800 mt
	AI	10,900 mt
Rockfish	BS	450 mt
	AI	1,430 mt
Sablefish	BS	3,700 mt
	AI	4,000 mt

PACIFIC COD

Recommended a TAC of 220,000 mt with the provision that 15% of that amount (33,000 mt) be held in reserve for TALFF to be released by the Council at the May meeting if they determine that the Japanese industry has performed according to the U.S.-Japan industry to industry agreement. They also

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recommended that any bycatch of cod for other TALFF fisheries be in addition to the 220,000 mt.

Other AP TAC recommendations were:

YELLOWFIN SOLE	187,000 mt
GREENLAND TURBOT	15,000 mt
ARROWTOOTH FLOUNDER	30,900 mt
OTHER FLATFISH	193,300 mt
ATKA MACKEREL	30,800 mt
SQUID	2,000 mt
OTHER SPECIES	15,000 mt

The AP recognized that as a result of their TAC recommendations the total BSAI harvest limit of 2 million mt was exceeded by approximately 18,280 mt and recommended the Council reduce from Arrowtooth flounder and Other flatfish to reach the 2 million mt limit.

The AP also discussed the crab bycatch in the rock sole fishery and recommended that the AP crab bycatch workgroup meet to consider this problem. They suggested the plan team be asked to provide bycatch rates for the workgroup.

#### COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Using a table prepared by staff, the Council discussed and amended the figures after hearing reports, AP and SSC recommendations and public testimony. Figures on the table were derived as follows: ABCs recommended by the SSC, TACs recommended by the AP, and DAP figures derived from the NMFS industry survey.

Bob Mace moved to adopt the ABCs recommended by the SSC. The motion was seconded by Oscar Dyson and carried, with Larry Cotter objecting. Mr. Cotter expressed concern over the rapidly developing domestic fishery in the Bering Sea and feels it is heading toward overcapitalization and did not feel a 400,000 mt ABC for Pacific cod is appropriate.

#### 1987 TACs

The TACs were adjusted as follows to keep the total within the 2,000,000 mt required in the FMP.

#### POLLOCK

The Council discussed reducing the pollock TAC but it was pointed out that because the Gulf pollock fishery is now totally domestic, the Bering Sea fishery will probably have more effort than in the past.

PACIFIC COD

Don Collinsworth moved to set the TAC for Pacific cod at 280,000 mt. The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Collinsworth said his intent was for there to be enough cod TALFF + reserves to release an initial allocation of 22,000 for the Japanese longliners' first trip. Before further releases the Council would assess their performance under the industry-to-industry agreement.

For the remaining species on the table, the Council began with the AP recommendations and made suggestions for changes on the computer screen at the meeting; no motions were made at this time. The table, with Council changes, was to be prepared for final approval on Friday.

Arrowtooth flounder was reduced by 23,500 mt; another 40,000 mt was taken out of Other flatfish; Aleutian Islands pollock TAC was reduced to 88,000 mt and squid was reduced by 1,500 mt. With these changes the total TAC would be set at 2.0 million mt.

FINAL DISCUSSIONS AND MOTIONS ON THE 1987 TABLE FOR BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS ABC, TAC, DAP, JVP and TALFF

Council members discussed adjustments to the table to provide for bycatch in various fisheries.

Henry Mitchell moved to increase the Greenland turbot TAC by 5,000 mt (to 20,000 mt) and to decrease Other flatfish by 5,000 mt (to 148,300 mt). The motion was seconded by Larry Cotter and carried, 9 to 2, with R. Petersen and Winther voting against. The intent of this change is to provide turbot for small Japanese fishermen who, in turn, may be able to provide market opportunities for domestic fishermen through the IQ process in Japan. Mr. Petersen was concerned that the developing domestic fishery needs all of this fish.

The Council recommended that the Regional Director carefully assess the bycatch of Greenland turbot and Arrowtooth flounder during the year in order to release reserves when appropriate.

Don Collinsworth reviewed his earlier motion concerning Pacific cod and the intent that there be 22,000 mt released for the first trip of the Japanese longliners.

Don Collinsworth moved to recommend to the Regional Director and the Department of State that enough Pacific cod be released from ITALFF and Reserves for a 22,000 mt initial allocation to Japan. In addition, this fishery is to be conducted north of 55°N longitude and west of 168°W longitude. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with John Winther objecting and Bob McVey abstaining.

John Peterson moved to approve the final table of Bering Sea/Aleutians harvest quotas for 1987, as amended. (See Appendix IV to these minutes) The motion was seconded by Henry Mitchell and carried with Rudy Petersen objecting.

(c) Report of the Advisory Panel Bycatch Subcommittee

Larry Cotter reported on the meeting of the AP Bycatch Committee. It has become evident that the DAP fishery for flatfish in Zone 1 in the Bering Sea will expand in 1987. Therefore, the subcommittee recommends that the Secretary use his discretionary authority (provided in Amendment 10) to provide a supplemental bycatch allowance to account for DAP vessels participating in the newly developing Zone 1 'Other flatfish' fishery. The supplemental bycatch allowances, by species, should be 10,000 C. bairdi and 10,000 red king crab in that zone. The subcommittee recommended that the Secretary take these supplemental bycatch allowances into consideration if the overall DAH caps are reached in Zone 1 later in the year. That is, he should exercise his authority to allow DAH fisheries to continue after the C. bairdi and red king crab PSC limits for that zone have been reached by allowing continued fishing up to an additional catch of 10,000 C. bairdi or 10,000 red king crab, to take into account the bycatch of the earlier DAP flatfish fishery.

Larry Cotter moved to adopt the recommendations of the AP Bycatch Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objections.

(d) DAP Priority

The Council discussed the proposals received during public testimony for a 100-mile circle, centered on Unalaska, in which all but DAP fishing and processing would be barred. Council members suggested a Council/industry workgroup be developed to explore ways of attaining DAP priority.

John Harville urged the proponents of the proposal to provide the Council with more specific information on costs and benefits of the proposal.

Bob Mace moved to delegate to Chairman Campbell the responsibility for appointing a workgroup to work on DAP priority recommendations. The motion was seconded by Oscar Dyson and carried with no objection.

In reference to a letter from Senator Hollings of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation concerning this issue, the Council asked the Executive Director to draft a letter to the Senator outlining the action the Council has taken.

E. CONTRACTS, PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Report of the Finance Committee

The Committee noted that the Council will have at least \$45,000 unobligated funds when the administrative grant expires on December 31, 1986. The Committee approved the following projects for funding:

- (a) Upgrade the Council office computer system and software - \$13,655.
- (b) Restore the pass-through funds to the states of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon and to the PMFC - \$15,000.
- (c) Fund PacFIN for up to \$20,000 for data collection.



- (d) Fund, through the University of Alaska, \$5,000 to co-fund a Secretariat office to assure the second PICES meeting will be held in the fall of 1987.

The Committee disapproved, as recommended by the SSC, a project for analysis of pollock parasite infestation submitted by the University of Alaska-Juneau because it did not meet the Council policy for funding projects. The Committee was uncertain that the results could be expanded to the larger offshore pollock stocks and felt the project should be funded elsewhere.

The Committee reviewed the status of the RFP for conducting the Fishing Industry Survey. The recommended committee to review these proposals includes John Winther, Don Rosenberg and Ron Dearborn.

A request to reprogram \$3,000 from travel funds to joint venture logbooks by PacFIN was approved; these funds were the balance of the \$15,000 the Council gave to PacFIN last year.

Don Collinsworth moved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by John Peterson and carried with no objection.

Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Branson to schedule a report on the APPRISE project by Ole Mathisen at the January Council meeting.

#### F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Newly-elected Governor of Alaska, Steve Cowper, addressed the Council on Wednesday, December 9. He thanked the fishing industry for its support during the election and reaffirmed his commitment to work with the industry and the Council to expand all segments of the fishing industry and to increase foreign trade for Alaska's fishery products.

#### G. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Campbell noted the Council's thanks to Jim Glock for his work for the Council during the past six years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m., Friday, December 12.