MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC, and AP Members

Clarence G. Pautzke Executive Director FROM:

November 28, 1988 DATE:

SUBJECT: Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan

ACTION REQUIRED

Identify fully U.S.-utilized groundfish species and provide bycatch amounts from ABC to JVP and TALFF as necessary.

(b) Final approval of ABCs, TACs, DAPs, JVPs, TALFFs, and PSCs for 1989.

BACKGROUND

(a) PSCs for Fully-utilized Groundfish Species

If JVP and TALFF fisheries are to occur in the Gulf of Alaska next year the Council must provide small unretainable amounts of fully utilized species to each fishery. Framework procedures in the plan now allow the Council to set these groundfish PSC limits annually without amendment or emergency rule. Those set for 1985-88 are shown in Table B-4 (item D-1(c)(1)). The joint venture and foreign bycatch rates for these species are derived from the NMFS Foreign Observer Program. They will be applied during the meeting to the JVP and TALFF apportionments to estimate 1989 bycatch requirements. The plan team has reviewed the observer data and recommends continuing to use the rates provided in Table B-7 (item D-1(c)(2)). They are the same as last year.

Final Approval of Specifications for 1989

Once the Council has reviewed the initial 1989 ABCs, TACs, PSCs, and apportionments, the figures must receive formal approval. The sum of final TACs must fall within the OY range of 116,000-800,000 mt. Following the meeting, NMFS will implement them following the procedures outlined in the plan.

Table B-4.--Fully utilized species bycatch limits in the Gulf of Alaska 1985-88.

Species	Area	JV PSC	TALFF PSC	Total
1985				
Sablefish	W	245	140	385
	С	545	31	576
Pacific ocean	W	53	30	83
perch	С	98	16	114
Rockfish	GW		25	25
1986				
Sablefish	W/C	201	40	241
POP	W/C	31	20	51
Rockfish	W/C	45	10	55
1987				
Sablefish	W/C	408	0	408
POP	W/C	199	0	199
Rockfish	W/C	68	0	68
1988				
Sablefish	W/C	188	0	188
Rockfish	W/C	432	0	432

Table B-7.--Estimated Gulf of Alaska bycatch rates for fully utilized species that will be used in managing the 1989 groundfish fisheries.

	Bottom Tra	Bottom Trawl - All Areas		Midwater Trawl - All Areas			
	Sablefish	All Rockfish	Sablefish	Slope	Pelagic Shelf		
JVP	1.99%	4.57%	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%		
TALFF	1.99%	4.57%	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%		

	W. Gulf Paci	fic Cod Longline	C. Gulf Pacific Cod Longline		
	Sablefish	All Rockfish	Sablefish	All Rockfish	
JVP	6.91%	0.39%	8.41%	0.23%	
TALFF	0.05%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	

GULF OF ALASKA GROUNDFISH 1989 ABC, TAC, DAP, JVP, TALFF, and PSC (all in mt). 09-Dec-88 07:51 AM

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Predicted halibut catch and mortality 7,312 3,595