

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members

FROM: Jim H. Branson  
Executive Director

DATE: March 19, 1981

SUBJECT: Gulf of Alaska FMP and Amendments

*ACTION REQUIRED*

*None. For informational purposes only.*

BACKGROUND

- I. The Council approved Amendment #10 for Secretarial Review at the February meeting. Amendment #10 will close the Eastern Regulatory Area to all foreign fishing east of 140°W, reduce the Pacific ocean perch OY from 14,400 mt to 875 mt, and permit foreign trawling between 140°W and 147°W from January 1 to December 31 with pelagic gear only.

Council staff will submit the Amendment #10 package to the NMFS Regional office in Juneau by March 18. The final package will be submitted to the Secretary by March 27.

Secretarial approval is expected by mid June, at which time emergency regulations implementing Amendment #10 could be issued by NMFS.

- II. Amendment #9, the "Lechner Line" around Kodiak Island, has been approved by Leitzell but has not yet been approved by the Secretary. NOAA is waiting for clarification of Executive Order 12291, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Paper Work Reduction Act, and the regulation freeze before taking action on this amendment.
- III. The PDT will be reviewing proposals for 1982 amendments and submitting a 1982 amendment package at a later meeting.