

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Personnel Changes in the Council Staff

There have been a number of changes and additions to the Council staff since the May meeting.

Clarence Pautzke came to work July 14th as my Assistant, replacing Mark Hutton, who finished on June 13th. I think everybody knows Clarence. He has served as an alternate on the Council for John Harville on several occasions. I feel very fortunate to have him aboard.

Peggy McCalment came to work June 2nd replacing Florence Mynarski as my Executive Secretary. I have been very pleased with our association thus far.

Jim Richardson, who we hired some time ago as a Fisheries Economist, entered on duty June 10th. His primary assignment has been the updating and development of further information on Tanner crab marketing in Japan and the United States and the catch by the Japanese fishery of Tanner crab in the Bering Sea as it might affect that market, all in preparation for Council consideration of the Tanner crab amendment for 1981 setting new OY's, DAH's, and TALFF's.

Elise Zuspan came to work as our Bookkeeper/Receptionist-Secretary on June 30th, replacing Diane Martin. Elise will also be working with the Advisory Panel and will have primary responsibility for staff support for them.

Jock Mills, a graduate student in the School of Public Policy at the University of California in Berkeley, is working for the Council for the summer, developing a regulatory analysis for the Bering Sea Groundfish FMP and the 1981 amendments.

Chairmen's Meeting and Executive Directors' Meeting

The Chairmen's meeting has been set for October 20-22 in Puerto Rico. The executive directors plan to meet in Washington, D.C. on September 4th and 5th to discuss administrative matters of mutual interest and the problems with plan development and approval, primarily as it relates to the administrative process, but also as an opportunity to exchange information and experience in hopes that we can all learn from each other. We also hope to develop a tentative agenda for the Chairmen's meeting at that time.

Council Subcommittee Meetings

The Council Finance Committee is scheduled for a dinner meeting Thursday at 6:30 at the Westward Hotel. Finance Committee members are Chairman Jim Campbell, Charles Meacham, Harold Lokken, Bob McVey, Gordon Jensen, Admiral Knapp, Jeff Stephens, Rick Lauber, Ron Skoog, John Harville, Don Bevan, Don Rosenberg, and Steve Pennoyer. The major agenda item is the development and approval of the 1981 administrative and programmatic budgets for the Council.

The Permit Review group has one West German permit application and several Soviet applications to consider. They should choose a meeting time and place to suit the members, preferably Thursday or early Friday. The Foreign Permit Review Committee is composed of Chairman Bart Eaton, Bob McVey, Ron Naab, Mike Stanley, Ron Skoog, Commander Busick, Jim Campbell, and Joe Kurtz.

The Permit Review Committee meeting is open to the public. The Finance Committee meeting is not, since it will be considering personnel matters as well as budget matters.

Staff Travel

Staff travel has been relatively light since the last Council meeting. I have made two trips to Juneau and Seattle, and Maggie Duff and Jim Richardson spent several days in Seattle with the Groundfish plan development teams and various contractors.

U. S./Canadian East Coast Fisheries Agreement

The U. S./Canadian fisheries agreement for the East Coast has still not been ratified by the Senate and the situation is heating up. I am including under this agenda item a letter from John R. Sharpe, Counsel General for Canada in Seattle, to Chairman Tillion on the subject.

Mr. Sharpe also included a rather large package of material from U. S. and Canadian newspapers, speeches by Canadian officials, and proceedings of the Canadian Commons relating to this subject. Those are available for perusal by Council members and I will be happy to make copies for those of you who want them. They came in late and are too voluminous to copy for all of the agenda books.

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STATUS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

1. Gulf of Alaska FMP

The amendment package approved at the May meeting was forwarded to the Secretary on June 25th for his 60-day review. We understand the package is still undergoing review and revision by GC-F Juneau, SOC review has not officially started, date of implementation, originally thought to be around January 5, 1981, is obviously going to be delayed. The Gulf of Alaska Groundfish PDT met in Seattle on June 23rd to discuss the issue of incidental species catch control, revised DAH estimates from the NMFS survey, criteria for in-season management of joint venture time/area closures.

The June 2nd release of reserves occurred on July 10th and included all the reserve and some DAH.

2. Bering Sea Aleutian Island FMP

Publication of final regulations implementing the original plan is being delayed until a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) has been prepared. The environmental impact statement that was sent to Washington in May required additional work; the SEIS is being prepared by General Counsel, NOAA. The Plan Review Office is still deliberating on partially disapproving the plan to accommodate the Council's comments on the Halibut Savings Area, sent in February 1980.

A public hearing in conjunction with the August meeting of the Council on the amendments for 1981 was planned but may have to be delayed if the SEIS is not finished in time. If final action is taken by the Council in August, the package could be implemented in March, 1981; if final action was taken in September, implementation could be expected in April, 1981.

The annual amendment package has experienced many delays due to its complexity and problems with schedules for EIS's . A public hearing, etc., as in text . . .

3. Troll Salmon FMP

The repromulgation of emergency regulations implementing the 1980 FMP took place on July 1, effective till August 13, 1980. Final regulations should supplant the emergency regs at about the same date.

The amendment for the 1981 season should be available for review in September 1980.

4. Tanner Crab FMP

The end of the comment period on Amendment 5 was June 16th. Final regulations have not been published in the FR as yet. The amendment will become effective 30 days after they are published, probably around September 15th.

Amendment #6 was sent to the Secretary of Commerce on June 2, 1980 but delayed at the request of GC-AK, finally sent June 19th with the secretarial review period starting on June 30, 1980. Expected date of implementation is around January 15, 1981.

5. King Crab FMP

The Plan Drafting Team met with the SSC subgroup and AP subgroup for king crab in Juneau, on June 19. If the SSC and Council recommend revisions the plan could be resubmitted to the Council in August for release to the public. If the Council recommends release to the public at the July meeting, public hearings could be held in late August and early September in the major crab fishing ports. Implementation of this plan is still expected to be in September, 1981.

6. Herring FMP

The draft FMP is being revised to incorporate the recommendations of the Council at the April meeting. The final plan will be presented to the Council for review at the September meeting with implementation expected in June, 1981.

The PMP regulations have not been repromulgated after being rejected by the court action of February and March, 1980, and herring is still a prohibited species.

7. Clam FMP

The final revision to this plan has been postponed due to the volume of other business. Advice from the Council is being sought on the scheduling of this plan.

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Dear Mr. Tillion,

There is an issue involving fishing relation of our East Coasts which is adversely and seriously affecting Canada-United States relations about which I thought I should write you and provide background information.

The Government of Canada recently decided to permit an increased Canadian fishing effort off the East Coast in an area of interest to both Canada and the United States, an area for which a Fisheries Agreement had been negotiated between the two governments.

This Fisheries Agreement, originally finalized in March 1979 following eighteen months of extensive and complex negotiations, is the most comprehensive and detailed fisheries agreement ever negotiated between the two countries. Its object is to manage fish stocks in the waters of both countries as well as to protect the interests of local fishermen. Indeed, representatives of both Canadian and American fishermen participated in the negotiations as advisors to their respective delegations.

The decision by the Canadian Government to increase the Canadian fishing effort for cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder beyond that stated in the Fisheries Agreement was taken in response to factors prevalent on the American side. In particular, the significant overfishing by American fishermen of scallops to a level well beyond that agreed in the Fisheries Agreement while at the same time expecting,

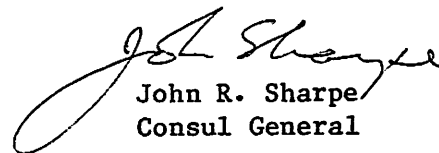
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in the interest of conservation, a restriction of Canadian fishing to minimal entitlements created a situation which could not continue. In addition, the stalling of the United States' Senate over the ratification of the Fisheries Agreement (the Agreement was signed over one year ago) has been a major contributing factor to the current deterioration in the fishery. The Government of Canada is not in any way impugning the United States constitutional system of treaty approval and ratification but there is the question of timeliness. There is also the principle of international treaty law that between signature and ratification, states having entered into agreements in good faith should take the necessary steps to ensure the maintenance of the situation prevailing at the time of the conclusion of negotiations, in order not to defeat the object and purpose of a treaty. This the United States has failed to do.

Attached is a "kit" of various documents which expand on the points made above and provides a more extensive background to the East Coast Fisheries Agreement and the current status of the fishery. Since this issue is of major national and international importance to both Canada and the United States, the information I hope will prove useful in clarifying the issue. If I may provide further assistance to you in this endeavour, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,


John R. Sharpe
Consul General