

Appendix D

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Agenda Item 3.b

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 22, 1978

### Finances

The attached Financial Report reflects expenditures for the period February 3 to February 21, 1978. We received an additional letter of credit for \$40,000 on February 22 to fund the joint venture study with the University of Alaska.

We have two programmatic grant requests still pending, one for \$135,000 and the other for \$298,000. These were submitted to the Regional Office on January 16th and December 15th respectively. Several contracts are included in the pending grant requests. Their status follows:

Troll observer program - \$85,000, details of the program to be reviewed by the SSC at this meeting.

Herring socio-economic study - \$85,000, funding proposals received (6) to be reviewed by an SSC subcommittee and should be available for award by a Council subcommittee early in March.

Troll logbook data analysis - \$15,000, RFP from ADF&G available for analysis and recommendation by the SSC at this meeting.

ADF&G herring biology study - \$103,000 (first year)  
\$137,000 (second year)

Contract completed and approved, waiting on funding for signing.

ADF&G fisheries information system contract - \$197,000, this one has been active since June 1977, originally a Council contract then switched to NOAA then returned for Council funding the end of January. We expect NOAA approval to be telecopied to the Council tomorrow, February 23.

ADF&G coded wire tag recovery program - \$79,300, ready for signature pending funding.

The two aforementioned grant requests have been approved by NMFS Regional Office and are currently somewhere in the NOAA hierarchy. We expect approval but the date is unknown.

A grant request for \$197,000 for the fisheries information system was submitted in June 1977. As mentioned earlier, we expect telecopied approval tomorrow.

### Contracts

We met recently with Dr. Abby Gorham, University of Alaska, to discuss her joint ventures contract with the Council. She is off and running and has a list of contacts starting with Rick Lauber to begin her investigation into the effects of joint ventures. We can expect her first progress report in time for the April Council meeting.

The contract with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for domestic groundfish observer program is still waiting the first U.S. groundfish effort. We have learned from Phil Rigby that they expect the first boats to begin fishing around Kodiak Island the first of March.

## Fishery Management Plan Status

The Council's FMP for the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery has apparently been approved and a letter forwarded to Mr. Frank for his signature. We have been told that notice of proposed rulemaking will be published in the Federal Register around the first of March which will make April 15th the effective date for the FMP. Promulgation of the FMP is particularly important to the Japanese longliners who are gearing up for the truecod longline fishery west of 157° West. Final draft regulations implementing the groundfish plan are available for review at this meeting. The NOAA policy statement on interim guidelines for joint ventures is applicable only to PMP's in effect January 1, 1978. They will not apply to the FMP when it is implemented.

We are expecting immediate consideration of our Tanner crab position paper once it is approved by the Council. We could expect it to be implemented sometime in April. In the meantime, NOAA is planning on implementing the revised PMP that will set the dividing line at 58° North and specify a TALFF of either 12,500 MT or 15,000 MT.

The Council's Troll Salmon Management Plan is being extensively rewritten. We anticipate receiving the redrafted plan in March. Accordingly, there is no chance of implementing the plan in 1978. Because of the extensive redraft we will have to hold at least one more public hearing, probably in May.

## Staff Travel

Staff travel was light in February. I spent two days in Juneau working with ADF&G and NMFS. Other than that, the staff has spent its working time at the office. Vice Chairman Clem Tillion and I gave a presentation at a Law of the Sea Seminar sponsored by the United Methodists Women's League (very poor attendance). Judy Willoughby, the Administrative Officer, attended a report writing school.

Chairman Lokken was at the INPFC meeting in Vancouver and both he and Gordon Jensen attended the last round of U.S./Canadian negotiations on the West Coast.

Summary

It seemed like a very short month. We fell behind in almost every project. Mostly because of the necessary work gathering Tanner crab material for the Council position paper. It took approximately 30 secretary days to transcribe those portions of the Council meetings and public testimony dealing with Tanner crab (we discussed it at every meeting since October 1976) and then assorting and assembling the argument took a great deal of time.

Mark Hutton devoted most of the month to the development of contracts and RFP's.

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
Statement of Income and Expense  
January 1, 1978 - February 2, 1978

Cash Balance January 1, 1978	75,242.55
Miscellaneous Deposits	<u>138.39</u>
	75,380.94

Expenditures

	<u>FY77</u>	<u>FY78</u>	
Council Compensation		1,396.52	
Staff Compensation		8,701.11	
Federal payroll taxes		6,569.30	
State payroll taxes		2,480.72	
Retirement		1,598.32	
Health, life insurance		581.26	
Travel	429.06	5,158.57	
Rent		7,692.06	
Communications		1,869.40	
Printing		29.60	
Contracts		844.50	
Supplies		306.05	
Transportation		58.49	
Equipment		873.36	
Management Plans	<u>391.35</u>	<u>2,934.97</u>	
	820.41	41,094.23	41,914.64
CASH BALANCE February 2, 1978			<u>33,466.30</u>

LETTER OF CREDIT STATUS - February 21, 1978

GRANT NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION	TOTAL LOC	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE
04-7-158-44026 (FY77 Admin. Funds & ADF&G Mgt Plan Contract)	\$365,000	\$290,000	\$75,000
04-7-158-44145 FY77 and FY78 Programmic Funds	\$158,400	\$18,000	\$100,400
04-8-M01-16 FY78 Admin. Funds and State Pass-Thru Funds	\$660,500	\$82,000	\$578,500
BALANCE	\$1,144,300	\$390,000	\$754,300

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FUNDING APPROVED BY NOAA BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED LETTER OF CREDIT

04-8-M01-16  
Mgt. Plan Writing and Dev.      \$366,000 approved 1-30-78

TOTAL FUNDING APPROVED BY NOAA GRANTS OFFICE - February 16, 1978      \$1,550,300

Management Plans:

Troll Salmon	2,844.09
King crab	90.99
FY77 groundfish	195.67
FY77 Tanner crab	<u>195.68</u>
	3,326.32

Troll Salmon:

Jim Branson	18.00
Irma Lind	2,472.70
Clem Tillion	<u>353.39</u>
	2,844.09

Travel:

FY77 Council	429.06
FY78 Council	1,533.45
Staff	2,034.14
AP	1,145.24
SSC	<u>445.74</u>
	5,587.63

Rents:

Office space	4,464.00
IBM	3,179.56
Xerox	<u>48.00</u>
	7,692.06

Communications:

Telephone	850.63
FTS	18.77
Postage	<u>1,000.00</u>
	1,869.40