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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Statement of Income and Expense
from 3-18-77 to 4-26-77
April 26, 1977

Income

Balance 3-18-77	\$46,417.29	
Grant (received 3-25-77)	<u>98,800.00</u>	145,217.29

Actual Expenses

Council Compensation	1,398.91	
Staff Compensation	7,375.90	
Health Insurance	355.50	
Travel	9,148.71	
Rent	2,886.13	
Communication	1,396.53	
Printing	92.25	
Contracts	317.44	
Supplies	755.40	
Equipment	2,257.43	
Petty Cash	<u>60.53</u>	
	26,044.73	
Federal Payroll Taxes	3,523.73	
State Payroll Taxes	<u>567.98</u>	
	30,136.44	
Cash Balance 4-26-77		<u>115,080.85</u>

Accrued Expenses

Payroll taxes payable	2,570.22	
Accounts Payable	595.58	

Unobligated Cash 4-26-77		<u>111,915.05</u>
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FY77 Budget Estimate
 NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
 (Second 6 Months)
 April 26, 1977

<u>OBJECT</u> <u>CLASS</u>	Proposed Budget <u>4/1/77 to 9/30/77</u>
Salaries:	
Staff	\$ 68
Non-government voting members (includes 25% COLA)	47
Benefits:	
25% Staff	17
5.85% Council	<u>3</u>
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$ 135
Travel	234
Transporation of Things	6
Rents	20
Communications	6
Printing	30
Non-federal Contracts Operational	3
Supplies	3
Capital Equipment	4
Non-Capital Equipment	1
Tax and Insurance	3
Development of Management Plans	<u>109</u>
TOTAL	\$ 554

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Agenda Item #5

CHAIRMAN

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

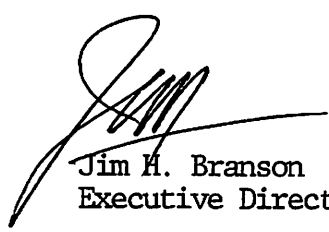
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April 14, 1977

The attached procurement standards were developed for the South Atlantic Council and have been approved by the grants officer for NOAA. She recommended that the North Pacific Council adopt these or similar standards so that our spending ceiling (without NOAA approval) could be raised from the current \$500.

The procurement system established here provides for a finance committee of Council members to approve purchases over \$2,500, and involves them in some of the bid solicitation and all of the bid approval for contracts and procurement over that amount. This could be a permanent committee or an ad hoc committee and there is no restriction on the number of members that may serve.

Although voluminous, these procurement standards are reasonably straightforward and seem to cover all possible exigencies, particularly in the contracting field. The fact that the grants people in NOAA approve of them is certainly a strong point in their favor. I plan to have this matter on the agenda at the April 27, 28 meeting.



Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

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SECURITY CLEARANCES

THE FOLLOWING NAMES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY KEITH
BROUILLARD BY TELEPHONE ON THURSDAY, 14 APRIL, 1977

All Council Members have been cleared.

SSC

Alverson
Bevin
Miles
Rosenberg
Pennoyer
Woelke

AP

Alverson
Boddy
Cotant
Gage
Huntington
Kurtz
Lauber
Lewis
Moss
O'Hara
Olson
Otness
Szabo
Specking
Stark

STAFF

Branson



AGENDA ITEM 7
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20235

APR 21 1977

Date :

Reply to Attn. of: F31/PL

To :

Executive Directors, RFMC
Winfred H. Meibohm

From :

Winfred H. Meibohm, Associate Director
National Marine Fisheries Service

Subject:

Executive Directors' Meeting Discussion Summary

Attached for your review and comment, is a copy of a four section summary of items discussed and questions raised at the Executive Directors' meeting which was held in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 28-30, 1977. Please make any additions, deletions or other corrections and forward them to this office, Attn: F31, or if more convenient, call and give them to Paul Leach at 202-634-7436.

Attachments

*Responsibility for EIS probably
most important question raised.*

APR 25 1977



Executive Director

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Summary of Executive Directors Meeting
Charleston, South Carolina
March 28-30, 1977

The summary is comprised of four sections:

- I Policy/Legal Questions (37 questions)
- II Requests to NMFS by Executive Directors
(24 requests)
- III Responses to NMFS by Executive Directors
(6 requests)
- IV General Statements/Observations (7)

I Policy/Legal Questions

1. What is the size limit, if any, of Council administrative staffs.
2. Will financial assistance provided State Fishery Administrators for participating in Council activities be assured on a continuing basis.
3. Assuming States are provided financial assistance (as above), but are confronted with personnel ceiling problems, can a Council create a position for liaison to a State.
4. Clarification is needed with respect to details of Federal employees to Councils (authorities and duration) and policy on reimbursement.
5. Are there any Federal requirements for bonding Council members and/or Administrative staff.
6. Are administrative staff members covered by unemployment compensation and workman's compensation, and if not, must they be.
7. Can expenditure of Federal grant funds be made for coffee and other beverages for use in official meetings.
8. Can COLA and/or fringe benefits be paid above established salary levels for 1) top-of-grade GS-15 for Executive Directors, and 2) top-of-grade GS-18 for Council members.
9. If uniformity in paying COLA among applicable Councils is not achieved, may COLA be paid at individual Council option.
10. Are Council employees, exempt and non-exempt, subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act.
11. Under what conditions will Council members be compensated, e.g., travel, speaking engagements, doing "homework."
(This is a carryover from the Council Chairmen meeting in Houston.)
12. Can Councils establish contracts with employees to provide for a contingency, where funds are unavailable for salary/benefits, that the employee could take a voluntary reduction in compensation in lieu of separation.

13. To what extent do Social Security benefits apply to Council staff.
14. In what manner does NMFS intend to allocate contract funds among Councils.
15. Can a Council Chairman serve successive terms.
16. What lobbying constraints, if any, apply to Councils.
17. Are advisory panels statutory or administrative.
18. Will Councils file advisory panel charters and amendments thereto directly to OMB or through DOC.
19. What are the procedures by which Council administrative staff would file a complaint under EEO.
20. Can Councils be transmitted copies of letters to Governors requesting nominations for Council membership.
21. What is the exact anniversary date of Council chairmanship terms, and can it be changed by a Council if desired, e.g., calendar year, fiscal year.
22. May travel advances be issued to Council members from Council grant funds.
23. Reiterate policy on Council use of telephone credit cards.
24. Will Council members and/or staff needing legal assistance be defended by Justice Department.
25. Type, extent and necessity of fire insurance to protect Council property.
26. To what extent, if any, do State laws prohibit a Council from holding an administratively closed meeting.
27. How are security clearances renewed.
28. Are there any legal prohibitions for contracting with State governments for fishery management plan preparation.
29. Are Council staff subject to the Hatch Act.
30. May Councils be represented at the State Directors meeting scheduled in May.

31. Must a fishery management plan be prepared after receipt of a foreign permit application.
32. Can the Secretary prepare a preliminary management plan after March 1, 1977.
33. Who has legal responsibility for preparing Environmental Impact Statements.
34. Must, or should, EIS/FMPs be prepared and processed simultaneously.
35. Is there a legal requirement for an "economic impact study."
36. Is there a fringe benefit limit.
37. Can Council pay 4% extra compensation until benefits package is arranged. (Need interpretation of Director's memo of 12/22/76.)

II Requests to NMFS by Executive Directors

1. Provide Executive Directors with informational copies of correspondence transmitted to Council Chairmen.
2. A listing of persons in NOAA/NMFS with key responsibilities for providing information/assistance in carrying out Council related duties, filing Federal Register notices, preparing grant amendments, filing and amending charters (name, title and phone number).
3. NOAA/NMFS to write to Internal Revenue Service in behalf of all Councils for declaration of tax exempt status.
4. Provide written clarification on definition of and applicability of actual expenses vs. per diem rates.
5. Expand the model accounting system to include financial tracking of expenditures by fishery management plan.
6. Provide an updated list of Council membership which reflects "obligatory" and "at large" appointments.
7. Urge NMFS to issue press releases when seeking gubernatorial nominations on Council member appointments.
8. Establish a notification procedure to advise a) expiration date of outgoing Council members, and b) entrance date of new appointees.
9. Urge that "Council Memorandum" distribution be kept at a minimum recognizing that it is for Council members only. (Five Councils intend to issue their own Regional newsletter.)
10. Request bulk mailing of "Council Memorandum" in the following quantities: WP - 20, NP - 55, P - 60, NE - 20, MA - 50, SA - 50, C - 45, GM - 135.
11. Suggest that NMFS liaison staff member attending Council meeting prepare a brief meeting summary report to be transmitted by Rapifax whenever possible to NMFS Director (Attn: F31), as soon as feasible following meeting adjournment. Further, that the summary be reconciled with the Executive Director.
12. Prepare a policy handbook series for Council use. Answers to the policy/legal questions emanating from the Executive Directors meeting should be included therein.

13. Urge adoption of a procedural process that would minimize non-action by Governors in nominating potential Council members.
14. Urge preparation of a public information document for consideration of Councils which would outline functions, activities, etc., of Councils and their organizational entities. Also, consider a standard Council logo for the document.
15. Send copies of NOAA/NMFS directories.
16. Explore ways of keeping Executive Directors better advised of international negotiations and other aspects affecting Council operations.
17. Provide copies of NOAA/NMFS press releases.
18. Determine acceptability of procurement policies in statements of "Organization, Practices and Procedures," and advise Councils accordingly.
19. Provide a detailed policy on the roles and relationships of Councils, Regional offices and the Central Office.
20. Provide copies of model advisory panel charter.
21. Provide copies (and other appropriate material) of the Privacy and Freedom of Information Act.
22. Provide copies of the New England time-event chart for preparing plans, together with NMFS commentary on their review time requirements.
23. Provide copy of National Environmental Policy Act, with amendments and conference report.
24. Provide copies of South Atlantic procurement procedures.

III Responses to NMFS by Executive Directors

1. North Pacific to provide their intent as to whether COLA will be paid members and staff.
2. Provide rationale and names of individual(s) for whom "secret" or "top secret" clearance is requested.
3. NMFS Regional Offices, and Central Office thru Regional Directors, will be provided informational copies of all resolutions, motions, and other similar action oriented items adopted by Councils as an "alert" measure.
4. Executive Directors will provide to the Director Council inputs into the "Council Memorandum" to reach Washington by the first of each month -- preferably by 25th of the month.
5. Agreed to provide NMFS Regional Office and Central Office thru the Regional Directors and distribute among themselves, such documents as personnel handbooks, press releases, fringe benefit packages, adopted plans, resolutions and Council minutes adopted, statements of "Organization, Practices and Procedures" and procedures for plan development.
6. Provide views on subject content of policy handbook series to be prepared by NMFS.

IV General Statements/Observations

1. Western Pacific and Caribbean Councils indicated intent to pay members and staff COLA. North Pacific to provide intent so that a uniform policy can be established.
2. NMFS Regional Offices are the primary interface with Councils and assistance requests, etc., should be directed to the Regional Director.
3. Councils expressed deep concern relative to inordinate delays in filing scientific and statistical committee and advisory panel charters.
4. South Atlantic Council to coordinate the scheduling of a workshop for Council administrative officers (in about 3 months).
5. A future Executive Directors meeting is desirable--to be scheduled as need dictates.
6. NMFS should take action on items identified in this summary ASAP. Full recognition is made of the fact, however, that certain questions will involve policy determinations and accordingly, responses may be delayed.
7. All attendees concluded, that the Executive Directors meeting provided an excellent forum for the frank and open exchange of ideas, program status and concerns that were raised and discussed.

April 25, 1977

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Public Awareness Activities for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

The following activities are being carried out by Council staff to improve public and industry awareness and understanding with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

1. The staff is compiling a newsletter which could be mailed at regular intervals. A rough "paste-up" is included for your reference. It will summarize the most current Council meeting, and highlight important decisions. It will also serve to discuss general Extended Jurisdiction activities off Alaska and the rest of the country. It could also serve to elaborate on foreign extended jurisdiction matters; i.e. the Soviet Union/Japan 200-Mile talks. A mailing list has not been finalized. Cost with a bulk mail permit would be about \$30 for 500 if we print ourselves, \$100 if we have it printed.
2. The Council staff is preparing a special supplement to the Alaska Seas & Coast newsletter which will be mailed in June. This supplement will update all Council Extended Jurisdiction activities and current events. It is being sponsored (financially and editorially) by the University of Alaska Sea Grant Program.
3. During the next several Council meetings photographs will be taken of all Council members, Scientific and Statistical Committee members, and Advisory Panel members. The intent is to use these pictures with short biographical sketches in local newspapers and magazines. This will identify key individuals in specific geographic areas and hopefully encourage greater local inputs into Council business.
4. Council staff and Council members have attended several public meetings which are listed in the following:
 - a. On Saturday, April 16 Jim Branson participated in a panel discussion for the International Jaycees Convention at the Captain Cook Hotel.
 - b. On Wednesday, April 20, Mark Hutton presented a lecture to a University of Alaska natural resource management class.

c. On Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22 Jim Branson, Elmer Rasmuson, Hank Eaton and Harold Lokken participated in a panel discussion at the Kodiak Fisheries Institute.

d. Last month Jim Branson made a presentation at a meeting of the Alaskan Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Cordova.

5. A Press Release was sent to all forms of media 10-12 days before Council meeting.

North Pacific Fishery

Management Council

Appendix D

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Jim H. Branson, Executive Director

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May 10, 1977

The Honorable Juanita Kreps
Secretary of Commerce
United States Department of Commerce
Commerce Building
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Madam Secretary:

The North Pacific Council, after reviewing fishery research schedules at its last two meetings, is concerned that early retirement of the R/V OREGON may cripple U.S. research effort off Alaska. It is their understanding that the R/V OREGON has been proposed for retirement at the end of this fiscal year.

The information the Council has indicates that an immediate replacement for the OREGON is not available and they are concerned by the possibility of a break in the ongoing resource assessment program that has been conducted by the OREGON for so long. They have asked me to inform you of their concern and ask that consideration be given to retaining the OREGON, or replacing her with chartered or other NOAA research vessel capability. While the OREGON is an older ship, it appears that she is capable of operating a while longer without any additional expenditure of funds. In the opinion of the Council retaining the OREGON in her present capacity is the best option available.

Because the R/V OREGON has been doing this work for an extended period in both the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska, she has been used as a standard reference for the work done by other ships in the same area. The OREGON is the only NOAA vessel staffed by practical fishermen trained in the research activities of the National Marine Fisheries Service and experienced in the severe working conditions of Alaska's waters. The Captain and most of the crew of this vessel have been together for many years. It would be difficult to duplicate this combination of expertise and experience by chartering commercial vessels or using the larger NOAA ships available.

The North Pacific Council is developing management plans for the groundfish and shellfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea, the information provided by the ongoing National Marine Fisheries Service program conducted in large part by the R/V OREGON is vital to the development of those plans. Because of these considerations the Council requests that the ongoing assessment program continue, and if at all possible, continue with the R/V OREGON until a suitable replacement ship is in place.

Sincerely,



Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

TO : Ned Everett, Staff; Subcommittee on Fisheries
and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment

DATE: April 21, 1977

FROM : John P. Harville, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 9.

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SUBJECT: Help! Don't let them lay up Research Vessel OREGON.

Ned, I promised to send you documentation concerning the proposed FY 1978 budget cuts which would lay up the OREGON. Attached are the offending pages proposing decreases in NOAA's 1978 budget. Below is a copy of my plea for help in keeping this still very serviceable vessel in operation. At a time when we need more capabilities in fisheries research, it appears totally unrealistic to lay up this ship. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

In addition to requesting your continued support for general funding for implementation of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, I should like to call your attention to a particular threat to our ongoing fish stock assessment studies on the Pacific Coast. In response to the President's request for economy in governmental operations, MARAD recently proposed through NOAA to retire from active service the NOAA ships OREGON and GEORGE M. BOWERS. There can be little argument with respect to the BOWERS, which is an old wooden trawler that has been declared unseaworthy. The OREGON, however, presents an entirely different problem. She has never been judged unseaworthy, even though she was constructed in 1946. Along with one other vessel of approximately the same age and size, the OREGON performs the bulk of fishery research work off the coast of the Pacific Northwest. To retire this vessel at this time, while she still has effective service years remaining, will be to cripple investigative programs in the Pacific Northwest at the very time we should be augmenting them in order to properly service the requirements of the Fishery Management Councils.

I urge that the Congress not agree to this reduction in funding for Fiscal Year 1978. The NOAA proposal indicates that \$388,000 would be saved at a loss of some 348 days of sea-time for the two vessels. Assuming that half of this allocation is for the OREGON, I urge that you not permit the fishery research programs of the Pacific Northwest to be curtailed by 174 ship days for the sole purpose of saving \$194,000. I believe that those funds are well spent in providing for stock assessment and other studies that are absolutely necessary if our Councils are to develop fishery management plans according to another of the Standards specified in the Act, which requires that management plans be based upon the "best available scientific information."

(bc w/o att.: McKean, Nakatsu, Rasmuson,
Branson, & Lee Alverson)

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ISSUE OF MARCH 1, 1977

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Partially Closed Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. I (Supp. V, 1975), notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Technology Transfer Subcommittee of the Computer Systems Technical Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 1977, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5230, Main Commerce Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Computer Systems Technical Advisory Committee was initially established on January 3, 1973. On December 20, 1974 and January 13, 1977, the Assistant Secretary for Administration approved the recharter and extension of the Committee, pursuant to section 5(c) (1) of the Export Administration Act of 1969, as amended, 50 U.S.C. App. Sec. 2404(c)(1) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Technology Transfer Subcommittee of the Computer Systems Technical Advisory Committee was initially established on April 10, 1974. On July 8, 1975, the Director, Office of Export Administration approved the reestablishment of this Subcommittee pursuant to the charter of the Committee.

The Committee advises the Office of Export Administration, Bureau of East-West Trade, with respect to questions involving technical matters, worldwide availability and actual utilization of production and technology, and licensing procedures which may affect the level of export controls applicable to computer systems, including technical data related thereto, and including those whose export is subject to multilateral (COCOM) controls. The Technology Transfer Subcommittee was formed to examine the impact of transferring Automatic Data Processing technology to Communist destinations.

The Subcommittee meeting agenda has five parts:

GENERAL SESSION

- (1) Opening remarks by the Chairman.
- (2) Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
- (3) Report by Department of Defense and Energy Research and Development Administration on the status of their paper addressing:
 - (a) What software is being transferred to East Europe;

- (b) Mechanisms used to transfer this software;
 - (c) Key software areas which should be considered for control; and
 - (d) Software areas which should not be controlled.
- (4) Review of the draft report dated February 7, 1977 on the transfer of computer software technology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (5) Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 11652, dealing with the U.S. and COCOM control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting is open to the public, at which a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent time permits members of the public may present oral statements to the Subcommittee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting.

With respect to agenda item (5), the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 27, 1977, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by section 5(c) of the Government In The Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the matters to be discussed in the Executive Session should be exempt from the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act relating to open meetings and public participation therein, because the Executive Session will be concerned with matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or foreign policy. All materials to be reviewed and discussed by the Subcommittee during the Executive Session of the meeting have been properly classified under Executive Order 11652. All Subcommittee members have appropriate security clearances.

Copies of the minutes of the open portion of the meeting will be available upon written request addressed to the Freedom of Information Officer, Room 3012, Domestic and International Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

For further information, contact Mr. Charles C. Swanson, Director, Operations Division, Office of Export Administration, Domestic and International Business Administration, Room 1617M, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: A/C 202-377-4196.

The complete Notice of Determination to close portions of the series of meetings of the Computer Systems Technical Advisory Committee and of any subcommittees thereof, was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 2, 1977 (42 FR 6374).

Dated: February 24, 1977.

RAUER H. MEYER,
Director, Office of Export Administration, Bureau of East-West Trade, United States Department of Commerce.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Advisory Panel.

The North Pacific Council established by Section 302 of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-265) has authority, effective March 1, 1977, over fisheries within the fishery conservation zone adjacent to the State of Alaska. The Council will, among other things, prepare and submit to the Secretary of Commerce fishery management plans with respect to the fisheries within its area of authority, prepare comments on applications for foreign fishing, and conduct public hearings.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel, established by Section 302(g) of the Act, provide assistance to the Council in the development and amendment of fishery management plans.

The Council meeting will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22, 1977, in the Holiday Inn, 4th and C Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m. each day.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Public hearing on management plans.
2. Reports from Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel.
3. Review of Council management plan development, operations and budgeting.
4. Review of foreign fishing permit applications, if any.
5. Other management business.

A public hearing will be held on the afternoon of the first day, March 21, at approximately 3:30 p.m., at the same location to hear testimony on fishery management plans under development by the Council, and other related Council functions.

The meetings of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel will be held concurrently with the Council meeting. The meetings will be open to the public, and there will be seating for approximately 100 public members available on a first come, first served basis.

Members of the public having an interest in specific items for discussion are also advised that agenda changes are at times made prior to the meeting. To receive information on changes, if any, made to the agenda, interested members of the public should contact on or about March 10, 1977:

Mr. Jim H. Branson, Executive Director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 3136 DT, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

At the discretion of the Council, interested members of the public may be permitted to speak at times which will allow the orderly conduct of Council business. Beginning at approximately

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3:30 p.m., Monday, March 21, interested members of the public may testify at the public hearing conducted by the Council on matters relating to fishery management plans and other Council business. Interested members of the public who wish to submit written comments should do so by addressing Mr. Jim H. Branson at the above address. To receive due consideration and facilitate inclusion in the record of the meeting, typewritten statements which relate to the agenda should be received within 10 days after the close of the Council meeting. Other written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting.

Dated: February 24, 1977.

WINFRED H. MEIBOHM,
Associate Director,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

[FR Doc.77-6126 Filed 2-28-77;8:45 am]

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures

Pursuant to section 302(f) (6) of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-265), each Regional Fishery Management Council is responsible for determining its organization and prescribing its practices and procedures for carrying out its functions under the Act in accordance with such uniform standards as are prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce. Further, each Council must publish and make available to the public a statement of its organization, practices, and procedures. As required by the Act, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has prepared and is hereby publishing its Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures.

Dated February 24, 1977.

ROBERT W. SCHONING,
Director,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council, created by Section 302(a) (7) of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (the "Act"), hereby publishes a Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures, as required by Section 302(f) (6) of the Act. This Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures for carrying out the Council's functions under the Act, was adopted by the Council during its public meeting held on January 26-28, 1977 in Anchorage, Alaska. Copies may be obtained by writing the Executive Director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 3136 DT, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.

The Council's permanent offices are in Suite 32, Post Office Mail Building, 333 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. Telephone number: (907) 274-4563.

The Council's geographical area of authority includes the fisheries in the Arctic Ocean, Bering Sea, and Pacific Ocean seaward of Alaska. The Council consists of the states of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon.

PURPOSE

1. The Council will prepare and submit to the Secretary of Commerce or his delegate a fishery management plan with respect to each fishery within its geographical area and, from time to time, such amendments to each plan as are necessary.

2. The Council will prepare comments on any application for foreign fishing transmitted to it under a governing international fishery agreement by the Secretary of State or his delegate under the terms of the Act.

3. The Council will prepare comments on any fishery management plan or amendments thereto prepared by the Secretary or his delegate which are transmitted to it under Section 304(c) (2) of the Act.

4. The Council will conduct public hearings at appropriate times and at appropriate locations in the Council's geographic area so as to allow all interested persons an opportunity to be heard in the development of fishery management plans and amendments thereto and with respect to the administration and implementation of the provisions of the Act.

5. The Council will review on a continuing basis, and revise as appropriate, the assessments and specifications contained in each fishery management plan for each fishery within its geographical area with regard to (a) the present and probable future condition of the fishery, (b) the maximum sustainable yield from the fishery, (c) the optimum yield from the fishery, (d) the capacity and the extent to which fishery vessels of the United States will harvest the optimum yield on an annual basis, (e) the portion of such optimum yield on an annual basis which will not be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States and can be made available for foreign fishing.

6. The Council will submit to the Secretary a report before February 1 of each year on the Council's activities during the immediate preceding year, and shall submit such other periodic and relevant reports as the Council or the Secretary deem appropriate.

7. The Council will conduct any other activities which are required by or provided for in the Act or which are necessary and appropriate to the foregoing functions.

8. The Council expects to participate in international negotiations concerning any fishery matters under the cognizance of the Council. The Council also expects to be consulted during preliminary discussions leading to U.S. positions on international fishery matters.

COUNCIL COMPOSITION

The North Pacific Council has eleven voting members, and four non-voting members. The voting members are as follows:

Five appointed by the Secretary from the State of Alaska.

Two appointed by the Secretary from the State of Washington.

The principal State officials with marine fishery management responsibility in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.

The Regional Director, Alaska Region, of the National Marine Fishery Service.

The non-voting members are:

The Director of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.

The Director or his designee of the Alaska Area Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Commanding Officer of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

A properly designated official of the U.S. Department of State.

The following Council members may have designee to serve as Council members during the absence of the regular member.

1. The principal state officials with marine fishery management responsibility from Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

2. The Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service for Alaska.

3. The Regional or Area Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for Alaska.

4. The Commander of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

5. The Executive Director of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.

6. The representative of the Department of State designated for such purpose.

OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

A Chairman and a Vice-Chairman are elected from the voting members of the North Pacific Council; both officers serve for a period of one year and may succeed themselves.

STAFF

The permanent staff of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council shall consist of the following positions with duties as outlined:

1. *Executive Director*—The primary staff advisor to the North Pacific Council, must maintain full cognizance and a thorough understanding of all Council business and activities to assist the Council in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating programs and courses of action for achieving prescribed objectives. Serves as the chief liaison officer for the Council in contacts with other governmental and private agencies. Assist in the development and coordination of internal policy as well as external policy, represents the Council to the public in matters assigned by the Council, and provides the Council with current information from public, industry, and government.

Develops, maintains and directs internal systems for personnel, management, fiscal control, budget analysis and preparation, property and space control procurements. Establishes, maintains and supervises professional and non-professional administrative staff required to accomplish the Council's responsibilities, provides for assistance and service in other areas in support of Council activities, including arranging Council meetings, developing agenda, preparing reports, and promulgating Council policies and decisions.

2. *Assistant Executive Director*—Under the direction of the Executive Director is primarily responsible for coordination of the working teams developing management plans

for the North Pacific Council, including arranging necessary support and coordinating the activities of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Advisory Panel, and the working teams, usually consisting of the members of two or more agencies, in the orderly development of Council management plans.

In the absence of the Executive Director, is responsible for personnel management and fiscal control, budget analysis and property and space control for the Council, representing the Council to the public in routine inquiries, etc.

Works closely with the Executive Director and the Council in assisting in the development and coordination of internal policy and external policy.

3. Administrative Officer—Assists the Executive Director on matters of administrative management services, including procurement and contract administration, grant administration, budget and financial management, personnel management, property management, space utilization and office services.

4. Secretary (Stenography) to the Executive Director—Performs work connected with the programs and procedures supporting all facets of Council activity, including functions which require exercise of tact, discretion and judgement, serves as the personal assistant and secretary to the Executive Director.

5. Administrative Clerk—Provides miscellaneous clerical and administrative services for the Executive Director's office, including primary bookkeeping, under the supervision of the Administrative Officer, of Council funds including, but not limited to, daily entries of all expenditures, disbursements and receipts, and monthly and quarterly financial reports.

6. Clerk-Receptionist—Acts as receptionist for the permanent headquarters of the North Pacific Fishery Council and provides miscellaneous clerical and administrative services for the Executive Director's office as required.

7. And other staff as required and authorized by the Council.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

1. Staffing Management—The Executive Director will ensure that all staffing needs and procedures are evaluated on a continuing basis and refined as necessary. This will include a periodic analysis of organizational requirements, identification of potential resources, and the efficient selections, placement, and management of these resources.

2. Recruitment—(a) Position identification will be achieved through a thorough and objective assessment of the required duties, without regard to any particular individual. Clear lines of responsibility and authority will be identified in any formal job description, and duplicative or overlapping duties will be avoided to the extent practicable. Position descriptions will be available to incumbents as well as candidates for vacancies.

(b) Recruitment actions will be effected through the most appropriate communications medium, to include locally distributed notices, newspapers, and telephone contacts. Efforts will be made to interest and identify a reasonable number of candidates for each staff vacancy which arises.

(c) Each candidate's experience, education and particular qualifying factors will be thoroughly examined, and personal interviews will be conducted whenever possible.

(d) Final selection for a position will be based solely on merit, fitness, competence, and qualifications. Employment actions shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or physical handicap, and equal consideration will be given to veterans and all minorities.

3. Development—Employees will be entitled to promotions and other pay raises solely on the basis of merit and performance, in amounts recommended by the Executive Director and approved by the Council. Career development, including formal training, will be supported by the Council when directly beneficial to both the employee and the Council Staff.

4. Services and Relationships—(a) The Council will work with its employees to provide group medical insurance, life insurance, and retirement plans and will pay a reasonable proportion of the cost of such plans.

(b) Employees of the Council shall be granted paid leave for holidays, vacations, sickness, civic duties, etc. on the basis of the employee regulations currently in force for the State of Alaska. Temporary absences without pay may be approved by the Executive Director or his designate.

(c) Permanent employees desiring to terminate employment will be asked to give a minimum two-week advance notice.

5. Conditions of Employment—All staff employees of the Council serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Executive Director may be dismissed by the Council and other staff employees may be dismissed by the Executive Director acting for the Council.

6. Records—(a) Each employee will become party to a standard employment contract outlining general and specific conditions of employment.

(b) Records of all actions pertinent to an individual's employment will be maintained by the Administrative Officer of the Council staff. These records will be held under the strictest confidence, and will only be released to third parties when legal or regulatory basis for such action so allows.

7. Standards of Conduct—The Council requires a standard of ethical conduct for its staffs, as follows:

(a) No staff employee of the Council shall use his or her official authority or influence derived from his or her position with the Council for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election to or a nomination for any national, state, county, or municipal elective office.

(b) No staff employee shall pay or offer or promise or solicit or receive from any person, firm or corporation, either as a political contribution or a personal emolument, any money or anything of value in consideration of either support or the use of influence in obtaining for any person any appointive office, place or employment under the Council.

(c) No staff employee of the Council shall have a direct or indirect financial interest that conflicts with a fair and impartial conduct of his or her Council duties.

(d) No staff employee of the Council shall use or allow the use for other than official purposes of information obtained through or in connection with his or her Council employment which has not been made available to the general public.

(e) No staff employee of the Council shall engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, notoriously immoral, or disgraceful conduct prejudicial to the Council.

(f) No staff employee of the Council shall use Council property for other than official business. Such property shall be protected and preserved from improper or deleterious operation or use.

(g) Personnel files on Council employees shall be maintained in Council offices under the security and safeguard conditions required of files subject to the Privacy Act.

(h) No employee's children or spouse may obtain employment on the Council staff, except in genuine emergencies, and then only for a short period of time.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

There are no standing committees of Council members on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

The North Pacific Council shall meet in the State of Alaska at the call of the chairman or upon the request of the majority of its voting members. Meetings will normally be held on the fourth week of the month, beginning on Wednesday and adjourning on Friday.

Meetings will be held in various communities in Alaska and the locations and dates of meetings will be advertised well in advance in state-wide and local news media.

Agendas or orders of business for the Council will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Draft agendas shall be furnished all Council, Committee and Panel members at least one week prior to regular meetings, and will be available to the general public for one week prior to a regular meeting at the Council headquarters in Anchorage.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings will be held in communities in Alaska at the discretion of the Council. They will be advertised in advance in the FEDERAL REGISTER and local news media. Agenda and subject matter will be available at the Council office in Anchorage at least one week prior to the hearings.

MINUTES

Accurate and detailed minutes will be taken of all Council meetings and will include audio tape recordings of Council meetings and summary transcripts of Committee and Panel meetings. Summaries of business conducted at Council meetings will be available to the public at Council headquarters in Anchorage and copies of summaries may be obtained at the Council offices for the cost of reproduction. Verbatim audio tape recordings will be available for inspection and study at the Council offices. Minutes of Council meetings and hearings will include

copies of all written material received or sent by the Council, its Panels, or Committees during the course of or as a result of the meetings.

GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Council will meet at the call of the Chairman of the Council or upon the request of a majority of the voting members. Advisory bodies will meet with the approval of the Chairman of the Council. Meetings will be conducted in a manner to permit the greatest possible participation by all members of the Council and the public. It will be the policy of the Council to set aside a specific period during each Council meeting to hear comments from the public on Council business.

Closed sessions of the Council will be held only when the Council is discussing personnel matters not properly conducted in public or discussing matters of a confidential nature requiring a formal security clearance.

Generally, parliamentary procedure will be used in the conduct of the meetings. Agreement among Council members can be reached by consensus and non-voting members are expected to take part in all discussions and indicate their opinions on all specific issues. Those matters pertaining to the approval or disapproval of a fishery management plan or amendment, including proposed regulations, or comments for the Secretary on foreign fishing applications, or Secretarial prepared management plans, require a vote.

AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR

The Chairman of the North Pacific Management Council has authority to convene and adjourn meetings and public hearings and designate members of the Council, Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel to attend meetings and public hearings. He will control meetings and hearings by recognizing speakers, establishing the order of business, and designating members of the Council and its Advisory bodies as members of committees and working groups. The Chairman certifies the minutes of the meeting as complete and accurate before they are available to general distribution.

ADVISORY BODIES

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has established a Scientific and Statistical Committee comprised of ten members from the fields of biology, economics, statistics, and the social sciences, and an Advisory Panel of twenty-five members from the full spectrum of the fisheries field including fishermen and others, based on a diversity of interests from the standpoint of geography, association with specific fisheries, etc.

FUNCTION

THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

At the direction and with the approval of the Council designates the members and structure of management plan development teams, reviews management plans and other material at the request of the Council and advises the Council on them, identifies areas for the Council where further data is needed to complete or improve management plans. Advises the Council on ways to proceed in areas relevant to the scientific and statistical matters or in areas in the bio-socio-economic fields, prepares specific statements for the Council in response to questions or requests from them.

ADVISORY PANEL

The Advisory Panel offers to the Council on a continuing basis advice on the assessments and specifications contained in each

fishery management plan for each fishery within the Council's geographical area of concern. The Panel's major expertise concerns the capacity and the extent to which the fishing vessels of the United States will harvest the resources considered in fishery management plans, the effect of such fishery plans on local economies and social structures, and potential conflicts between user groups of a given fishery resource. Panel members may attend all public hearings on fishery management plans and amendments in which they have an interest. If possible, the Chairman or the Executive Director should be contacted prior to travel to attend a public hearing in order to coordinate attendance. The Council will reimburse Advisory Panel members for expenses incurred by attendance at such hearings to the normal limit for official travel. Panel members may attend Council meetings to advise the Council with particular reference to the socio-economic implications of management plans. The Panel will set up such subcommittees as the Chairman of the Panel and the Council deem necessary to carry out the Panel's duties. All members of such subcommittees will be appointed from the membership of the parent panel.

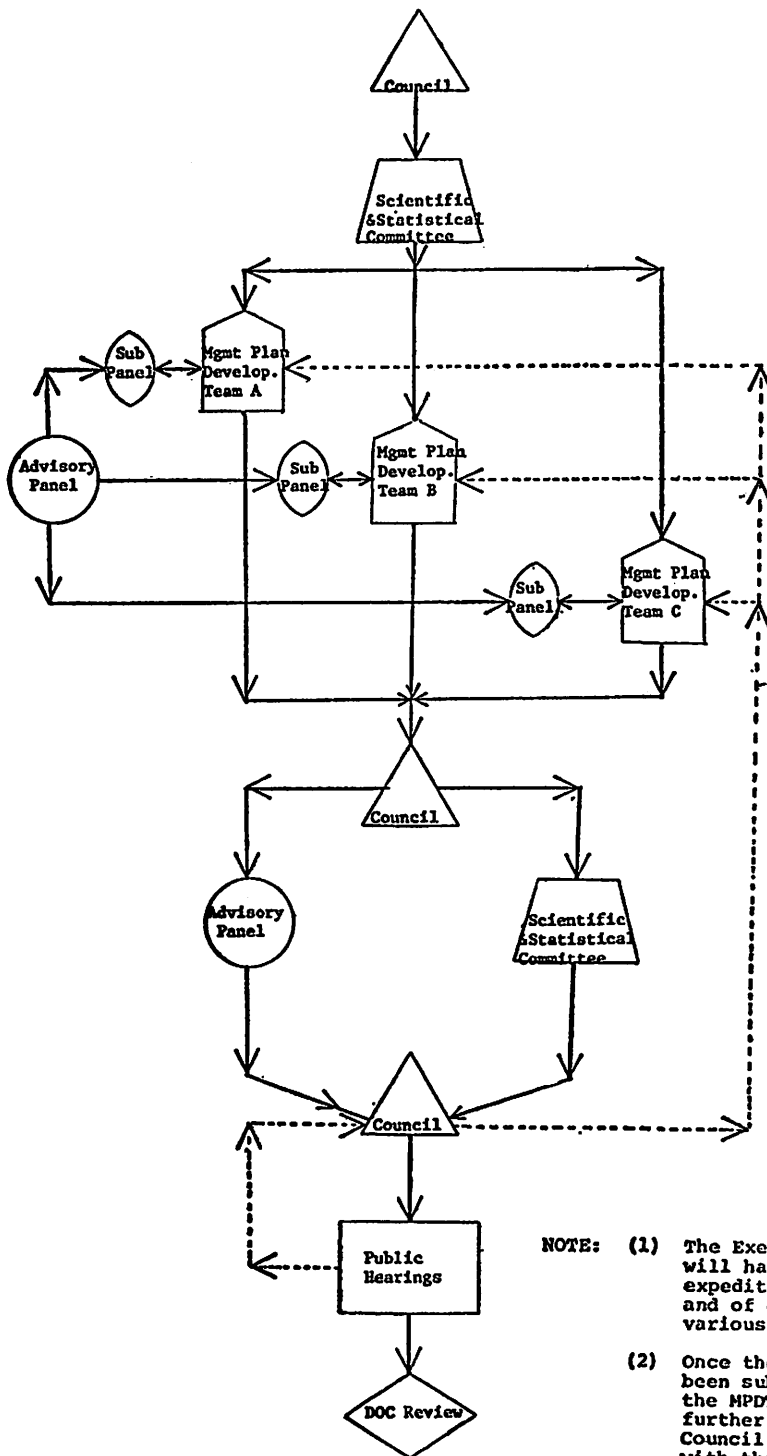
ORGANIZATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

Management plan teams will be organized for each fishery management unit identified by the Council. Team members will be selected from State and Federal conservation agencies, universities, and private institutions or individuals known to possess specific knowledge or expertise considered desirable in the preparation of management plans. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will submit to the Council a list of recommended members, participating agencies or institutions and suggest a lead agency to direct plan preparation. The Council will confirm the composition of the team and identify the lead agency. Following formation of the management team and guidance from the Council concerning the general objectives and scheduling of plan preparation, the team will organize the plan and its contents in accordance with a standard outline. Scientific inputs to the plan will be drawn from published reports and papers of participating State and Federal agencies, universities and any other relevant data source, including information derived from oral testimonies. It will be the responsibility of the team chairman to insure that the best available data is analyzed and used in drawing up draft plans.

Lead agencies (chairman) will be responsible for scheduling meetings, typing and reproducing preliminary drafts, coordinating the activities of the team and distributing tasks among its members. The draft plan, however, should as much as possible reflect a consensus view of the team members. During the development of the drafts, the team should seek assistance from other expertise to insure an adequate review of the scientific and technical content of the plan. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will propose a list of specialists the management team may contact for outside review or assistance and the team manager is also free to contact any other outside sources that may be helpful in plan preparation.

The team is responsible for comments from outside experts and making the final judgment on changes in the plan. The draft plan is submitted to the Council for review by its advisory bodies. Procedures for interaction between the management plan team, Council, and Council advisory groups during plan preparation and review will follow the flow diagram as shown below:

Flow Diagram for the Development of Management Plans/DEIS and revised MP/DEIS - North Pacific Fishery Management Council



Council designates management units and priorities.

SSC with Council approval designates Management Plan Development Team (MPDT) for each designated management unit.

Advisory Panel designates sub-panels for each management unit. The responsibilities of each sub-panel include:

- (1) Interaction with MPDT
- (2) Interaction with constituency

MPDT develops draft Management Plan for its unit and submits to Council.

Council broadly reviews for policy questions and then distributes to Council members, S & SC, and AP for first review.

Results of the review reported to the Council which then:

- (1) Makes decision and promulgates for public hearing, and/or
- (2) Returns to MPDT for next draft.

This process is repeated until the Council has an acceptable plan, at which point the Plan is released for public hearings, further review by the Council, and decision for final drafting and/or referral to the Department of Commerce.

- NOTE:**
- (1) The Executive Director and staff will have the responsibility of expediting the flow of information and of exercising control over the various documents.
 - (2) Once the draft management plan has been submitted to the Council, only the MPDT is involved in making further revisions directed by the Council, unless further consultation with the AP sub-panel is required.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Procurement/Property Management System—Management of this system will be a direct responsibility of the Staff Administrative Officer.

1. *Contracts*—Negotiated and advertised contracts will be administered under the same principles of equality and integrity outlined under the section "Employment Practices," and will generally follow the specifications normally characteristics of contracts with public entities (e.g., public announcement, emphasis on competition, change orders, etc.).

2. *Purchases*—Commodities and services will be procured by means of a document-oriented system, with a receipt, check, or purchase order type document maintained on all transactions. Typical suspense systems will be maintained for any partial and undelivered procurements. Equipment and supplies available in the General Services Administration will usually be given primary consideration, except where cost-effectiveness and efficiency dictate otherwise. A petty cash fund for over-the-counter purchases will be maintained as necessary in the Council Staff office.

3. *Property*—An accountability system of all durable or capitalized personal property will be maintained by means of an inventory system.

4. *Real Property*—The leasing, renting and acquisition of real property and space will be effected in a manner consistent with customary practices related to contracts with public entities. Real property files will be maintained on all transactions, including litigation, connected therewith.

Fiscal Management System—The finance and budget control systems will be a direct responsibility of the Administrative Officer, who will maintain full cognizance of, and compliance with, all Department of Commerce requirements, pursuant to the Act, Treasury Department (IRS) regulations, as well as any applicable local requirements (state, municipal, etc.).

1. Financial control will be effected by means of a basic document-oriented accrual accounting system, which will include provisions for at least the following: direct labor (salary), indirect labor (employer contributions for FICA, life and health insurance, retirement, and unemployment taxes), travel expenses (transportation and subsistence), transportation of things, rent and

utilities, taxes (non-employment), printing, communications, supplies, equipment, contracts, and any appropriate contra-accounts (depreciation, contract accruals, etc.).

2. A general ledger, supported by appropriate journals, will be maintained on all obligations and expenses, including appropriate accruals, and will be used to prepare periodic reports for review by the Executive Director, the Council, or Department of Commerce representatives. As a minimum, a complete financial status report should be completed on a monthly basis. The financial management system will be coordinated with the budget management system so that current and projected fund usage can be determined at any time.

3. A separate payroll register, indicating all applicable expenses and accruals, will be maintained on each member of the Council and the Council staff.

4. All financial records will be kept until audited or approved for disposal by the appropriate Department of Commerce representative.

5. Specific details related to implementing the above will, in general, correspond to the NMFS 1976 model accounting system for Regional Councils.

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Statement of Income and Expense
from 3/7/77 - 3/18/77
March 18, 1977

Expenses, before grant money was received, are still an estimate. The Finance Office of NOAA has promised a full itemized list of all expenses by the May 1977 meeting. The following expense sheet reflects income, actual expenses and some accrued expenses as of March 18, 1977.

Income

Grant (received 3/7/77)	\$54,000.00	54,000.00
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Expenses

Administrative Staff Compensation	\$ 2,852.38	
Rent (office and equipment)	2,854.48	
Printing	107.35	
Office Supplies	346.22	
Insurance	1,270.50	
Miscellaneous (petty cash, etc.)	<u>124.86</u>	
Actual Expenses	7,555.79	
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>1,526.13</u>	
Total Expenses Incurred	\$ 9,081.92	9,081.92
Cash Balance		<u>\$44,918.08</u>

Please note that because of the transition period many of our actual expenses are not shown (such as the phone bill and equipment orders). We hope to have these on the next report.

ADDENDUM

INFORMATION RESOURCES

I am at this time trying to get McKenzie & Co. of San Francisco to work on the 200 mile limit issue.

The consultants will come to Juneau to work with the Resources Interim Committee Staff. The consultants will tell the staff what information they want and the staff will know where to get the information.

I have instructed my staff, that as soon as time allows, to go around to the various departments and other information resources to find:

- What information is already available?
- Who in the Department can assist us with technical expertise?
- Ideas that they may have on the issue.
- A suitable way for them to work with the Interim Committee and staff.

These Information Resources shall include, but are not limited to

- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Department of Fish & Game
- Dick Reynolds, Development Specialist for Fisheries
Department of Economic Development
- North Pacific Fisheries Council
- Legislative Research
- Division of Policy Development & Planning
- University of Alaska
Sea Grant Program
Juneau Campus
- Private Sector, including
Petersburg Fisheries, Inc.
New England Fish Co.

April 18, 1977

The Honorable Juanita Kreps
Secretary of Commerce
United States Department of Commerce
Commerce Building
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Madam Secretary:

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The North Pacific Council wants to express its appreciation of the tremendous job your people have done throughout the United States and particularly in Alaska for their accomplishments in making this outstanding piece of legislation a success in the field.

Our heartiest congratulations to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Elmer Rasmuson
Chairman

cc: Commandant, USCG
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
Director, NMFS
Regional, Director, Alaska Region, NMFS

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Washington, D.C. 20590

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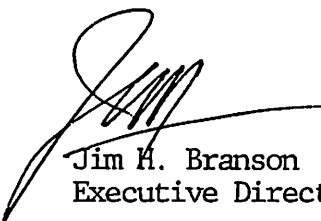
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April 14, 1977

The attached procurement standards were developed for the South Atlantic Council and have been approved by the grants officer for NOAA. She recommended that the North Pacific Council adopt these or similar standards so that our spending ceiling (without NOAA approval) could be raised from the current \$500.

The procurement system established here provides for a finance committee of Council members to approve purchases over \$2,500, and involves them in some of the bid solicitation and all of the bid approval for contracts and procurement over that amount. This could be a permanent committee or an ad hoc committee and there is no restriction on the number of members that may serve.

Although voluminous, these procurement standards are reasonably straightforward and seem to cover all possible exigencies, particularly in the contracting field. The fact that the grants people in NOAA approve of them is certainly a strong point in their favor. I plan to have this matter on the agenda at the April 27, 28 meeting.


Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

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ISSUE I

APRIL 1977

AS OF MARCH 30TH A TOTAL OF 499 FOREIGN VESSELS HAVE BEEN ISSUED permits to fish off Alaska. By that same date 142 foreign support vessels had applied for and received permits. Following is a breakdown of permits issued: Japan fishing vessels 325, support vessels 70; Poland fishing vessels 4, support vessels 2; South Korea fishing vessels 28, support vessels 0; Tiawan fishing vessels 4, support vessels 0, and USSR fishing vessels 138, support vessels 70.

Fishing activity through March was steady but showed definite changes over the patterns of previous years with considerably fewer ships in the area. During the last week of March 1977 there were 1 South Korean, 30 Russian, and 64 Japanese ships fishing off Alaska while in 1976 there were no South Korean ships, 1 from Tiawan, 108 Russian, and 55 Japanese vessels.

Lists of the actual permit numbers with the names of the vessels to which they were issued are available for inspection at the North Pacific Council office in Anchorage. The list includes the areas and the fisheries in which the vessels are authorized to fish.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE NORTH PACIFIC 200-mile zone are going well. Attitudes on board Japanese and Soviet vessels have been described by Coast Guard officials as "almost perfect."

By mid-March the Coast Guard had sighted 70% of the foreign vessels permitted in Alaska waters and boarded 21% of those. By early April five violations were cited, four of those going to Soviet vessels. Soviet fleet commander, Sergey Pterovich Tanaev, met recently in Kodiak with U.S. federal and state officials seeking clarification of the law. Penalties for violations range from a written warning to forfeiture of the vessel and cargo.

SIX NORTH PACIFIC COUNCIL FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT
teams are organized and working toward final plan completion
dates. Teams and their members are:

SALMON TROLL TEAM: Gary Gunstrom, Paul Gissner Jr., Larry Edfelt, Guy Thornberg, Don Collinsworth, and Allen Davis all of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) which is the lead agency. Outgoing team member Mike Fredin, NMFS, is being replaced by Bill Heard, NMFS Auke Bay. Alan Otness and Jack Cotant, Council Advisory Panel members, also work with this team. By June 9 the team expects to have a completed draft. The plan is scheduled to be in effect by April 15, 1978.

TANNER CRAB: Davis, Gissner, Edfelt, Thornberg, Collinsworth, William Donaldson, Al Kimker, and Tim Kinnimen of ADF&G. The plan is expected to be in effect by the first of the year. ADF&G is the lead agency.

KING CRAB: Kimker, Davis, Kinnimen, Edfelt, Thornberg, Collinsworth, Jack Lechner, and Guy Powell of ADF&G, the lead agency. Final plans submitted by this team probably will not differ much from the preliminary plan which resulted in zero total foreign allowable catch. The plan is expected to be completed and in effect by the first of the year.

OCEAN SALMON: Bud Burgner, University of Washington Fisheries Research Institute; Mike Fredin; Steve Pennoyer, Ron Regnart, and James Park of ADF&G. Lead agency is NMFS. The team is expected by the April Council meeting to have a list of recommendations for possible renegotiation of the INPFC.

GROUND FISH, BOTH TRAWL AND SABLEFISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA: Burt Larkin and Richard Bakkala, both of NMFS and Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center; Robert Stokes, University of Washington; Regnart, Phillip Rigby, ADF&G, and Steve Hoag of the International Pacific Halibut Commission. The team expects to have a first draft by the May Council meeting with completion date set for the June 23-24 Council meeting. This plan has been given a higher priority than the Bering Sea plan.

TRAWL FISHERY FOR THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS: Same team is developing this plan, which may fall a month or two behind the Gulf trawl plan. Both were originally scheduled for implementation by Jan. 1, 1978. NMFS is the lead agency for both plans.

LIMITED ENTRY CONCEPTS as they might apply to the salmon troll management plan were discussed by the North Pacific Council during its March meeting. The Council subsequently approved a motion directing the salmon troll team to consider limited entry as a component in the ocean troll salmon management plan.

JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION AGREED ON APRIL 14 TO SUSPEND TALKS regarding fishing rights within their respective 200-mile zones until sometime in May or later. The suspension occurred when Japan's Agriculture-Forestry Minister Zenko Suzuki and USSR Fisheries Minister A.A. Ishkov failed to reach a compromise. Major stumbling block was wording concerning the Soviet 200-mile fishery zone demarcation around four disputed islands northeast of Japan's island of Hokkaido.

Major points of negotiation prior to suspension of the talks include:

- Japanese fishermen would not be allowed to catch salmon within the Soviet zone.
- The Soviet Union would reduce the number of Japanese vessels to correspond to Japan's reduced quota.
- The Soviet Union would reduce greatly the Japanese take of Russian origin salmon on the high seas.
- The Soviet Union requests equal catches by one nation from the other's zone. In the past the Japanese take from the Soviet zone has been about 4½ times greater than the Soviet take from the Japanese.
- The Soviet Union proposes a ban on herring fishing in all North Pacific traditional herring grounds.

SALMON TROLLING TIME RESTRICTIONS PROPOSED by the Pacific Council could result in Washington and Oregon commercial fishermen seeking southeast Alaska salmon.

Commercial trollers testified during Pacific Council hearings in February in Seattle that they cannot make a living with a 2½ month season. The Council's ocean salmon management plan would allow commercial fishermen to fish for Chinook salmon during the month of May and for all salmon species from July 1 through September 15.

The plan also calls for a 26" minimum size limit on Chinook salmon for commercial fishermen and a 24" limit for recreational fishermen. The Canadian limit is 26".

AS OF APRIL 1 TWO JAPANESE TANNER CRAB FLEETS had been fishing for 20 days on the ground against the 56° north latitude closure line of Area A. Catch of the two factory ships was 1253 tons, a little more than half the 2500 tons allowed from Area A. Catches to date have run about 75% of those for the same period in 1976. (Information from Allan J. Beardsley, Director, Kodiak Facility, NWAFC)

COPIES OF THE "STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES" for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council are printed and available at the Council headquarters.

The statement outlines the purpose of the Council, Council officers and terms of office, functions of the Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee, staff employment practices, information on meetings and public hearings, organization of management plan development teams, and other operational policies. About 750 copies are available for distribution.

BEGINNING IN MAY THE NORTH PACIFIC COUNCIL WILL MEET REGULARLY on the fourth Thursday and Friday of each month. Date of the next Council meeting is May 26, 27 in Anchorage. May, June and July meetings will be held in the Hill Building, 6th Avenue and F Street, room 809.

If you have news, comments or opinions on fishery matters you would like to share, please submit them to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 3136 DT, Anchorage 99510.

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