

Agenda Item #9
June 28-29, 1979

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 1979

TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee
and Advisory Panel

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Estimating Domestic Annual Harvest and
Processing Capacity

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulations implementing the Processor Preference Amendment were finalized in Washington, D.C. this month. The controversial "price" information requirements will not be included in the final regulations and they accept the fact that there are significant regional differences in determining DAH/DAP.

The Council will be able to use "...the appropriate information it deems necessary..." to gauge domestic harvesting and processing intent.

The final regulations will probably be published on August 1st for a 45 day comment period and implemented on October 1st.

COUNCIL ACTION

No formal action is needed at this time. However, it might be useful for the Council work group to meet in early August to discuss: (a) the final regulations, (b) the discretionary provisions this Council can utilize, (c) the 1980 NMFS survey of DAH/DAP, and (d) new DAH/DAP concepts we can use for amending the Gulf Groundfish Plan.

MIH