


MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 1980

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

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: March Council Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED

Approval of dates.

BACKGROUND

We expect Council will have to deal in a substantive way with several fishery management plans. The Herring Plan must be approved to be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce; the King Crab Plan might be ready for approval for distribution to the public to begin the comment period; the Tanner Crab Plan (and the Herring Plan) may be the subject of debate with the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and the annual amendments for the two groundfish plans will be presented for the first time. We may want to meet with the Alaska Board of Fisheries for one day directly preceding our regularly scheduled meeting. Listed below therefore, are proposed dates for the March meeting:

- March 25 - Tuesday - Advisory Panel & SSC Meeting
- March 26 - Wednesday - Joint meeting with the Alaska Board of Fisheries
- March 27-28 - Thursday & Friday, regular North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting.

Even without a joint Council/Board meeting we could use three days for plan review. Do the members want a long meeting?

MIH