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NEWSLETTER

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Council's May Agenda to Include Final King Crab Decision

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet in Anchorage on May 28 and 29, 1981 in the Fore Deck Room at the Hotel Captain Cook. Heading the agenda will be final action on the Bering Sea King Crab Framework and Joint Statement of Principles with the Alaska Board of Fisheries for possible co-management of the king crab fishery off Alaska. The Council will also consider possible amendments to the Tanner Crab FMP and take final action on Amendment #3 to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish Plan.

Discussion and further action on possible limited entry systems for both hand and power trollers in the Fishery Conservation Zone off Southeast Alaska will also be on the Council agenda.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 27, in the Council headquarters' Conference Room in Anchorage. The Advisory Panel will also meet on May 27 in the Adventure Room of the Hotel Captain Cook.

April's Session Yields Revised SOPPs

The Council revised its Statement of Operating Practices and Procedures, originally adopted in 1977, to more accurately reflect the Council's methods of operation which have evolved over the past four years. The SOPPs include policy for plan development teams, plan maintenance teams, and roles of the Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee, as well as guidelines for day-to-day Council operations. The revised SOPPs will be published in the Federal Register and may be reviewed at the Council headquarters.

Highly Enterprises Confirms Receipt of Pacific Cod Allocation

The government of Taiwan has confirmed the assignment of an additional 1,000 tons of Pacific cod to Highly Enterprises for its joint venture with St. George Tanaq, according to Mike Jones, project manager for the venture. In March the Council endorsed the increased allocation to Taiwan and stipulated, insofar as possible, that it was intended for the St. George/Highly Enterprises operation. The venture will provide fishing experience and employment for as many as ten residents of the St. George community.

Recent Council Documents Available

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