

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN
INTERIM COUNCIL REGULATIONS

Two areas have been identified in the Interim Council Regulations that the Council may wish to see changed. An extension of the comment period has been given by the Secretary of Commerce to the 1st of February, so recommended changes should go in from the January meeting.

The first is Section 202.2 (d) (2) which deals with transboundary stocks. This has been addressed in some detail by the Pacific Council and you received a copy of their changes in the mail in December. Another copy is attached to this memo.

The section dealing with the area in which a Council can conduct meetings and hearings, Section 501.24(b) (3) (iii), reads: "Each Council shall conduct all meetings and hearings within its geographic area of concern. In the particular case of the North Pacific Council, this means within the State of Alaska." At the very least, this section should be rewritten to allow joint meetings with the Pacific Council and should allow the North Pacific Council to hold hearings in Oregon and Washington if the matter to be heard deals with stocks in those areas.

A suggested revision to this section is attached to this memo.

Attachment