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DRAFT MINUTES SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE MEETING February 21-22, 1979

The SSC meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 21 in the Council offices with the following members present:

Steve Pennoyer, Chairman
Jack Robinson
Don Bevan
Alan Millikan
Jack Lechner
Ed Miles (Present during part of the meeting)

SUBCOMMITTEES

- (1) Socioeconomic data needs: At the January meeting the Council approved the SSC recommendation of a group consisting of Messrs. Ed Miles, George Rogers, Jim Crutchfield of the SSC, Messrs. Hart, Marasco, Martin and Stokes as economists involved in the preparation of FMP's, the chairmen of the plan development teams and two members of the Advisory Panel to evaluate the FMP's prepared to date in terms of socioeconomic data needs.

The SSC recommended Ed Miles serve as Chairman. The SSC also suggested that someone from the Pacific Fishery Management Council be asked to participate on this subcommittee.

It is expected this group will meet and report back to the SSC by June 1, 1979.

- (2) DAH: At the same time the Council also approved the SSC's recommendation to form a working group to develop a standardized method of arriving at a reasonably accurate DAH. This group will consist of Rogers and Crutchfield from the SSC, someone from the NMFS Regional Office, (Phil Chitwood) and some AP members.

The SSC suggested George Rogers as Chairman of this group. The Chairman is to contact members and mutually agree upon a time and report to the SSC in late spring or early summer.

SSC PROCEDURES

The SSC discussed review procedures on management plans and lengthy reports. Concern was expressed about not having sufficient time to review plans. A suggestion was made to appoint a subcommittee to review each plan and present a written report to the SSC. The King Crab plan is due to be mailed to the SSC the first week in March. The Committee appointed a subcommittee of Frank Fukuhara as Chairman, Jack Lechner, Don Bevan and George Rogers. This subcommittee is to meet with the team prior to the March meeting and report to the SSC. The SSC will then combine their comments with those of the subcommittee.

Another subject on SSC policy was surfaced by Lee Alverson, past Chairman of the SSC. The SSC unanimously recommended that the Council approve designated alternates for the SSC members who are from State or Federal agencies who can serve on the SSC in their absence. It is felt that since the agencies have certain responsibilities and commitments requiring absence at some meetings this would be beneficial. It was pointed out that this is done in the Pacific Fishery Management Council and works out well.

DISCUSSION OF MANAGEMENT OF EASTERN BERING SEA KING AND TANNER CRABS:

Dr. D. L. Alverson made a presentation entitled A Discussion of Abundance Trends and Management of Eastern Bering Sea King and Tanner Crabs. This was a slide presentation. Dr. Alverson explained it was done to clarify for the Council certain data collection and analysis procedures.

KING CRAB MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - Report by J. Reeves and R. Marasco

The SSC considered the report by Jerry Reeves and R. Marasco entitled An Evaluation of Alternate Management Strategies for Alaskan Red King Crab, which was given us at our January 1979 meeting. Jerry Reeves was present to summarize the report's main conclusions and answer questions. The report summarizes results of a computer simulation model testing two management strategies - pulse fishery and multiple-age class fishery for a 30-year period. The results of these simulations showed there was little difference in long-term total yield either biological or economic over the 30-year period. More important, there was only a modest difference in yield and abundance trends over the period. The overriding factor appeared to be variable recruitment over time in both models.

The SSC thought the report was well-done. It felt that new, better, estimates of actual natural mortality were needed. Dr. Reeves felt the biggest imponderable factor in the parameters used was the real effect of pulse fishing on reproductive capacity of the crab population. The SSC recommended the plan drafting team carefully consider data needs and needed research. NMFS did indicate that they were going to continue the modeling work and the SSC suggested certain new areas of investigation including using different constant rates of fishing mortality.

GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH AMENDMENTS

The SSC reviewed the Plan Development Team comments on several Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP Amendments.

1. Open Davidson Bank to Longlining.

The SSC reconfirmed its conclusion that this is not a scientific problem. The only purpose of the Davidson Bank sanctuary is to preserve groundfish stocks for eventual use of the domestic fishery. The domestic use thus far has been limited to a small amount of trawling for crab bait and there is little likelihood of major expansion at this time. Halibut savings is not an issue since halibut are no more abundant in Davidson Bank than in the remainder of the Shumagin area.

2. Foreign Longlining ^{landward} ~~leeward~~ of 400/500 meters between 157° W and 140° W.

There appears to be no scientific rationale for prohibiting longlining for cod landward of 500/400 meters from 157° W to 140° W in the Gulf of Alaska. In fact, there is the possibility that some savings of halibut will occur if the longline catch of cod replaces a cod trawl catch.

The SSC was presented data from the Shumagin and Chirikof areas where trawl and longline catches in shallow waters could be compared. The data clearly demonstrated that the trawl fishery causes a significant greater loss of halibut than a directed longline fishery for cod. The Plan Development Team also estimated that halibut mortality would be reduced if the cod reserve was allocated to longliners rather than the trawl fishery although savings would be small since the cod reserve is small relative to the total groundfish allocation. The total catch of groundfish would not be increased if the longliners are allowed inside 500 meters - the longline catch would simply replace some of the trawl catch. It was understood that allocations already made would probably not allow taking any effect action on this prior to 1980.

3. - OY for Atka mackerel

There is presently no OY or TALFF for Atka mackerel in the SE region. The Japanese currently harvest mackerel incidently to other species and requested a small TALFF to accommodate legitimate by-catches. The SSC supports the PDT recommendation that the Gulf-wide OY be increased by 2,000 mt (to 26,800 mt) all of which should be apportioned to the new Yakutat-Southeast area. The additional amount should not be made on the basis for initiating a target fishery. The OY is still well below the conservative EY estimate of 33,000.

BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN GROUND FISH PLAN COMMENTS

The SSC reviewed the PDT recommendations and responses to public comments on the plan received during the public review process.

1. Winter halibut savings area -- no foreign longlining landward of 500 m during the winter.

Longlines experience high catch rates of halibut during the winter (24.17 halibut per ton of catch and low rates (0.13) during summer months. The Committee supports the PDT recommendation that no foreign longlining be allowed in the winter halibut savings area. Currently there is no trawl fishery allowed in this time/area so the longlining is an additional mortality on halibut.

3. Foreign closures in the 3-12 mile zone.

The PDT presented a comprehensive proposal for foreign fishery closures in the 3-12 mile zone of the Aleutian area. The proposal is an attempt to overcome the hodge-podge of existing closures which have accumulated over the years and for which the justification is questionable, unclear or unknown.

The SSC compliments the PDT on its approach and believes that this proposal is better than previous suggestions. However, we reserve final judgement until data from other sources are received and carefully reviewed.

4. Exempting concept of foreign longliners from national closures when certain allocations are reached.

The Committee and the PDT have differing views on this proposal. The PDT is against an exemption and suggests that foreign nations ~~are~~ responsible to divide allocations of all species including those individually taken between gears and fleets and that enforcement of the sub-allocations is the responsibility of foreign nations which receive allocations.

The SSC recommends that the foreign longline fishery not be closed unless the catch of the following longline target species exceed the total national allocation. The longline fishery should be closed if the total nation's catch of sablefish, Pacific cod and turbot exceed the nation's allocation for those species.

The concept of exemptions is a complex issue. The SSC may reconsider its proposal in the future after SSC and PDT members work together to develop a solution or better approach to this complicated problem.

5. Salmon savings closure

The SSC recognizes the potential impact of incidental salmon trawl catches on the western Alaska salmon fisheries. Very little data will be available until late March when detailed incidence data by $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$ blocks is due. The SSC, PDT and Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel will work together to provide recommendations after analyses of these data are complete.

6. Domestic catch reporting

Need to establish time and place for meeting between AP, SSC and PDT at March Council meeting. ADF&G will circulate options with charts for various data collection and reporting systems.

7. Limited entry to the domestic groundfish fisheries

The SSC appointed Drs. Miles and Crutchfield to help the PDT revise and expand this section of the plan. The new section will be submitted to the SSC and Council as soon as it is completed.

8. Response to the Marine Mammal Commission comments on the Bering Sea/Aleutian Groundfish FMP.

The Committee recommends the Council request from the Marine Mammal Commission estimates of Optimum Sustainable Population size of the marine mammals which may be impacted by the FMP and the rationale for how these are derived. The SSC has little information on the current status of stocks or population trends of mammals in the Bering Sea.

The Committee generally supports the team contention that a direct adverse impact on marine mammals as a result of the plan is unlikely since the proposed total allowable catch of groundfish for 1980 is 25 percent below the 1969-76 average catch.

9. It was recommended that a mechanism be stated in the plan similar to that proposed for the Gulf, allowing discretionary release of unused DAH to the reserve by the Council.

ADF&G DATA SYSTEM CONTRACT

The SSC reviewed a contract monitoring committee report from Jim Branson dated February 13, 1979. We concur with the recommendations that:

1. The contractor should concentrate on completion of Phase I and Phase II should be restricted to planning only and that the contract be amended to reflect the new schedule.

2. That an outside consultant review and comment on the appropriateness of the tasks, the adequacy of the suggested funding to complete them and the time frame allowed.

MARCH MEETING & AGENDA

The SSC will meet beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20 and will meet again on the 21st in Juneau. Agenda items were discussed.

1. First Review of King Crab FMP
2. Final Review of Bering Sea/Aleutian FMP
3. Stat areas, data collection and reporting for groundfish
4. Other

List of Documents Reviewed by the SSC at the February 21-22, 1979 SSC Meeting:

1. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP -- PDT Comments, dated February 17, 1979.
2. PDT Recommendations Re Bering Sea/Aleutian Groundfish FMP dated February 27, 1979.
3. Preliminary Response of the BS/A Groundfish PDT to the Marine Mammal Commission Comments dated February 21, 1979.
4. Illustrations for "A Discussion of Abundance Trends and Management of Eastern Bering Sea King and Tanner Crabs" This document went with the slide presentation from Dr. D. L. Alverson.
5. Table Presented by Bert Larkins regarding halibut kill rate (February 21, 1979)
6. Document dated January 1979 entitled "An Evaluation of Alternate Management Strategies for Alaskan Red King Crab"
7. Memorandum dated February 13, 1979 to Council, SSC and AP from Jim H. Branson entitled "Report from the Contract Monitoring Committee to Contract 78-4, The Development and Enhancement of a Computerized Fisheries Information System."

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PROPOSED AGENDA
ADVISORY PANEL
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD HOUSE
5th AVENUE AND G STREET
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
February 21, 1979

Advisory Panel agenda numbers correspond to North Pacific Council agenda items.

#10 Consideration of March 2 release of special joint venture reserves in the Gulf of Alaska. Memorandum in agenda books.

#11 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

- a. Reconsider Japanese request to fish landward of 500 meters from 140° to 157° W. longitude for cod.
- b. Consider increasing the Atka mackerel OY by 2,000 mt.
- c. Reconsider the "Davidson Bank" foreign longling request.

Memorandum in agenda books. Verbal and written reports from Bert Larkins forthcoming.

#12 Alaska Board of Fisheries actions that effect Council FMP's.

Memorandum, letter and map in agenda books.

#13 Status of halibut legislation.

Harold Lokken will make a presentation to the Panel sometime Wednesday afternoon.

#14 Joint Venture permit applications.

- a. Marine Resources Company
- b. KMIDC (pending)

Re: Marine Resources Company, two Soviet permit applications are in hand. See agenda books. Permit Review Committee will examine.

Re: KMIDC no permit applications in hand, but do have set of draft permit regulations. See agenda book.

- #16 Report on Shrimp Workshop in Kodiak.
- #19 Review of foreign fishing permit application procedures and the development of review criteria.

Discussion memorandum in agenda books.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS IF TIME PERMITS

- AP needs to name two members to the DAH committee formed during the last Council meeting. (Group could consist of two people from the SSC (Rogers and Crutchfield suggested), someone from NMFS Regional Office, Phil Chitwood, and two AP members.)
- Review of incidental species report.
- Bering Sea and Aleutians groundfish regulations. AP might want to look at traditional fishing patterns especially between 3-12 miles on both sides of the Aleutians.
- Agenda item #6
Informational only. "Kodiak Mirror" article on Tsuda Maru.
- Agenda item #17
Possible presentation by Lee Alverson, Jerry Reeves and/or Richard Marasco on Tanner crab and king crab population trends and management strategies.
- Agenda item #18
Possible presentation on contract #78-4, Development and Enhancement of Computerized Fisheries Information System.

-SSC Agenda Items:

#4 Meeting to be held evening of February 21 on statistical areas - conceptual/tactical problems. Probably around 7:30 p.m. in Council conference room.

#6 Cooperative Enforcement Contract, ADF&G/NMFS

ALSO OF INTEREST:

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 21 on gear loss problems
Alaska Room
Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel
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APPENDIX I

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Keith Specking, Chairman

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February 22, 1979

ADVISORY PANEL REPORT

The Advisory Panel of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council met on Wednesday, February 21 in the Windsor Room, Sheffield House Hotel and on Thursday in the Council offices in Anchorage. A roster of members attending is attached.

The Panel began with a report from Al Comiskey of the National Weather Service (NWS) on NWS events and activities that may affect marine activities in the North Pacific. The important activities described were: 1) The development of radio facsimile transmissions from Kodiak with USCG radio transmitting equipment. The material to be transmitted is provided by the NWS and includes surface pressure analyses, sea surface conditions, cloud patterns, ice conditions, etc. 2) The other important activities will be the formation of a special NWS marine services unit for the specific purpose of improving weather services to the mariner. Mr. Comiskey emphasized that input from the marine community was needed to assist the NWS in the development of improved services. For instance, is there a need for continuous HF broadcasts of marine information on a dedicated frequency? What marine area should be given special attention? Is the sea ice forecast service in the Bering Sea adequate?

The Panel then addressed the following agenda items.

Agenda item #6 - U.S. Coast Guard Report

Lt. Cmdr. Pete Busick reported for the U.S. Coast Guard on the seizures of the Japanese vessels the Tsuda Maru and the Fukiu Maru, noting that both vessels had been on the fishing grounds for only nine and three days respectively. Each had more fish than recorded in the logs when they were seized.

The Advisory Panel unanimously expresses its appreciation for the job being done by the U.S. Coast Guard patrol at sea.

Agenda Item #18 - Contracts

A review of the steering committee meeting for the Computerized Fishery Information contract with ADF&G was given by Mark Hutton. The Panel generally discussed the quality of fish ticket data and the data gathering and retrieval capabilities of the State and Council but had no specific comments or recommendations except they would like a presentation by the contractor at the meeting next month in Juneau.

Agenda Item #12 - Alaska Board of Fisheries Actions that affect Council FMP's

The Advisory Panel reviewed the February 20 memo from Jim Branson dealing with some of the actions of the Alaska Board of Fisheries at their December meeting. The Panel discussed all of the recommendations of the Board as they related to the troll salmon FMP, the Bering Sea herring FMP, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands groundfish plan, and the Tanner crab plan. Of particular interest to the Panel was a major recommendation by the Board that there be no domestic trawling for herring outside 3 miles and north of 56° N. latitude. To a lesser degree the Panel also expressed some concern over the interpretation of data presented for the proposed herring savings time-area closure in the Bering Sea to foreign trawling.

The discussion by the Panel on the domestic herring trawl closure centered around several points: 1) There is a favorable world market for herring as a food fish. 2) There is a need to allow exploratory U.S. trawlers for certain research purposes. 3) Should U.S. trawlers be excluded given the possibility of a weather-related zero harvest of herring near shore and a major expanded foreign trawl fishery for herring offshore? 4) What are the ramifications of mixed stock fisheries?

The Panel felt it had inadequate information to base a decision on to accept or reject the Board of Fisheries recommendations to the Council on these issues. The Panel, therefore, wishes to inform the Council that it has taken this item under consideration, it will continue a timely review of the subject, and has requested additional information and a presentation scheduled for the March Council meeting in Juneau.

Agenda Item #11 - Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP Amendments

The Advisory Panel considered all three amendments proposed, listened to an excellent presentation by Bert Larkins for the Gulf management plan drafting team, and also discussed some of the details of the proposed amendments with the attorney for the North Pacific Longline Association, Mr. Paul MacGregor.

Regarding the Davidson Bank proposal, the Panel fully explored the potential for the developing U.S. fishery in the area. Supporting the premise that this was an area of high potential for the U.S. catching and processing industry, representatives of Pacific Pearl, NEFCO, Peter Pan, and APA indicated an immediate processing capability and market for all cod and sablefish that could be taken. For example, Mr. Jensen told the Panel that Pacific Pearl will utilize two longline vessels between Dutch Harbor and Sand Point for cod and sablefish year-round. Captain Edward "Buster" Shaishnikoff (Sand Point) spoke of a developing trawl fishery principally for bait. In two months he has caught 500,000 pounds, 60% of which was cod. Captain Shaishnikoff indicated that the fishery began with no boats last year and has expanded into four full-time draggers. Also, there were indications that New England Fish Company was negotiating with a local group in Dutch Harbor to establish a bottomfish plant for cod in that area.

On behalf of the North Pacific Longline and Gillnet Association, Paul MacGregor told the Panel that options A and B were designed to avoid gear conflict and that they, as well as Bob Alverson, preferred option B. Mr. MacGregor pointed out that foreign longlining had not jeopardized the stocks in this area and this request was only for the status quo of a year ago. Mr. MacGregor pointed out that last year only 71 tons had been reported caught by domestic fishermen with only two reported boats. Responding to questions he pointed out that the proposed two vessels in that area would be allowed (by the Longline Association) a total of 1,078 metric tons of cod, 506 metric tons sablefish total.

To quote the most compelling argument, the Panel listened to Captain Shaishnikoff when he told them "that Davidson Bank presented the richest fishing ground available to U.S. fishermen in that area, and that given a change in processing characteristics beyond what is present now, the fishery would explode."

The Advisory Panel, based on the testimony and their original feeling that the area should be protected to afford U.S. fishermen an opportunity to develop in an area of rich mixed fisheries, unanimously rejected the proposal.

The Advisory Panel listened to Mr. Bert Larkins as he presented the results of a special working group who met in Seattle last week to discuss the proposal for the foreign longline directed cod fishery landward of 500 meters between 140° and 157° W. longitude. In summary, Larkins told the Panel that foreign trawl fisheries in the Gulf required approximately 5% cod as an incidental catch for the fishery to occur. Mr. Larkins also told the Panel that a savings of approximately \$500,000 (¼ million pounds of halibut) would occur if a cod catch of 10,000 mt were taken by foreign longliners as opposed to foreign trawl. Larkins also told the Panel that as a practical matter it would be difficult to implement an amendment to this year's FMP which would reallocate or redistribute TALFF among countries, among gear types. He stated however that if any of the 15,000 mt of cod DAH is unused by the domestic fishery and transferred to TALFF, that amount could be specified for foreign longliners.

Several members of the Panel argued that while the idea of displacing foreign trawl vessels with directed cod longline fisheries was a good one, the actual end result might be more effort landward of 500 meters. Others felt that the directed longline cod fishery should be contemplated for a 1980 change to the FMP, as there were obvious benefits in having major cod allocations taken by directed cod fisheries.

The Panel adopted the following motion. "If Pacific cod DAH is reallocated to TALFF, then we recommend to the Council that this amount be designated for a directed Pacific cod foreign longline fishery rather than a trawl fishery." The inference is that the intent of the Panel lies in the motion, while the mechanics of the motion remain in the hands of the Council.

Regarding amendment #3, the Panel recommends unanimously that the OY in the Gulf of Alaska for Atka mackerel be increased by 2,000 mt to 26,800 mt all of which be apportioned to the newly combined Yakutat-Southeast area and designated for incidental catch only.

Agenda Item #10 - March 2 release of reserves in the Gulf of Alaska

The Panel considered the memo from Jim Branson dated February 19 regarding the March 2nd release of reserves in the Gulf of Alaska. The Panel understood that the Council would make a recommendation to the regional director concerning the potential release of reserves to TALFF and wished to make some comments. First, the Panel found some confusion surrounding the processor preference amendment as it related to the Gulf groundfish FMP. The confusion was in terms of the presumed relationship between the plan's DAH and the processor preference mandated DAH and domestic annual processing capacity (DAP). The Panel discussed issues relating to the determination of reserves in the Gulf plan. In practice it appeared to be a surplus amount available above what could be processed by U.S. processors as expressed in the earlier estimate of DAH. Under the following assumptions, the Panel unanimously recommends to the

Council that all of the proposed 25% reserve amount be withheld until the May 2 release. The Panel assumes the following. 1) That the reserve amount does in fact reflect surplus available to domestic fishermen above what can be caught minus what can be processed. 2) That the reserve must be reallocated to DAH for the actual allocations to occur for domestic fishermen involved in joint ventures. 3) That the opportunity to comment on proposed joint ventures in the Gulf of Alaska will bring about the most accurate assessment of the potential domestic catch.

Portions of this agenda item related directly to agenda item #14, joint ventures, and should be considered in light of actions taken regarding the joint ventures applications.

Agenda Item #14 - Joint Ventures

The Panel considered part of this agenda item late Wednesday afternoon and again on Thursday morning. Consideration of this item sparked a series of impromptu presentations which included Mr. Ed Furia, Mr. Jim Sealy, Mr. Pete Harris from New England Fish Company, Mr. Scott Stafne, Mr. Ted Evans for Marine Resources, Inc. and Mr. Paul MacGregor. Mr. Ted Evans presented the joint venture proposal by Marine Resources, Inc. Messrs. Sealy, Furia and Harris discussed New England Fish Company's view of the Marine Resources proposal as well as joint ventures in general. Mr. Scott Stafne commented on the U.S. processing capacity for sablefish. The points brought up by New England Fish Company centered around a request for "due process" in determining new DAH, DAP, and JV surplus figures for the Gulf groundfish plan. In addition, Mr. Harris told the Panel that NEFCO as well as several other companies would buy all the Pacific cod, POP, and sablefish that would be delivered to them at a more competitive price than was offered in joint ventures. NEFCO requested, also, that a strong statement of intent of the processor preference was needed in the Gulf groundfish FMP and that some action should be contemplated by the Council concerning protection of processors, i.e., time and area restrictions.

Insofar as the Marine Resources proposal was to buy Pacific Ocean perch, cod, and sablefish among other species from U.S. fishermen, enough evidence was presented to the Panel to indicate that no sablefish, cod, or Pacific Ocean perch be allowed to be taken in a joint venture operation such as the one proposed by Marine Resources. The Advisory Panel recommends rejection of the Marine Resources applications.

A minority report recommending approval of the applications was filed by two Advisory Panel members and is attached.

The Advisory Panel met Thursday morning until 10 o'clock at the Council office and discussed the general issue of joint ventures and the specific issue of the permit restrictions proposed for the Korean joint venture processing vessels Book Neung and Soo Gong No. 51.

The Panel's discussion was very involved and covered alot of ground. However, four or five of the major topics will be identified here which led to the recommendations at the end of this report.

First, the Panel wished to give a fair assessment of any joint venture operation in the Gulf of Alaska, but is concerned that the joint venture applicants need to establish a more credible record of fishing participants. That is to say, that the Panel still does not feel that an indication of the numbers of vessels, their capabilities, their home ports, and their plans were made available in sufficient detail to analyze any surplus domestic harvesting capacity. The Panel did generally feel that the NMFS fact finding survey would help.

Secondly, the Panel discussed the concept of time and area restrictions on joint ventures with specific reference to a proposal by New England Fish Company for an area restriction around Kodiak. Some Panel members felt that this type of an area restriction was an appropriate protection to afford the developing U.S. industry while others felt it would be unduly restrictive to a U.S. fisherman who would have to travel farther to sell his catch to a foreign processor.

Third, the Panel considered the broad issue of the timing of the allocation to be allocated to joint ventures and discussed whether the permit should have a basic time-quota restriction and a restriction to allow only a percentage of available reserve available for harvest each quarter. This will be pursued by the Foreign Permit Review Committee. No conclusion was reached by the Panel on this subject.

Fourth, the Panel discussed the upcoming DAH reassessment working group meeting and would like to have Sig Jaeger, Al Otness, Shari Gross, Keith Specking, and Rick Lauber participate as they felt the continuing reassessment of DAH and DAP provided a very critical factor in the understanding and planning for not only joint ventures but also for release of reserves to TALFF.

Fifth, the Panel discussed the concept of catch composition in a joint venture operation and expressed some concern over a carte blanche permit which would allow joint ventures to harvest -- among other species --- cod and sablefish which in the opinion of the Panel can be fully processed by the domestic shore-based industry.

The Panel has therefore adopted the following three motions. 1) The Advisory Panel recommends to the Council that it recommend to the Secretary of Commerce that as a part of all permits there be the condition that the NMFS must establish that an excess catching capacity does exist in the fishery and that there is in fact a demonstrated intent to

harvest the resource. 2) The Panel recommends that the restrictions applied to joint venture operations not allow the foreign processor to operate landward of 12 miles under any circumstance. This was not unanimous and was adopted as a 5 to 4 vote. 3) The Panel recommends the joint venture conditions and restrictions that applied to joint ventures during 1978 i.e., the incidental by-catch percentage restrictions (including the Council-adopted .5% blackcod restriction) be attached to the KMIDC restrictions.

MINORITY REPORT OF ADVISORY PANEL

Marine Resources Company Joint Venture permit application should be approved.

- 1) An additional marketing opportunity for U.S. fishing vessels for the catching of the OY of underutilized species is presented by this proposal.
- 2) The venture provides a bridging mechanism for learning improved fishing and delivery systems.
- 3) This project represents an initial step toward the ultimate displacement of foreign fishing by domestic fishermen.
- 4) MRC represents a viable level of experience by domestic fishermen in this new catching and delivery system.

PRESENTED BY: Shari Gross
Sig Jaeger

Advisory Panel meeting
February 21, 1979

Members present:

Keith Specking
Joe Demantle, Jr.
A. W. "Bud" Boddy
Truman Emberg
Chuck Jensen
Shari Gross
Robin Chlupach
Jack Phillips
Ray Lewis
Sig Jaeger
Don Rawlinson

22 Feb 1979

The foreign permit application review committee met and considered the applications for permits for two Soviet vessels, the "Kazaten" and the "Kamyshen". These two vessels will process fish caught by fishermen fishing for Marine Resources Co.

The committee recommends that the Council approve the applications with the conditions made a part thereof that the permit applicants be advised to keep the by-catch of Sablefish to a minimum and that the expectation is that Sablefish may be designated in future plans as a long line fishery.

Keith Sperry

1979 Gulf of Alaska January Reallocation

	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>U.S.S.R.</u>	<u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u>	<u>POLAND</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>Other Rock- Fishes</u>	Initial	529	792	382	124	2,100	
	Reallocation	277	390	178	30	875	
	Total	806	1,182	560	154	2,975	
<u>Squid</u>	Initial	50	50	50	50	1,000	
	Reallocation	65	70	60	55	250	
	Total	115	120	110	105	1,250	
<u>Other Species</u>	Initial	2,772	4,147	2,002	649	11,000	
	Reallocation	365	490	225	95	1,175	
	Total	3,137	4,637	2,227	744	12,175	
<u>Sable- fish</u>	Initial	4,185	100	465	50	4,900	
	Reallocation	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	4,185	100	465	50	4,900	
<u>Total</u>	Initial	31,424	31,172	6,279	2,833	29,292	101,000
	Reallocation	14,984	19,282	7,977	1,874	0	44,027
	Total	46,408	50,454	14,256	4,617	29,292	145,027

Note: All figures are in metric tons.

January 23, 1979