

Tanner Crab Fishing Industry

With respect to the operation of the Japanese mothership-type crab fishery in 1979, we request that in the sea area south of 58°N, the region west of Long. 171°W. be opened for our fishing operation including C. Bairdi.

(Reason)

1. As is seen from the result of fishing operation in 1978, the fishing ground in which a commercial catch can be realized north of 58°N, is restricted to a very narrow range. This fact not only makes a mothership-type fishery there extremely difficult, but also requires increasingly large fishing efforts for this fishing ground and, as a result, the fishery resources within a specific sea area only are heavily exploited. On the other hand, in the sea area south of 58°N a tremendous tanner crab resource will be left unutilized. According to FMP of 1978, M.S.Y. of C.opilio is 102,000 metric tons, while its D.A.H. is only 10,000 metric tons.

We consider that a full use of such unutilized resources agrees with the benefits of both Japanese and U.S. fishermen.

2. In the sea area west of Long. 171°W. it is anticipated that there will be no fishing gear conflicts occurring between Japanese and U.S. vessels. We learn that in 1978 only one U.S. fishing boat carried out fishing in the waters west of Long. 171°W.

3. On *C. bairdi*

(a) The present catch of *C. bairdi* is presumed to be at a level far below that of the allowable catch. Furthermore, *C. bairdi* living in the waters west of Long. 171°W. are greatly different in size and distribution density from those living in the waters east of Long. 171°W., and can be regarded to be an ecologically different stock. Therefore, also from the standpoint of the conservation of resources, it is not considered that the catch of *C. bairdi* west of Long. 171°W. will have a great influence on the resources of large-sized *C. bairdi* distributed in high density in the sea east of Long. 168°W., which is the main fishing grounds of the U.S. tonner crab fishery. Thus, there is no reason at all why the Japanese fishing for *C. bairdi* should be prohibited in the waters west of Long. 171°W.

(b) *C. bairdi* living west of Long. 171°W. are generally small-sized as compared with those living east of Long. 171°W. Going further to northwest, the size of *C. bairdi* becomes smaller. Even if the Japanese fishery catches *C. bairdi* in the waters to the northwest, their commercial value is approximately the same as that of *C. opilio* and has no influence on the price of *C. bairdi* which U.S. fishermen catch.

4. Fortunately in 1978, owing to an abnormal meteorological phenomenon, no floating ice went southwards and our fishing operation could be conducted in safety. But if the weather is as usual, there will inevitably be the southward flow of floating ice. Therefore, if the fishing ground is limited to the sea north of 58°N., it will

become impossible to conduct operation in the important fishing season in early spring. This will strike a death blow against the Japanese tanner crab fishing fleet.

In case F.M.P. for 1978 becomes effective, our fishing grounds for tanner crabs will be limited, even though for a short period, to the waters north of 58°N. Therefore if the above F.M.P. must come into effect this year, we demand that its contents be altered similarly to those of P.M.P. which have been changed this time.

We strongly urge you to the full examination of our above-mentioned requests, and demand that necessary measures be taken so that the traditional Japanese crab fishery may continue its fishing operation in the future.

JAPANESE TANNA CRAB MOTHERSHIP C.P.U.E.

Date	C		P		U		E		Sept	
	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Sept	Sept	Sept
1		19.2	16.7	13.4	11.9	12.4	12.4			
2		17.7	16.0	13.4	11.9	12.7				
3		16.9	16.0	10.2	10.5	11.7				
4		16.8	14.4	11.7	11.4	13.5				
5		18.0	16.0	12.6	11.6	12.6				
6		17.0	15.5	11.5	10.4	13.3				
7		17.2	16.0	12.4	11.1	9.2				
8		15.6	16.0	11.6	12.4	10.2				
9		18.1	18.1	12.5	11.6	10.1				
10		18.5	15.9	12.8	13.0	10.2				
11		15.0	17.3	13.0	11.2					
12	7.2	19.8	17.0	11.8	12.3					
13	-	19.7	17.5	11.6	10.9					
14	6.5	19.0	15.6	12.6	11.2					
15	9.0	16.3	15.9	10.3	12.0					
16	12.1	15.9	16.7	12.4	10.0					
17	13.2	17.2	15.5	11.3	10.9					
18	13.2	15.2	16.1	11.6	13.0					
19	11.8	17.0	13.8	11.5	13.4					
20	16.6	14.2	14.3	11.4	12.2					
21	16.1	14.1	13.8	10.2	14.5					
22	16.2	16.0	13.0	10.1	16.5					
23	18.6	15.5	13.0	11.5	16.1					
24	17.7	15.7	14.5	11.3	17.3					
25	19.4	16.6	13.7	10.3	16.7					
26	20.1	16.4	13.3	10.9	15.2					
27	17.8	16.7	12.7	11.6	15.4					
28	18.7	15.7	10.9	9.8	16.1					
29	19.0	19.1	13.1	12.3	15.6					
30	17.9	16.5	14.8	11.7	12.8					
31	19.4		11.4		13.8					

JAPANESE TANNER CRAB MOTHER-SHIP CATCH DATA

MARCH

Date	Catch		Comparison Percentage	
	Weight (kg)	Number	Average weight (g)	(Weight) (Number)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12	2273	437	8840	560
13				
14	15197	303	17380	230
15	30941	3019	35750	3530
16	63697	2903	75690	3250
17	76244	20106	89690	24320
18	57864	10896	68190	13430
19	43500	4900	54870	5650
20	22684	17076	90460	20950
21	88457	12283	107040	75560
22	76462	14628	93840	18200
23	90919	9401	110910	11020
24	77224	13096	91220	16390
25	86994	4696	106250	6080
26	35154	18226	94380	23140
27	84275	2885	104710	3800
28	88197	4763	107000	6010
29	88446	10544	109600	13250
30	70167	13243	89780	17170
31	87097	14963	109570	19360
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APRIL

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Date	Catch				Average weight		Comparison percentage			
	Weight (kg)		Number				Weight		Number	
	Opilio	Bairdi	Op.	B.	Op.	B.	Op.	B.	Op.	B.
1	96019	5127	119120	6510	806	788	95	5	95	5
2	77693	12048	94690	15950	820	755	87	13	86	14
3	47310	11553	59360	14360	797	805	80	20	81	19
4	80762	4583	102890	6000	785	764	95	5	94	6
5	88129	3839	112440	5360	784	716	96	4	95	5
6	67811	10651	87560	13580	774	784	86	14	87	13
7	38392	3489	49980	4510	768	774	92	8	92	8
8	74379	4123	92630	5240	803	787	95	5	95	5
9	77873	9218	104150	12570	748	733	89	11	89	11
10	74501	8560	95400	11480	781	746	90	10	89	11
	722869	73191	918220	95560	787	766	91	9	91	9
11	75198	6337	101220	8350	743	759	92	8	92	8
12	88817	12628	115900	15920	766	793	88	12	88	12
13	89753	8896	116750	11800	769	754	91	9	91	9
14	79979	25526	104410	31500	766	810	76	24	77	23
15	73558	6216	94650	7700	777	807	92	8	92	8
16	66099	8420	86260	12310	766	684	89	11	88	12
17	75607	9548	100170	12850	755	743	89	11	89	11
18	74155	13291	96200	17680	771	752	85	15	84	16
19	86112	7725	112080	9970	768	775	92	8	92	8
20	67371	11664	87230	14620	772	798	85	15	86	14
	776649	110251	1014870	142700	765	773	88	12	88	12
21	75090	7472	94290	9560	796	782	91	9	91	9
22	78293	4131	103960	5640	753	732	95	5	95	5
23	71440	8864	90530	11890	789	746	89	11	88	12
24	83511	6225	109240	7850	764	793	93	7	93	7
25	79813	10059	103610	13050	770	771	89	11	89	11
26	79686	12456	101620	16090	784	774	86	14	86	14
27	81917	8919	106160	11720	772	761	90	10	90	10
28	77450	9716	101990	12990	759	748	89	11	89	11
29	92935	2403	121090	3630	767	662	97	3	97	3
30	99372	3320	127730	4120	778	806	97	3	97	3
31	819507	73565	1060220	96540	773	762	82	8	92	8

Date	Weight (kg)	Number	Average weight	Comparison percentage	
				Weight	Number
				Op.	B.
25	2 - 25	to 3			
44	4 - 45	to 5:			
64	6 -	Over 55			
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4	5	6			

MAY

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Date	Catch				Average weight (g)		Comparison Percentage			
	Weight (kg)		Number		CP	B	(Weight)		(Number)	
	Opilio	Bairdi	CP	B	CP	B	CP	B	CP	B
1	62499	22167	89060	27440	769	808	76	24	76	24
2	80176	2312	98830	3010	811	768	97	3	97	3
3	86199	3939	112290	5180	768	760	96	4	96	4
4	64911	8765	81560	11290	796	776	88	12	88	12
5	84296	10754	108020	13000	780	827	89	11	89	11
6	77897	5855	100580	7150	774	819	93	7	93	7
7	73858	14790	95930	18990	770	779	83	17	83	17
8	82709	11617	106070	15590	780	745	88	12	87	13
9	91902	9448	115560	12940	795	730	91	9	90	10
10	76713	15245	100860	19370	761	787	83	17	84	16
	787160	104892	1008760	133960	780	783	88	12	88	12
11	81320	8908	103390	11580	787	769	90	10	90	10
12	96819	4785	124050	5910	780	810	95	5	95	5
13	82954	4202	108590	5180	764	811	95	5	95	5
14	83923	1135	102940	1440	815	788	99	1	99	1
15	75793	6579	96400	8760	786	751	92	8	92	8
16	82660	6224	107190	8450	771	737	93	7	93	7
17	72670	11366	91520	14890	794	763	86	14	86	14
18	69953	17605	90550	23420	773	752	80	20	79	21
19	64290	11888	80260	14890	801	798	84	16	84	16
20	59626	24790	74720	33040	798	750	71	29	69	31
	769988	97482	979610	127560	786	764	89	11	88	12
21	49837	32269	64140	41770	777	773	61	39	61	39
22	65583	11535	85900	16020	763	720	85	15	84	16
23	48965	24007	65310	30550	750	786	67	33	68	32
24	49795	20015	63110	26290	789	761	71	29	71	29
25	58495	8331	77070	11950	759	697	88	12	87	13
26	55951	12047	73890	17120	757	704	82	18	81	19
27	60379	13285	79850	18580	756	715	82	18	81	19
28	43161	7541	57020	10400	757	725	85	15	85	15
29	56402	13074	74920	20040	753	652	81	19	79	21
30	46355	9491	61630	12420	752	764	83	17	83	17
31	50079	8421	61180	10900	819	773	86	14	85	15
	585002	160016	764020	216040	766	741	79	21	78	22

JUNE

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Date	Catch				Average Weight (g)		Comparison Percentage			
	Weight (kg)		Number		CP	B	(Weight)		(Number)	
	CP	B	CP	B			CP	B	CP	B
1	52433	6721	68880	9360	761	718	89	11	88	12
2	67316	4106	88970	6780	757	606	94	6	93	7
3	43036	3080	55140	3830	780	804	93	7	94	6
4	32018	840	42200	1100	759	764	97	3	97	3
5	51843	10855	69620	15140	745	717	83	17	82	18
6	51176	6234	66460	8550	770	729	89	11	89	11
7	50163	9911	69280	14440	724	686	84	16	83	17
8	52036	3424	69350	4700	750	729	94	6	94	6
9	56884	7612	73350	10250	776	743	88	12	88	12
10	57604	3346	81480	4910	707	681	95	5	94	6
	514509	56129	684730	79060	751	710	90	10	90	10
11	61230	4904	85100	6960	720	705	93	7	92	8
12	48598	3790	67820	5470	717	693	93	7	93	7
13	49441	1597	68670	2220	720	720	97	3	97	3
14	59854	3868	84670	5500	707	703	94	6	94	6
15	48346	2064	68950	2870	701	719	96	4	96	4
16	51824	5788	76680	8670	676	668	90	10	90	10
17	46327	5277	66200	8480	700	622	90	10	89	11
18	50202	3646	74210	5580	676	653	93	7	93	7
19	48738	2510	70990	3640	687	690	95	5	95	5
20	51262	4934	74280	7640	690	646	91	9	91	9
	515822	38378	737570	52030	699	673	93	7	93	7
21	37807	3629	55520	5500	681	660	91	9	91	9
22	43933	3413	64070	5180	686	659	93	7	93	7
23	46517	6445	65830	9840	707	655	88	12	87	13
24	42328	9282	65450	14780	647	628	82	18	82	18
25	47070	2760	68100	3750	691	736	94	6	95	5
26	49089	5561	71260	8200	689	678	90	10	90	10
27	41926	12956	63570	18790	660	690	76	24	77	23
28	46820	5206	67430	8000	694	651	90	10	89	11
29	58331	6209	84560	8930	690	695	90	10	90	10
30	46855	9671	72190	13660	649	708	83	17	84	16
31										
	460676	65132	677980	96630	679	674	88	12	88	12

JULY (Catch north of 58°N)

Date	Catch				Average Weight(g)		Comparison Weight		Percentage	
	Weight (kg)		Number		OP	B	CP	B	Number	
	CP	B	OP	B					OP	B
1	52147	8547	75000	11400	695	750	86	14	87	13
2	59380	2612	87140	4020	681	650	96	4	96	4
3	43628	6820	64440	9930	677	687	86	14	87	13
4	46406	7690	68370	11300	679	681	86	14	86	14
5	51307	5095	76640	6700	669	760	91	9	92	8
6	44305	2647	65020	4040	681	655	94	6	94	6
7	50779	6097	72580	8070	700	756	89	11	90	10
8	69559	3761	93970	5170	740	727	95	5	95	5
9	26950	1017	36140	1510	746	674	96	4	96	4
10	58559	3163	78810	4470	743	708	95	5	95	5
	503020	47449	718110	66640	700	712	91	9	92	8
11	34214	646	46160	720	741	897	98	2	98	2
12	24606	3026	31420	4010	783	755	89	11	89	11
13	38174	3558	50900	5560	750	640	91	9	90	10
14	27777	3615	35950	4890	773	739	88	12	88	12
15	31193	9491	42960	13190	726	720	77	23	77	23
16	32894	11868	42300	16600	778	715	73	27	72	28
17	23483	13739	30950	19060	759	721	63	37	62	38
18	31339	9823	42450	13970	738	703	76	24	75	25
19	47312	2900	64450	4190	734	692	94	6	94	6
20	28865	2263	37010	2900	780	780	93	7	93	7
	319857	60929	424550	85090	753	716	84	16	83	17
21	33955	3067	48960	4550	694	674	92	8	91	9
22	34932	160	47200	220	740	727	100	0	100	0
23	20987	893	28080	1180	747	757	96	4	96	4
24	46040	2686	66660	3530	691	761	94	6	95	5
25	31347	1045	44520	1660	704	630	97	3	96	4
26	20466	1220	28920	2220	708	550	94	6	93	7
	18024	1826	26510	3260	680	560	91	9	89	11
28	27678	2650	42580	5520	650	480	91	9	89	11
29	17409	1183	25600	2340	680	506	94	6	92	8
30	19933	1227	30670	1750	650	701	94	6	95	5
31	40424	0	60330	0	670	0				
	311195	15957	450030	26230	691	608	95	5	94	6

JULY (Catch south of 58°N)

Date	Catch				Average Weight ^(g)		Comparison Percentage			
	Weight (kg)		Number				Weight		Number	
	CP	B	OP	B	OP	B	CP	B	OP	B
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9	33263		45430		732					
10	9652		13300		726					
	42915		58730		731					
11	26674		34910		764					
12	42986		54630		787					
13	20090		25530		787					
14	31558		40750		774					
15	22730		29230		778					
16	10080		12520		805					
17	18500		23780		778					
18	30354		40860		743					
19	25038		32310		775					
20	37326		48000		778					
	265336		342520		775					
21	38232		52880		723					
22	59582		81120		734					
23	66330		87870		755					
24	47616		67070		710					
25	57876		78750		735					
26	56780		78670		722					
27	59322		83470		711					
28	52492		71750		732					
29	61258		83980		729					
30	41856		58090		721					
31	30650		43230		709					
	571994		786900		727					

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AUGUST (Catch south of 58° N)

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Date	Catch				Average weight (g)		Comparison Percentage			
	Weight (kg)		Number		OP	B	(weight)		(Number)	
	OP	B	OP	B	OP	B	OP	B	OP	B
1	27610		38720		713					
2	24420		33840		722					
3	32470		45130		719					
4	26680		35940		742					
5	37000		52040		711					
6	35100		49510		709					
7	25630		35230		728					
8	29200		41820		698					
9	22580		30940		730					
10	16730		23170		722					
	277420		386340		718					
Cumulative Catch South of 58° N.L										
	1,157,665		1,624,340		713					
Cumulative Catch From March 12 To August 17										
	9940,628	1,123,656	13,248,260	1,513,220	750	743	90	10	90	10

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AGENDA ITEM #8
AUGUST 1978

August 21, 1978

MEMORANDUM

To : Council, Scientific & Statistical Committee, and Advisory Panel

From : Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

Subject: Action Regarding Tanner Crab FMP

The FMP for the Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery Off the Coast of Alaska must be:

1. *Formally amended for the 1979 season.*

This may be accomplished in one of two ways:

- (a) *The plan may be rewritten and submitted through the full review process. (Appendix A)*
- (b) *The plan may be accepted "as is" for the 1979 fishery. (Appendix B)*

If the plan is accepted "as is" for 1979 fishing, then either:

- (i) *no further changes are necessary, or*
- (ii) *further changes can be considered for the 1979 plan.*

The decision to pursue either (a) or (b) must be made during this Council meeting--although the mechanics of either (a) or (b) will likely involve the September meeting as well!

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APPENDIX A

If the plan is amended before being approved and implemented for 1979, a formal rewrite and resubmission of the plan would be scheduled as follows:

Date	Event
Sept. 5	Revisions to Council staff, then mailed to Council, SSC and AP.
Sept. 28, 29	In-house review by Council, SSC, and AP. Approved for public review.
October 9	Notice in Federal Register.
Oct. 29-Nov. 23	Public Review and Comment Period.
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Council, SSC, and AP review and approve.
Dec. 11	SOC - 60-day review begins.
Feb. 12	End of SOC review (Pipedream I).
Feb. 26	Notice of Proposed Rule Making (45 days).
April 11	Plan in Effect (Pipedream II).

The decision to amend the FMP before implementation would hinge on three main themes:

- (1) The requested amendments by the Japanese to allow them to fish south of 58° N. and west of 171° W. and allow them to retain C. bairdi in that area.
- (2) The OY for C. bairdi (89,000,000 lbs) in the current FMP is higher than the predictions by NWAFC for 1979.
- (3) The OY, DAH, and TALFF for C. opilio north and south of 58° N. latitude should be reevaluated in light of (a) a major C. bairdi stock decline, (b) increasing U.S. capacity, (c) world market conditions, and (d) the difficulty the Japanese had catching their quota of C. opilio north of 58° N. this year.

APPENDIX B

Accept the plan "as is" for 1979; the following changes would be required in the plan and implementing regulations.

1. An amendment to the plan changing all 1978 notations to 1979 to make the plan applicable for the 1979 fishery. (Appendix C).
2. Additional changes are necessary to make the FMP regulations complement the current Alaska regulations:
 - (a) Establish a pot storage area in the Bering Sea.
 - (b) Provide for a bio-degradable 'escape panel' in all crab pots.

The FMP has enough material in it to allow both changes to be made in the regulations. No change should be necessary in the plan itself.

If the plan is accepted "as is" for the 1979 fishery, the following time schedule would be used:

Date	Event
August 24-25	Plan approved "as is" with 1978-79 notation changes (1979 FMP).
Sept. 4	Notice of "notation" amendments in Federal Register.
Sept. 4-Oct. 30	Public comment on 1979 FMP.
Nov. 1	Plan implemented if <u>no</u> 30 day (APA) cooling off period required.
Dec. 1, 1978	Plan implemented if 30 day (APA) cooling off period required.

If after approving the plan as a 1979 FMP, amendments are deemed necessary, the process could be initiated at the September Council meeting. It is important to note, however, that nothing in this particular amendment process should interfere with the rapid approval of the "1978-1979 notations" amendments.

Any foreign fishing amendments to that 1979 plan could generally be:

- o surfaced in September (28,29)
- o published in the Federal Register and put out for public review in October and November
- o submitted for Council approval in December
- o submitted for SOC review in January
- o submitted for FR Notice of Regulations in March
- o Implemented in April 1979

APPENDIX C

Changes required of the Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan and its implementing regulations if approved by the Council.

- I. An amendment to the plan changing all 1978 notations to 1979 to make the plan applicable for the 1979 fishery would require changes on the following pages:

- Page vii, Section I.C., first paragraph, line 9, delete 1978.
Page vii, Table A, Title, delete "...for the 1977/78 season" and add "...for the 1978/79 season."
Page 4 Table A and Table 11, delete "...for the 1977/78 season and add "...for the 1978/79 season."
Page 58 Table 11, delete "...1977/78..." add "...1978/79..."
Page 62 Section 7.0 - first paragraph - line 15, delete "for the 1978 fishing season..."
Page 96 Section A.5.3 - 4th paragraph - line 3, delete "during the 1977/78 season."
Page 97 Section A.5.3 - 8th paragraph - line 3, delete "during the 1977/78 season."
Page 116 Section B.6.3 - 1st paragraph - line 2, delete "...1977/78..."
Page 135 Section C.6.3 - 1st paragraph - line 2, delete "for the 1977/78 season..."
Page 149 Section D.7.0 - 1st paragraph - line 1, delete "...for 1977/78..."
Page 162 Section E.4.7.1 - 1st paragraph - line 8, delete "...has..."
Page 164 Section E.5.3 - 1st paragraph - line 6, delete "...1977/78..." and add "1978/79..."
line 9, delete "...for the 1977/78 season..."
Page 165 Section E.7.0 - 1st paragraph - line 1, delete "for 1977/78..."
Page 187 Section F.6.2.d. - 2nd paragraph - line 4, delete "...during the 1977/78 season..."
Page 188 Section F.6.2.f - 2nd paragraph - line 1, delete "...1978..." and add "...1979..."

Similar changes would be required of the proposed regulations.

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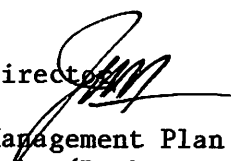


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AGENDA ITEM #8

TO: COUNCIL, SSC and AP

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Fishery Management Plan for the
Tanner Crab Fishery Off Alaska (Background - Recommended
Action)

-BACKGROUND-

Domestic

We have studied the process of amending the Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan and after conferring with members of the Management Plan Drafting Team, the Chairman of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and members of the SSC and AP, suggest that no formal amendments are needed at this time to the FMP to implement it for the 1979 fishery: except to change all 1978 notations to 1978/79 and 1979 as appropriate.

The plan as approved has been reviewed for changes which could be made in terms of substantive numbers and editorial background. Consideration of the plan is simplified if viewed in terms of two fisheries: (1) the Bering Sea fisheries, and (2) all other fisheries.

The best available information indicates that there are no changes necessary in any of the estimates for MSY, OY, and DAH for the Southeastern, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak and South Peninsula--Aleutian Regions.

In the Bering Sea, three issues are important to consider in discussing the need to change the Fishery Management Plan: the OY for C. bairdi, the OY for C. opilio, and boundary lines separating the foreign and domestic fisheries. Given the precedent of an expanded domestic fishery which is capable of taking the entire OY this year, but fell short of the OY because of biological and economic reasons, we recommend that the OY not be changed and that the same rationale as used this year be used for whatever downward deviation in the catch occurs because of biological and economic factors in 1979. For C. opilio, the OY, DAH, and foreign allowable catch are considered appropriate. The boundary line as presented

in the plan is also acceptable to this working group, recognizing that the Council may wish to consider the changes requested by the Japanese crab industry; i.e., allow them to fish south of 58° N west of 171° or 173° West.

Foreign

If the Council approves changes in the OY for C. opilio and the foreign fishing boundary line, amendments to the plan would be necessary. Amendments of this scope would probably require a full Secretarial review. If new amendments are approved in August, February 15 would be the earliest date we could expect them to be implemented.

Accepting the plan as is for the 1979 season protects the stocks and the developing U.S. Tanner crab fishery. Necessary changes in the regulations to bring them into line with State regulations are identified in the existing plan so regulatory amendment is possible without amending the FMP. Examples are the pot storage area and the escape panel requirement in pots.

We are preparing an errata package which will update all background material in the FMP so that the revision process can begin as soon as the FMP is implemented. This will become an annual process by the Council staff with input from the Management Plan Drafting Teams.

-RECOMMENDED ACTION-

1. Action: Accept (or reject) an amendment to the Tanner Crab FMP which would implement the plan -as is- for most of 1979.

Changes Required: No major changes required. All 1977/78 and 1978 notations must be editorially changed to 1978/79 and 1979.

Time: With this change the plan could go to the Federal Register on September 1 and run through October 15. A NMFS/NOAA review would likely take an additional 2 weeks and depending upon NOAA's interpretation of the Administrative Procedures Act a 30-day cooling off period may be required. November 1 or December 1 would therefore be the implementation date.

2. Action: For the September Council Meeting. Accept (or reject) proposed foreign amendments to our newly amended FMP.

Changes Required: The proposed amendments deal with (a) foreign fishing areas and (b) a request to fish for C. bairdi west of 171° W. Longitude. This would likely constitute major changes to the plan... necessitating a full amendment review schedule.

Time:

If the proposed foreign amendments are accepted then the formal review process (if initiated in September) would not be finished until February or March.

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