


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke
Executive Director 

DATE: June 18, 1990

SUBJECT: Amendment 16a to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fishery Management Plan

ACTION REQUIRED

Approve the EA/RIR/IRFA document for public review.

BACKGROUND

At its April meeting, the Council requested further analysis of the herring bycatch management chapter from the Amendment 21/16 package. In addition, the Council tasked the BSAI plan team to prepare additional halibut and crab bycatch management measures. These measures include in-season authority for the Regional Director to close bycatch hot-spots and provision for the Council to allocate a portion of the pollock TAC to midwater trawl gear. Together, these analyses constitute Amendment 16a to the BSAI groundfish FMP. An outline of Amendment 16a is provided as item D-3(c)(1). A copy of the amendment document was mailed to you last week.

If approved for public review, they would be available for comment over the summer months and final Council action would be scheduled for the September meeting. Any measures adopted would likely be implemented in March or April, 1991.

Outline

Amendment 16a to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands
Groundfish Fishery Management Plan

1.0 Introduction

2.0 Extend Halibut and Crab Bycatch Management Measures in the BSAI

Alternative 1: Status quo - no action

Alternative 2: Authorize the Regional Director to close bycatch hot spots in-season

Alternative 3: Apportion pollock TAC to midwater trawl gear

3.0 Implement Herring Bycatch Management Measures in the BSAI

Alternative 1: Status quo - no action

Alternative 2: Frameworked PSC limit with timed area closures along the Alaska Peninsula and a small winter savings area

Alternative 3: Frameworked PSC limit with timed area closures along the Alaska Peninsula and a larger winter savings area