

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke  
Executive Director



DATE: April 12, 1995

SUBJECT: Moratorium

ESTIMATED TIME 1 Hour
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**ACTION REQUIRED**

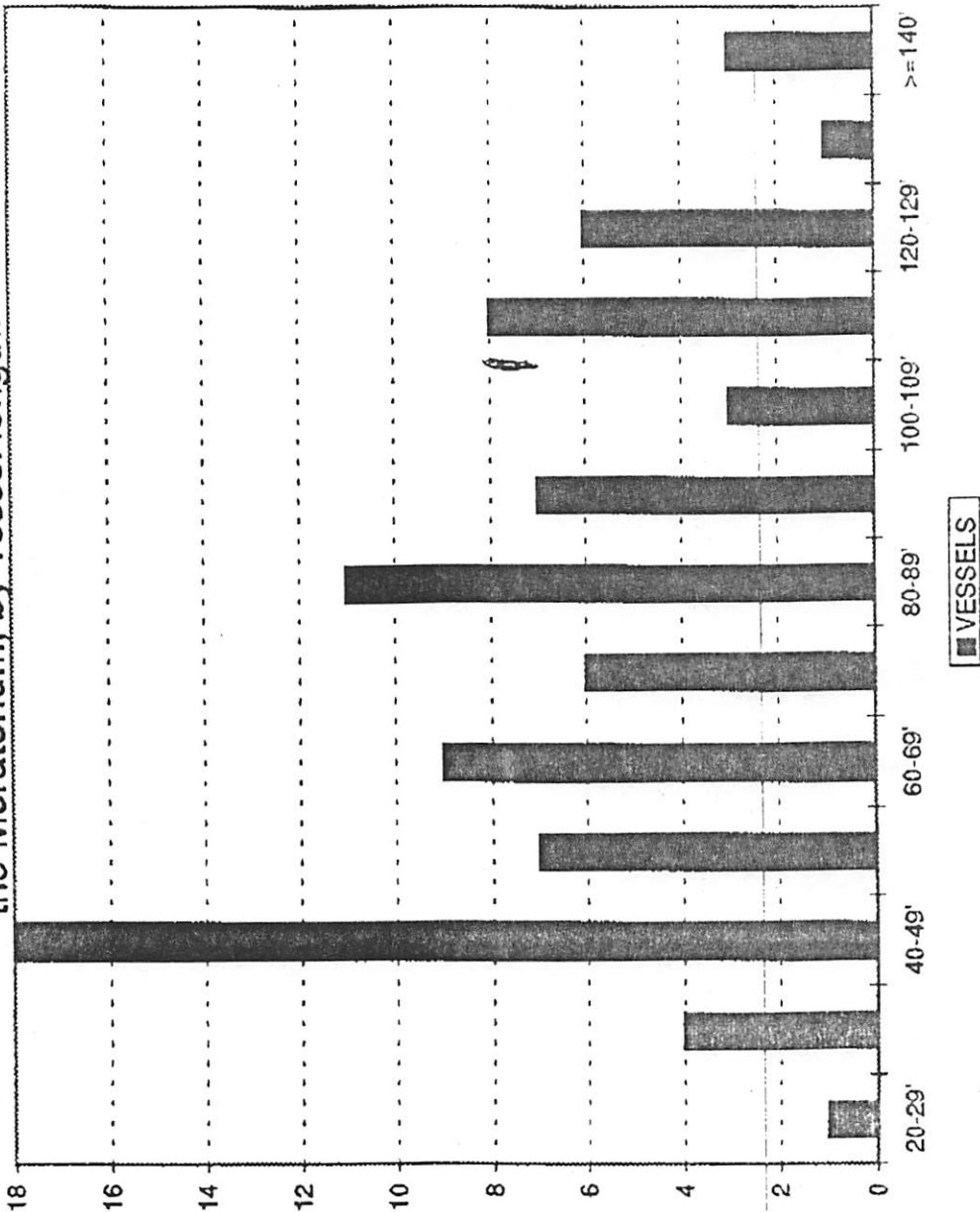
Review Proposed Rule if available, and consider any other moratorium related issues.

**BACKGROUND**

In December 1994 the Council revisited the moratorium and revised the provisions to deal with the issue of crossovers between groundfish and crab fisheries. The Supplemental Analysis of the revised moratorium was completed by Council staff on February 13, 1995. Publication of the Council's revised moratorium by the Secretary of Commerce, as a proposed rulemaking, is pending, and will not likely occur by the time the Council reaches this agenda item at this meeting.

Though the proposed rule is not yet published, this does not preclude the Council from addressing any moratorium-related issues at this meeting. For example, one issue which has been raised regards the Norton Sound crab fisheries - the small vessel exemptions and the CDQ vessel exemptions incorporated in the moratorium do not address vessels which may have entered the Norton Sound 'super-exclusive' fisheries in 1993 and 1994. Assuming that the currently structured moratorium is approved and implemented in 1996, some of these vessels would be prohibited from fishing the Norton Sound area in federal waters. Some type of amendment to the moratorium may be required to address this issue, and if so, should be initiated at this meeting.

Vessels fishing crab before the Moratorium, but not crab during the Moratorium, by vessel length.



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