

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Agenda Item #3

November 30-December 1, 1978

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 30 - December 1, 1978

Vice Chairman Lokken and I spent November 17th in Washington with representatives from all of the other Councils and NMFS going over the response to the auditor's report. Staff members from Senator Gravel's and Congressman Young's office as well as staffers from the Senate Commerce Committee and representatives of the fishing industry were in the audience.

In general, it was decided that the initial response to the audit would stress the policy necessity of having the Council's divorced insofar as possible from the Federal system. Although the Councils are considered Federal entities, their staffs should not be Federalized and in general their procurement, bookkeeping, etc., should remain as is, handled by each Council. NMFS will forward their draft responses for our comments before they go to the auditors.

Workshop on Management Plan Review

Initially scheduled for November 18th and 19th, this was accomplished in one long day following the audit workshop in Washington. Again, all of the Councils were represented, although Congressional staff did not attend. Generally a number of places were identified where some time

saving could be made, although none of them were substantial. Having spent a morning on saving time, we spent most of the afternoon on discussion of the implications of Executive Order 12044. New this year, the Order requires extensive review of any proposed regulations, including mandatory six-month re-assessments of existing regulations. Nobody seems to be quite sure how this is going to affect the plan review and development process, odds are it's going to make it more complicated and longer. We hope to know more in the near future. It requires lengthy development and review processes for all regulatory measures. We might be able to fold them in with the regular plan development and review process as far as time, however, it increases the paper workload by a factor of two or three, making it almost impossible to get all of the extra documents through in a timely fashion.

Ultimately some legislative help may be needed for management plan development and review as well as defining the Council's role in fisheries management (subject of the Friday discussion).

Joint Ventures

Bob Ely reported on the 21st that the SOO GONG had received 46 mt of fish from the single U.S. boat working with them. After initial difficulties, the last day of delivery was 21 mt. Not many pollock have been taken to date, probably because the fishery is inshore rather than offshore on the known pollock grounds. Bob Ely has promised an update on that operation at this meeting.

ADF&G Monthly Report as Agenda Item

Agenda Item 4 is a report from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on groundfish and other catch statistics for the preceding month. Its our intention to make this a regular part of the agenda so that we get a full picture of ongoing fishery activity from ADF&G, NMFS and the Coast Guard.

Permit Application Reviews

We received a letter this month from Ambassador Negro Ponte saying that they had no intention of allocating any Tanner crab to the Republic of Korea this year. This was in response to a letter from me reviewing the 1979 permit applications from Korea.

At this meeting we have permit applications for 1979 to review from the Republic of Korea for joint ventures with American fishermen in the Gulf of Alaska, from Mexico that include both KORMEX permits and applications from a second Mexican company which, from its title, appears to be a joint venture between Spain and Mexico. Little or no information is available about their intended operation on the permits. I have written for details but have not yet received an answer.

Poland has requested 120,000 tons of pollock in the Bering Sea. They are asking to catch, process and sell it to Mrs. Paul's Kitchens for use in their restaurant chains. Initial indications from Washington indicate that the Poles will be given an allocation in the Bering Sea in 1979. They have never fished there before.

Bethel Meeting

Mark Hutton attended a joint meeting of several Fish & Game Advisory Boards in Bethel on November 17th and 18th. The Chairman, originally scheduled to attend, was held up in Japan by airline strikes and couldn't make it. Mark discussed the Council's role in herring management as well as the Council's relationship to the Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Also in attendance were Commissioner Skoog, Board Chairman Nick Szabo, and AP members Harry Wilde, Joe DeMantle and John Hansen.

Council Pictures

We have a photographer available Thursday morning to finish the pictures of the Council members started some time ago. If we can ask you to step out of the room one at a time as indicated by the photographer we should be able to complete this task. If possible I think it would be appropriate to get a group picture of the Council, SSC and Advisory Panel, i.e., three pictures, at this meeting.

NO. STATUS	TITLE & CONTRACTOR	AMT OF CONTRACT	PERIOD OF CONTRACT	REPORTS RECEIVED OR DUE	GRANT NO.	PAYMENTS MADE OR DUE	BILLING
77-1	ADF&G - Dev. & Writing of Mgt. Plans	\$60,000	3-1-77 to 9-30-78	None required	04-7-158-44026	9-9-77 - \$7,601.82 2-17-78 - 11,693.25 5-11-78 - 11,841.84 7-12-78 - 15,220.95 11-20-79 - 11,870.91	Final Billing Received
77-4	University of Washington Continent of Origin	\$44,500	10-1-77 to 9-30-78	1-15-78 received 4-27-78 received 7-27-78 received 9-29-78 received 11-1-78 Final Rept. Due	4-7-158-44145	2-9-78 - 5,454.27 4-13-78 - 16,795.25 8-29-78 - 11,125.00	Bal. of Contract: \$11,125.48
77-5	ADF&G Observer Program Groundfish	\$100,000	9-30-77 to 9-30-79	1-17-78 project reviewed Progress report 5-26-78	4-7-158-44145	5-16-78 - 5,152.11 7-24-78 - 11,887.88 11-20-78 - 6,709.60	Bal. of Contract: \$76,250.41
78-1	University of Alaska Sea Grant - Joint Venture Investigation	\$33,431	1-16-78 to 10-16-78	3-20-78 received 5-22-78 6-22-78 Prog. Rept. Final Rept. Received	04-7-158-44145	4-24-78 - 1,931.21 5-12-78 - 194.52 10-16-78 - 16,182.13	Pending Final Billing Bal: \$15,123.14
78-2	ADF&G Pass Thru Funding	\$25,000	10-1-77 to 9-30-78	None required	4-8-M01-16	7-12-78 - 1,962.52 11-20-78 - 14,566.64	Bal. of Contract: \$8,470.83 Contract Closed
78-3	State of Alaska Pass thru Funding Office of Governor	\$25,000	10-1-77 to 9-30-78	None required	4-8-M01-16	5-4-78 - 5,830.79 9-6-78 - 1,000.00 10-16-78 - 8,818.90	Bal. of Contract \$9,350.31 Contract Closed
78-4	Fisheries Information System - ADF&G	\$197,600	3-1-78 to 3-31-79	6-30-78 Quarterly Report Rec.	04-7-158-44145	5-15-78 - 1,382.82 7-12-78 - 14,408.83 11-20-78 - 27,013.30	Bal. of Contract: \$161,166.85
78-5	Herring Biology Study - ADF&G	\$103,000 - 1st year funded \$137,000 - 2nd year		8-14-78 Progress Report Rec. 11-21-78	04-7-15-44145	5-15-78 - 7,004.27 8-16-78 - 71,063.62 11-20-78 - 27,013.30	1st Yr. Contract Bal: \$2,081.19 2nd Yr. approved by NOAA
78-7	Tag Recovery Program ADF&G	\$ 79,300	5-1-78 4-1-79	9-12-78 Received	04-7-15-44145	7-1-78 - 3,148.20 7-24-78 - 12,305.29 11-20-78 - 52,926.60	Bal. of Contract: 10,919.91

78-8	Troll Salmon Logbook Analysis - ADF&G	\$ 10,688	4-12-78 4-12-79	9-30-78 Report due 3-12-79	04-7-15-44145		
78-9	Troll Observer Program - ADF&G	\$ 36,210	5-26-78 4-30-79	9-12-78 Received	04-7-15-44145	11-20-78 - 12,088.52	Bal of Contract: 24,121.48
78-10	Clam Study - Eastern B.S. - Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$107,550	5-26-78 11-20-78	7-21-78 Rec. 9-18-78 Report Rec.	04-7-15-44145	11-27-78 - 87,778.30	Bal of Contract: \$107,550.00 \$19,771.70
79-1	ADF&G Development & Writing of Mgt. Plans	\$60,000	10-1-78 9-30-79			Pending NOAA Approval	

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Proposed Schedule of Council Meetings for 1979 (Last Thursday & Friday of the month)

DATES	PLACE	LOCATION
January 25-26	Anchorage	Sheffield House, 720 5th Ave.
February 22-23	Anchorage	Sheffield House, 720 5th Ave.
March 22-23	Juneau	
April 26-27	Anchorage	
May 24-25	Anchorage	
June 28-29	Homer	
July 26-27		
August 23-24		
September 27-28		
October 25-26		
December 6-7		

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November 22, 1978

Attached is a schedule of the various subcommittee meetings scheduled for this Council meeting. Attached are lists of individuals assigned to these committees. With the exception of the Advisory Panel nominating committee executive session on Wednesday, all meetings are open to everyone.

Advisory Panel Nominating Committee will meet in the Council office at 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, 1978, and convene again at the conclusion of the Thursday afternoon session of the Council. The 4 p.m. session is closed.

Incidental Species Policy Committee will meet in the Council office on Wednesday November 29 at 7 p.m.

Management Plan Development Committee will meet in the Council office on Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m.

Foreign Permit Committee will meet during the Council meeting. Time and place will be announced.

Clam Plan Development Team will meet Thursday, November 30 in the Council office at 7 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting is pending. Should it be necessary to convene this committee, it will be announced by the Chairman during the Council meeting.

Picture Session A photographer will be at the Council Meeting from 10:30 to noon on Thursday, November 30th for individual and group pictures of the Council, SSC, and AP.

Advisory Panel Nominating Committee

Management Plan Planning Committee

Clam Plan PDT

Incidental Species

Finance Committee

Foreign Permit Committee

Tillion						
Lokken	X				X	
Jensen	X				X	
McKernan		X		X	X	X
Meacham	X				X	
Campbell					X	
Skoog (Collinsworth)		X		X		X
Donaldson (Mace)						
Sandison (Wendler)						
Rietze (McVey)				X	X	X
Harville (Pautzke)		X				
Sowl (Hales)				X		
Duin (Ellis)				X	X	X
Eaton	X					X

Management Plan Planning Comm.

Clam PDT

Incidental Species

Foreign Permit Committee

	Management Plan Planning Comm.	Clam PDT	Incidental Species	Foreign Permit Committee
Fukuhara	X		X	
Bevan				
Miles				
Pennoyer				
Rogers				
Rosenberg				
Lechner				
Millikan				
(Collinsworth)	X	X	X	
Robinson				



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	Management Plan Developmt. Comm	Clam PDT	Incidental Species	Foreign Permit	
<u>Alverson</u>					
<u>Berikoff</u>					
<u>Boddy</u>					
<u>Burch</u>			X		
<u>Demantle</u>					
<u>Emberg</u>					
<u>Hanson</u>					
<u>Jacobson</u>					
<u>Jaeger</u>	X				
<u>Jensen</u>					
<u>J. anson</u>					
<u>Kurtz</u>					
<u>Lauber</u>					
<u>Lewis</u>					
<u>O'Hara</u>					
<u>Olsen</u>					
<u>Otness</u>					
<u>Rawlinson</u>		X			
<u>Specking</u>	X		X	X	
<u>Szabo</u>					
<u>Welfelt</u>					
<u>Wilde</u>		X			
<u>Gross</u>					
<u>Blake</u>					