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9th Session
ADVISORY PANEL
August 24, 1977
Kodiak, Alaska

The Advisory Panel convened at 7:45 p.m. in the Harbor Masters Building in Kodiak. Panel members attending were:

Keith Specking
Robert Alverson
Ken Olsen
Oral Burch
Rick Lauber
Joe Kurtz
Carlene Welfelt
A. W. "Bud" Boddy
Sig Jaeger
Paul Guy
Ray Lewis
Chuck Jensen
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The Panel considered major portions of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish plan and presented the following recommendations to the Council:

1. That the equilibrium yield for sablefish be reduced from 22,000 mt to 16,600 mt.
2. The optimum yield for sablefish be set at 13,000 mt.
3. All foreign longlining be prohibited east and south of Cape St. Elias.
4. That all longlining be prohibited in November, December, January and February.

5. That Option II.A of the draft fishery management plan favoring the preservation of halibut over the unencumbered growth of the domestic trawl fishery be adopted.
6. That the time closure for foreign trawling in the area near Kodiak Island (147° - 157° west longitude) be extended 15 days, from February 15th through May 31st rather than through May 15th.
7. That all foreign and domestic trawling be prohibited in the shaded area shown on the maps found on pages 8-21 and 8-22 of the mangement plan. (S.E. sanctuary areas.)

The Panel also heard reports from Scott Stafne, attorney and Walt Jones, NMFS, and considered nominations for Advisory Panel vacancies.

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The Foreign Permit Application Review Committee has met and addressed the review of the four applications that have been received. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the letter of August 3, 1977, from NMFS Director Schoning. The letter indicated that the two applications for which the Council had previously recommended disapproval, the transport Sougeta and the Polish reffer Halnick, had been approved and the permits issued, rationale is contained in the letter from Director Schoning. The letter also states that any permits to be issued to vessels not currently holding permits will prohibit the permittee from supporting U.S. Flag fishing vessels unless specifically authorized. This removes the necessity for this committee to recommend limitations on each permit.

The Committee finds that it recommends that the four applications be approved, specifically the following:

Kongo Maru, a 3250 ft stern trawler

Sinano Maru, a 8850 gt refrig transport

Kizan Maru, a 8860 gt refrig transport

Daishin Maru, a 990 gt stern trawler.

/s/ Keith Specking
Chairman
Foreign Permit Application Review