

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT
September 28, 1978

APPENDIX D

Halibut FMP

The halibut FMP, Volume I, which is the complete plan, was printed and mailed September 18. Volume II, the summary, comprising 45 pages, has gone to the printers and we hope to start distributing it early next week. We have had some problems with the DEIS but hopefully have resolved them with NMFS and the plan is still on schedule for April 1, 1979 implementation. The comment period closes October 31, after hearings in:

Seattle,	October 7
Kodiak,	October 10
Unalaska,	October 12
Petersburg,	October 24
Seattle,	October 26
Anchorage,	October 31.

Bering Sea Shrimp FMP

The plan development team could not complete the draft in time for this meeting as scheduled. We should definitely have it for the Nov. 2-3 meeting. This months delay should not affect the planned implementation date but will load the Council schedule more than planned. Other FMP changes (halibut, tanner crab, etc.) have already changed our schedule to the point where a new 'python' is needed, however.

Council Budget

The Council's administrative budget for FY '79, submitted at \$1,039,000 has been cut by \$369,000 to \$645,000. Copies of the correspondence from

NMFS making the cut have been sent to you. After talking to Win Meibohm I responded on Sept. 20. Copies of an earlier response dated Sept. 8, were sent to you, that letter was somewhat altered on the 20th.

Meibohm's explanation of the reduction was as follows:

NMFS has identified at this time \$6,000,000 available for Council funding in FY '79. \$800,000 of that will go to states (pass thru money) and the rest to Councils, \$4,265,000 for immediate administrative funding, reducing the amounts requested by all Councils by varying degrees. He assured me that if this did not prove to be enough, money would be found during the year to supply our needs. I would appreciate a finance sub-committee review of this matter at this meeting. It is my opinion that the rationale used to identify our supposed overbudgeting is completely out of line.

Contractual monies have not been allocated to any of the Councils. We may be hurting if only the current 1.4 million now held for all Councils is available. We have over \$400,000 in continuing contracts for FY '79, without any new projects.

Troll Salmon Hearing in Ketchikan

Judging from the hearing attendance the past week and from conversations with officers of the Alaska Trollers Assoc., it does not appear necessary to hold another hearing on the salmon FMP in Ketchikan. We have one scheduled for October 5, and I would like to cancel it.

Davenny Enterprises JV

I talked to Bob Ely on Sept. 26, they expect to start fishing Oct. 2-4, with two boats. The SOO GONG 51 is in the Bering Sea and available to move to the Gulf when needed. He promised a full update at the Nov. 2-3 Council meeting.

Pribilof Tour

The tour of St. Paul Island by Corp of Engineer personnel has been postponed to a tentative late October date. I will keep the Council representative on the tour, Don Collinsworth, advised on timing.

Alaska Fisheries Development Corp.

AFDC held two meetings in the Council's meeting room since our last meeting. They elected permanent officers, approved by-laws, and hired a permanent Executive Director. Ron Jensen is president, Pete Harris and Pat Pletnikoff are vice presidents and Connie Taylor is Sec./Treasurer. Sara Hemphill has been offered the post of Executive Director.

Staff Travel

I was in Seattle Sept. 12 through 16, interviewing, with four members of the AFDC board, applicants for the ED post in that organization. I also interviewed three applicants for the Council's staff writer position. On the 16th I attended the meeting of the halibut working group sponsored by the Northwest Fisheries Assoc. at NWAFC.

I, Mike Hershberger, and Florence Mynarski traveled in Southeast Alaska for the hearings. The rest of the staff is here for this meeting.

We have had several good applicants for the staff position. I hope to make a selection by mid-October and have the new person on board by mid-November.

Public Hearings

Hearings went off as scheduled for the salmon FMP. September 22 in Juneau, the 23rd in Ketchikan, 24th in Petersburg, 25th in Pelican and 27th in Sitka. Attendance was good at all of them with approximately 100 in Juneau, 35 in Ketchikan, 55 in Petersburg, 80 in Pelican, and in Sitka.

Appointments

The SSC at the August meeting recommended Jack Lechner to replace Carl Rosier on that Committee. The Council has not acted on that recommendation as yet.

We need to appoint a Council Steering Committee for the herring FMP.

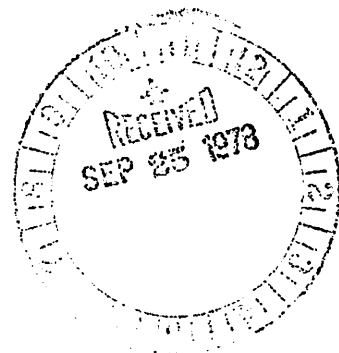


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September 20, 1978



Mr. James Branson-
Executive Director
North Pacific Regional
Fishery Management Council
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Dear Jim:

The National Marine Fisheries Service officially notified us today of additional surplus reserves to be made available for foreign countries in the Gulf of Alaska, and we have notified foreign governments of their additional allocations.

Allocations were made on a pro rata division reflecting the original 1978 allocations, with two exceptions. The Republic of Korea was allocated additional amounts for incidental bycatch, and Mexico was not given any additional allocation.

The enclosed table shows the current allocations.

Sincerely,

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James A. Storer
Director
Office of Fisheries Affairs

Enclosure: as stated.

1978 Gulf of Alaska Reallocations

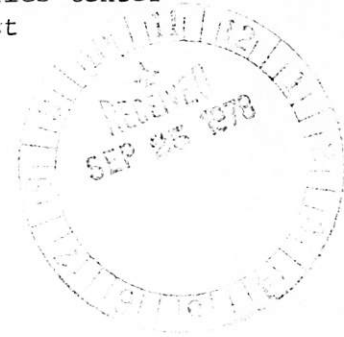
		<u>U.S.S.R.</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>MEXICO</u>	<u>POLAND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Initial	2,330	100	6,200	8,000	350	16,980
<u>Pacific Cod</u>	Reallocation	<u>1,900</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>5,050</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>8,120</u>
	Total	4,230	990	11,250	8,000	630	25,100
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	Initial	50	20	30	1,490	10	1,600
<u>Squid</u>	Reallocation	<u>50</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>
	Total	100	145	155	1,490	10	1,900
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	Initial	1,500	100	15,800	100	100	17,600
<u>Flounders</u>	Reallocation	<u>530</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>5,570</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,200</u>
	Total	2,030	200	21,370	100	100	23,800
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	Initial	100	800	6,950	100	50	8,000
<u>Sablefish</u>	Reallocation	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	Total	100	1,000	8,750	100	50	10,000

Note: All figures are in metric tons

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Sincerely yours,

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for Dayton L. Alverson
Center Director



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September 13, 1978

Dr. Dayton L. Alverson
Northwest & Alaska Fisheries Center, NMFS
2725 Montlake Blvd., East
Seattle, WA 98112

Dear Lee,

We are attempting to refine our programmatic research budget for FY'79 and have a question concerning the FRI Salmon Continent of Origin Contract which you may be able to help with.

It appears that the contract will meet the objectives of developing methodology and determining the feasibility of using polynomial discriminate function analysis of scales for the determination of the continent of origin for coho and sockeye salmon taken in the Japanese landbased drift gillnet fishery. The final report is due shortly. The question is whether or not the North Pacific Council should now consider funding further data collection stock analyses from the Japanese high seas catch. The role of the Council in this type of a research project when the fishery is managed by INPFC appears marginal. It looks like one that should be picked up by NMFS, rather than the Council.

I would appreciate your comments. Perhaps this is a logical SSC agenda item for the September 27 SSC meeting in Sitka? I will await your response before I make any other moves on this subject.

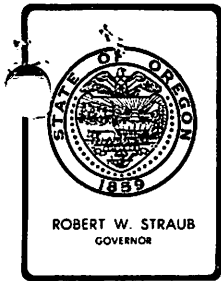
Regards,

Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

Enclosures:

Contract 77-4
Interim Reports 1, 2 & 3

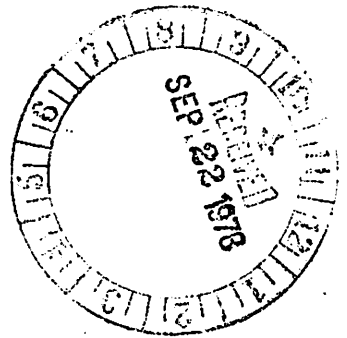
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Dear Harold:

Our Department has reviewed the "Fishery Management Plan for the High Seas Salmon Fishery off the Coast of Alaska East of 175 Degrees East Longitude." We have the following concerns and comments about the plan:

1. The plan does not indicate the stocks of salmon involved in the catch, even though information on this point is available. We feel that this is an important element in developing a rational basis for the plan. It has been said many times that a comprehensive plan covering all aspects of harvest and reproduction is necessary to develop a meaningful management program. Since the Alaskan troll catch consists of a large number of Oregon and Washington chinook, it has a strong influence on the harvest by fisheries in and off these states.

We are presently restricting our sport, commercial, and Indian fisheries to a greater degree than ever before in order to provide for adequate escapements. For some fisheries on the Columbia River, even with complete curtailment of harvest, escapements are not adequate. We feel the North Pacific Plan should recognize these stock interceptions and take note of the need for a reduced harvest. In the final analysis, those who share in the harvest of a stock should also share in the conservation of it.

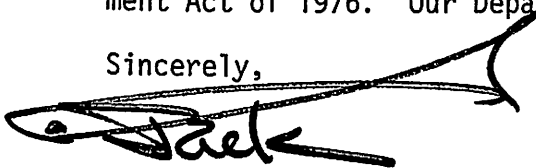
2. The proposed plan is inadequate because it fails to address management of stocks for the entire fishery area. The plan only addresses the FCZ which includes but 18% of the total chinook catch in SE Alaskan waters. The plan must be broadened to include state waters in an integrated management scheme since fish available in the FCZ are essentially the same stocks present in state waters.
3. The plan also purports to be a "status quo" plan; however, it leaves opportunity for continued expansion of the fishery. The FCZ quota allows for a 16% increase and, since the plan fails to address state waters where 82% of the total chinook catch occurs, further opportunities for increasing harvest rates are not precluded.

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4. The Fishery Management Plan states that wild chinook are in a depressed condition and that the conduct of the offshore troll fishery is likely to be detrimental to remaining Alaska wild chinook stocks. The FMP equates Optimum Yield to past average catch levels but, given that many wild stocks are in trouble, it is inconceivable that Optimum Yield equals Allowable Biological Catch! It appears necessary to manage the fishery at harvest levels that can be sustained by the wild fish in order to allow recovery of these important stocks. This will require some reduction in the ocean harvest rate, but does not require elimination of the troll fishery. Again, this management strategy must be applied to Alaskan as well as FCZ waters.

In summary, we urge that our concerns, which parallel those of the State of Washington, be addressed before the plan is finalized for submission to the Secretary of Commerce. It is becoming increasingly apparent that closer coordination between the salmon management teams of the Pacific and North Pacific councils is essential if the migratory stocks of salmon are to be managed in compliance with the intent of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. Our Department pledges its support toward that end.

Sincerely,



John R. Donaldson, PhD
Director

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CONTRACT STATUS - September 20, 1978

NO. STATUS	TITLE & CONTRACTOR	AMT OF CONTRACT	PERIOD OF CONTRACT	REPORTS RECEIVED OR DUE	GRAN.
77-1	ADF&G - Dev. & Writing of Mgt. Plans	\$60,000	3-1-77 to 9-30-78	None required	04-7-
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 Due	4-7-
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 Report Due 7-27-78	4-7-
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. (Pending Extension)	04-7-
78-2	ADF&G Pass Thru Funding	\$25,000	10-1-77 to 9-30-78	None required	4-8-1
78-3	State of Alaska Pass thru Funding Office of Governor	\$25,000	10-1-77 to 9-30-78	None required	4-8-1
78-4	Fisheries Information System - ADF&G	\$197,600	3-1-78 to 3-31-79	6-30-78 Quarterly Report Rec.	04-7-
78-5	Herring Biology Study - ADF&G	\$103,000 - 1st year funded \$137,000 - 2nd year		8-14-78 Progress Report Due	04-7-
78-6	Herring Socioeconomic Study - Dames & Moore	\$ 80,826		7-24-78 Interim Formal Report	04-7-
78-7	Tag Recovery Program ADF&G	\$ 79,300	5-1-78 4-1-79	9-12-78 Received	04-7-

Bal of Contract: \$107,550.00

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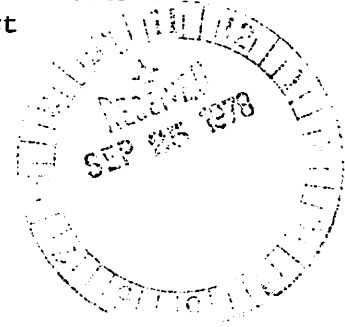
78	Troll Salmon Logbook Analysis - ADF&G	\$ 10,688	4-13 4-12-79	9-30-78 Report due 3-12-79	04-7-15-44145	
78-9	Troll Observer Program - ADF&G	\$ 36,210	5-26-78 4-30-79	9-12-78 Received	04-7-15-44145	
78-10	Clam Study - Eastern B.S. - Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$107,550	5-26-78 11-20-78	7-21-78 Rec. 9-18-78 Report Rec.	04-7-15-44145	8-11-78 - \$23,315 Pending Billing R

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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 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 Report Due 7-27-78	4-7-158-44145	5-16-78 - 5,152.11 7-24-78 - 11,887.88	Bal. of Contract: \$82,960.01
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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	Bal. of Contract: \$23,037.48
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	Bal. of Contract \$18,169.21
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	Bal. of Contract: \$181,808.35
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78-6	Herring Socioeconomic Study - Dames & Moore	\$ 80,826		7-24-78 Interim Formal Report	04-7-15-44145	5-16-78 - 18,512.56 6-6-78 - 5,376.84 8-4-78 - 15,965.94 8-31-78 - 18,660.82	Paid in Full
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	Bal. of Contract: \$63,846.51

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Sept 1978

ADVISORY PANEL MEETING ATTENDANCE

<u>Panel Members</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(These members were all appointed in December 1976. There were a total of 17 meetings since their appointment.)				
Robert Alverson	Executive Sec. Fishing Vessel Owners Association	13	1	3
A. W. Boddy	Retired	14	1	2
Oral Burch	Commercial Fisherman	12		5
Truman Emberg	Western Alaska Co- perative Marketing Assoc. Commercial Fisherman	13		4
Sigfryed Jaeger	North Pacific Fishing Vessel Owners Association	15		2
Charles L. Jensen	Pacific Pearl Seafood	13		4
Knute Johnson	Commercial fisherman	4		13
Joe Kurtz	Commercial fisherman	13		4
Rick Lauber	Association of Pacific Fisheries	12		4
Raymond L. Lewis	Alaska Packers Assoc. Del Monte Corp.	16		1
Robert Moss	Commercial fisherman	6		11
Daniel J. O'Hara	Commercial fisherman	7	1	9
Kenneth O. Olsen	Alaska Fishermen's Union	13		4
Alan A. Otness	Petersburg Fisheries	8		9
Keith Specking	Assist. to the Gov. State of AK Guide	15	2	
Nick Szabo	Commercial fisherman	12	1	4
Harry Wilde Jr.	Commercial fisherman Nunam Kitlutsisti	8	2	7
Carlene Welfelt (6/19/77)	Department of Interior	7	1	3
John L. Jacobson (9/19/77)	University of Oregon	3		5

Don Rawlinson (9/19/77)	Peter Pan Seafoods	7		1
Joe DeMantle, Jr. (2/23/78)	Commercial fisherman/ Subsistence fisherman	4	1	1
Emil Berikoff (2/23/78)	Commercial fisherman/ Subsistence fisherman	4	2	
John Hanson (2/23/78)	Commercial fisherman/ Subsistence fisherman	3	2	1
Shari Gross (9/25/78)	United Fishermen of Alaska			
Robert L. Blake (9/25/78)	Aquatic Marketing Association of Cordova			