

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members
FROM: Jim H. Branson
Executive Director
DATE: December 17, 1981
SUBJECT: Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan

ACTION REQUIRED

Discuss problems concerning the Bristol Bay pot storage area.

BACKGROUND

We have learned that problems still exist with pot storage in Bristol Bay. Prior to the beginning of the 1981 king crab season, thirty citations were issued by the ADPS for the storage of crab pots outside designated pot storage areas. There have also been reports of gear conflicts with foreign trawlers in pot storage areas. We suggest that the Council direct the Ad Hoc pot storage committee to review the problems with the current storage areas and develop alternatives. Participants at the committee meeting should include enforcement personnel.

Amendment #7 which established new C. bairdi OY's and set C. opilio equal to DAH (i.e. TALFF = 0) was published in the Federal Register on September 3 as a proposed rule. Publication of this amendment as a final rule is tentatively being set for January, 1982.