Executive Director’s Report

September Council Meeting

Our September meeting will be in Seattle at the Airport Radisson Hotel. The meeting is the week of September 25 which also has a bycatch conference, and starting on Thursday, Fish Expo. Whether we will start on Tuesday or Wednesday is still up in the air until we have a better fix on what will be on the agenda. I should be able to identify pertinent agenda topics toward the end of this meeting.

Call for Proposals

Once again summer is upon us and we need to determine whether to call for groundfish proposals. Regardless of whether we make a formal call or not, we still seem to receive plenty of proposals. The tasking list to date is under agenda item B-3. I suggest we make the formal call for proposals so that everyone gets the word, and then we can deal with them in September. You may want to consider this further toward the end of the meeting.

Council Chairmen’s Meeting

We are hosting the chairmen’s meeting this summer in Homer, July 10-12. Chairman Lauber, Vice Chairman Pereyra, and I, Helen and Chris, will be attending, as will Steve Pennoyer and Bill Aron. The meeting agenda emphasis is on Magnuson Act changes. The agenda and list of attendees are under item B-1(a). Clem Tillion has graciously offered to host a reception at Halibut Cove for the chairmen and other dignitaries. The meeting also should give us a good indication of what is ahead for potential reorganization of Commerce, NOAA and NMFS. We’ll have a full report for you at the September meeting.

Magnuson Act

Amendments to the Magnuson Act have been passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee and are expected to pass the House by the end of June. The Senate is expected to release a draft before July 15, and then hold public hearings in South and North Carolina in mid-July. Senate and House staff then will resolve differences and passage from the Senate will occur by the August recess (about the 12th). The final bill will take one last run through the House for full concurrence and then it goes on to the President. Trevor McCabe, staff to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, will be here in Dutch Harbor and can brief us on Magnuson Act activities.

Personnel Changes

We have hired a new management analyst/database programmer, Diane Provost, who has extensive experience in database management, mainly with the oil and gas industry. She also holds Master of Science and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Natural Resources and Geology from Humboldt State University. Diane just had a new baby and therefore could not be with us here in Dutch Harbor, but she will take over much of the data compilation work that Darrell Brannan and Marcus Hartley have done in the past, so that they have more time to concentrate on economic analysis.
Second, I am proud to announce the promotion of Gail Bendixen to Finance Officer. She has been our bookkeeper and secretary for nine and a half years, and continually has shown professional growth. She has proven to have a very sharp mind and eye not only for keeping the books, but also for working out our annual budgets and managing our grants. She has been responsible for bringing our accounting and budgeting into the computerized world of spreadsheet analysis over the past several years. Gail also will have the continuing role of carefully reviewing travel claims and all expenditures to ensure we pass muster at audit time. She is a real success story and I look forward to working with her on all aspects of finance management.

Third, we have the opportunity this summer to host for two months an internship for Gretchen Harrington who is a Masters student at the School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington. She has worked previously on policy analysis of crab management in the North Pacific, and will work with us this summer in conjunction with Dr. Fluharty’s crab rebuilding committee activities. One requirement of the internship will be to present her report at our September meeting in Seattle, so you will be able to meet her then.

Fourth, we say good bye to RADM Roger Rupe, Jr. who passed command of the 17th CG District to RADM Ray Riutta earlier this month. We wish him well in his new responsibilities in Florida. A news article is under this tab as B-1(b). We will have the opportunity to meet incoming RADM Riutta at the reception sponsored by the City of Unalaska this evening (Tuesday).

And last, but not least, we will be wishing farewell to a much older and wiser, tried-and-true, veteran of the Council process, Ron Hegge, putter extraordinaire. Ron started on the AP in 1985 and graduated with distinction to the Council in 1989 where he has spent the past six years. We will be honoring Ron at the reception tonight.

Receptions

Speaking of receptions, item B-1(c) is this week’s schedule of evening events. It’s booked pretty solid. We even have been invited to visit Akutan on Saturday evening (see the invitation, item B-1(d)), and will make arrangements, time and weather allowing.
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

REGIONAL FISHERY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN'S MEETING

July 10-12, 1995
Lands End Hotel, Homer, Alaska

July 10 - Monday: Preparatory Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Council representatives only

6:00 p.m. - Informal reception and possible tour of NOAA Ship RAINIER

July 11 - Tuesday: Plenary Session

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks  Richard Lauber (NPFMC)

9:00 a.m. Magnuson Act Reauthorization

  a. Congressional Staff Report  Melius/McCabe/Whaley
     Administration Viewpoint  Schmitten/Schaefer
  b. Legal Remarks  Garcia/Frailey-Hayes
  c. Full Discussion  All

Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Magnuson Act continued  All

4:00 p.m. Other Legislation  Congressional Staff
  (includes reorganization/elimination of DOC, NOAA, etc.)

5:00 p.m. Recess to Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Halibut Cove
July 12 - Wednesday: Plenary Session (continued)

8:30 a.m.  International Fisheries Issues  Ambassador Colson

10:00 a.m.  Coast Guard Activities  RADM Saunders

11:00 a.m.  Other Issues

1. NOAA GC Priorities for Enforcement  Garcia/Frailey-Hayes
2. Budget Outlook  John Oliver
3. Pacific Pelagics Management  Simonds/Six
4. Any Proposed Changes to CFR  NMFS
5. Locality Pay  NMFS
6. Reorganization of NMFS  NMFS
7. Implementation of Marine  NMFS
   Mammal Amendments
8. Transmit Date for FMPs/Amendments  Swingle
9. Implications of Growth in Recreational  Swingle
   Fisheries
10. NMFS Policy on Risk Aversion in  NMFS
    Face of Uncertainty

Noon  Lunch

1:30 p.m.  Other Issues Continued

4:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks/Next Chairmen’s Meeting

4:30 p.m.  Adjourn
Attendees: Regional Fishery Management Council Chairmen’s Meeting
July 10-13, 1995
Land’s End Hotel
Homer, Alaska

New England Council
  Joseph Brancalone, Chair
  Doug Marshall, Executive Director

Mid-Atlantic Council
  Lee Anderson, Chair
  Tony DiLernia, Vice-Chair
  David Keifer, Executive Director

South Atlantic Council
  David Cupka, Vice-Chair
  Bob Mahood, Executive Director

Caribbean Council
  Patricia Skov, Chair
  Jose Campos, Vice-Chair
  Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director

Gulf Council
  Julius Collins, Chair
  Ken Roberts, Vice-Chair
  Wayne Swingle, Executive Director

Pacific Council
  Frank Warrens, Chair
  Pete Leipzig, Vice-Chair
  Larry Six, Executive Director

North Pacific Council
  Richard Lauber, Chair
  Wally Pereyra, Vice-Chair
  Clarence Fautzke, Executive Director
  Staff: Chris Oliver, Deputy Director
        Helen Allen, Secretary

Western Pacific
  Ed Ebisu, Jr., Chair
  Kitty Simonds, Executive Director

Others:
  Dr. William Aron, Alaska Fisheries Science Center
  David Colson, State Department
  Terry Garcia, General Counsel for NOAA
  Maggie Frailey Hayes, NOAA-General
  Counsel, Fisheries
  Trevor McCabe, Congressional Staff-Senate
  Tom Melius, Congressional Staff-Senate
  John Oliver, NMFS-DC
  Steven Pennoyer, NMFS-Director, Alaska Region
  Richard Schaefer, NMFS-DC
  Rolland Schmitten, Asst. Adm. for Fisheries
  CAPT Vince O'Shea, USCG
  RADM Norman Saunders, USCG
  Dave Whaley, Congressional Staff-House
Rufe hands over helm of Coast Guard to Riutta

Rear admiral touts increased emphasis on fishing safety

The Associated Press

JUNEAU — Rear Adm. Roger Rufe, the 30-year Coast Guard veteran who completed a three-year tenure as leader of the 17th District, said increased emphasis on fishing safety is among his Alaska accomplishments.

Rufe, 51, transferred his Alaska command Friday to Coast Guard Rear Adm. Ernest Riutta in a ceremony at Juneau's Centennial Hall.

Rufe credited the 1,650 men and women who worked with him in Alaska for making the post the highlight of his career.

"It's been very rewarding," he said.

Rufe will move to the 7th Coast Guard District in Miami, where he will lead operations in the southeast United States and the Caribbean. The transfer takes him from the Coast Guard's largest district to the busiest.

Rufe said increased education within the fishing industry through voluntary dockside safety inspections and stronger enforcement had helped decrease the number of fishing deaths.

Annual fatalities now number in the teens — a number he says is still unacceptable but an improvement over historical averages of 30 to 35 deaths a year.

The Coast Guard also focused on fisheries conservation, by increasing its presence to curb the use of high-seas drift nets by foreign fleets. Declining use aids Alaska salmon and saves thousands of marine mammals a year, experts say.

Riutta said the district's 42 units — responsible for 33,000 miles of Alaska coastline — are in good shape. There are two air bases and 16 ships within the command.

"We have enough people and good equipment. We'll be able to meet all the challenges coming our way," said Riutta, who was returning for a third Alaska assignment and his second in Juneau.

Riutta was skipper of the buoy tender Ironwood, based in Kodiak, and chief of the aids to navigation branch at district headquarters in Juneau.

Riutta, 49, is a 1968 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy.
Dutch Harbor - Receptions

The following receptions have been scheduled during Council meeting week in Dutch Harbor. All are to be held at the Grand Aleutian Hotel.

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*These times have not yet been firmed up; they may be 1/2 hour to 1 hour later.

On Saturday, June 17, A "Recreation Night" is being held at Unalaska’s new Parks, Culture and Recreation building. There will be basketball and volleyball games, possibly softball, and the center has a weight room, racquetball court, indoor running track and swimming pool. Participants will be rewarded with a fish BBQ!
Allevian East Borough

Dick J. McDonald, Mayor

Sherley

Other Boroughs/Allevian/Allevian Boroughs

Information about the area's difference between this village and a quick tour of the village will provide the Council with invaluable feedback providing assistance. Both Hudson and the Borough/Allevian believe that the trip takes 20 minutes each way, therefore we believe the entire Borough will cover the transportation costs for Council members.

When considering being a part of the development programs, we believe that Council members would find this tour very helpful.

Kodak

Allevian is remarkably different from its neighbors and from the Village, which is the older community. Allevian is unique in the Village. The other Council member's trip starts at 2:30 PM. The trip to Council members during your upcoming meeting in Dutch Harbor.

The Allevian East Borough is pleased to offer a quick tour of Kodak.

Dear Mr. Lander:

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North Pacific Railway Management Council

Mr. Rick Lander, Chairman

May 30, 1995