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## BART EATON NAMED HIGHLINER OF THE YEAR

Bart Eaton, presently serving his second three-year term on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, was named "Highliner of the Year" last week by Fish Expo. The award is for the Alaska Region.

Eaton, along with R. Barry Fisher, who received the Fish Expo Highliner honor for the district from California to British Columbia, will be honored at a dinner in the Seattle Washington Plaza Hotel on Oct. 26.

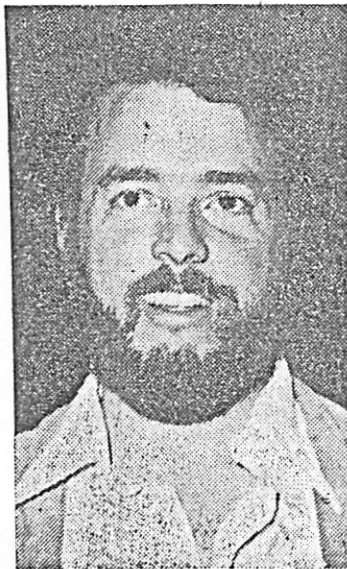
Word of the prestigious selection was relayed to Eaton via marine radio by Bart's wife, Toni. Eaton was fishing his 114-foot AMATULI on king crab in the Bering Sea when the information was announced.

The Eatons plan to attend the Fish Expo activities and exhibits during the week of Oct. 21-27.

Eaton has been involved in the political aspects of fisheries for the past ten years on the local, national and international fishery scenes. Prior to the passage of the 200-mile limit legislation, Eaton was part of a negotiating team which met with Japanese fishermen in Tokyo to work out the disputes over marine resources between the U.S. and Japan. He, with Kodiak fisherman Tom Casey, represented Alaskan interests during the drafting of the FCMA legislation in Washington, D.C.

Eaton was an original appointee to the NPFMC and was reappointed to the Council for a second three-year term earlier this year.

BART EATON



Oral Burch, Kodiak fisherman and member of the Advisory Panel, was the recipient of the "Highliner" award in 1977.

## TANNER CRAB UPDATE

The latest issue of the NEWSLETTER carried an item concerning Tanner crab which has caused some confusion. The statement was: "The NMFS estimate of C. opilio in the Eastern Bering Sea of 126 million pounds is below the DAH of 130 million pounds accepted by the Council."

To clarify the Council's action, it accepted the 126 million pound NMFS estimate for ABC then rounded that figure to 130 million pounds for OY. DAH was established at 113,440,000 pounds and TALFF at 16,530,000 pounds or 7,500 mt.

## HOUSE FCMA OVERSIGHT

Council Chairman Clement V. Tillion and Executive Director Jim. H. Branson attended the House FCMA Oversight hearings Oct. 11-12 in Washington, D.C. Among those who offered testimony to the House Sub-Committee on Fisheries, chaired by Congressman John Breaux (D-LA), was Chairman Tillion. Among other comments he made in response to 20 questions asked of each Council were these:

"Development of a fishery management plan is frequently the best method of identifying needed research."

"Logbooks must be voluntary, as mandatory requirements simply do not get the cooperation needed from fishermen."

"Multi-jurisdictional problems are minor in Alaska, and cooperation with the State of Alaska has avoided problems."

Tillion was also reported to be "sharply critical" of the delays in the SOC review period beyond the statutory 60 days provided in FCMA. "The delays appear to be due mostly to excessive attention to operational details of the FMPs by the NMFS central office," he said, urging that such review be done in the regional office with central office effort confined to ensuring conformity of the FMP with the Act and other applicable law.

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