

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members
FROM: Jim H. Branson
Executive Director
DATE: July 14, 1982
SUBJECT: Fishery Management Plan Team Composition and Tasking

ACTION REQUIRED

Establish a policy on plan team composition, tasking, and operations.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 1982, the Council's Policy and Planning Workgroup met in Juneau to discuss among other topics, the composition and tasking of Plan Development/Maintenance Teams. The policy statement presented as agenda item C-2(a) summarizes the discussion of the Workgroup. These new plan teams would be a blend of the large PDT's and the more recently organized PMT's thus enabling them to handle both the technical and administrative aspects of plan management.

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NMFS/RO	x	x	x	x	x	x
NMFS/FC		x	x	x	x	x
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IPHC			x	x		
WDF	x					
ODFW	x					
CRITFC	x			x		

Tasking. The Plan Team for each major fishery under Council purview shall have primary oversight responsibility for the processes of fishery management plan development and amendment. More specifically, the team shall:

- (a) prepare plans and amendments and supporting documents (EISs, RIRs, etc.) for Council, SSC, AP and public review;
- (b) aggregate and evaluate public/industry proposals and comments;
- (c) summarize and evaluate the best biological and socioeconomic scientific data available related to the plan or amendment;
- (d) monitor the fishery and evaluate the status of the stocks;
- (e) evaluate the effectiveness of management measures in achieving the plan's objectives; and
- (f) recommend when and how management measures need to be changed.

Proposed plan amendments will usually be presented to the Council in the form of alternative approaches. The team may be requested to indicate the preferred alternative. Such preferences should be made on technical grounds or pragmatic management considerations. Policy decisions are the responsibility of the Council.

Operations. Given the team composition and tasking described above, each team will be allowed to organize internally as appropriate to carry out the team's responsibility in an effective, efficient manner. This may for instance require appointment of a small subgroup to actively monitor the fishery or concentrate on specific writing assignments. Team members should choose a team leader, possibly on an annually rotating basis, to oversee the functions of the team.

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