MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 21, 1980

TO:

Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee and

Advisory Panel

FROM:

Jim H. Branson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Status of Contracts 80-2 "To Expand and Enhance the Domestic

Commercial Fisheries Catch Data Report System off Alaska" and

80-3 "Seasonal Use and Feeding Habits of Walruses in the

Proposed Bristol Bay Clam Fishery Area"

ACTION REQUIRED

None - informational.

BACKGROUND

Funding was approved and authorization to sign these two contracts was given by NOAA/NMFS on March 14, 1980.

The Institute for Marine Science at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks will be the prime contractor for 80-3. This contract is pending their signature. It was funded at \$87,220, for a period of 15 months, from April 1, 1980 through September 1, 1981.

Contract 80-2 with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for \$145,300 is in final drafting stages and should be ready for signatures at this meeting.