

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, AP, and SSC Members  
FROM: Jim H. Branson  
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DATE: September 18, 1987  
SUBJECT: Report from the Bycatch Committee

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only.

BACKGROUND

The Council appointed Bycatch Committee has met four times since the last Council meeting: July 14-17, 1987 in Seattle; August 18-20, 1987 in Seattle; September 3-4, 1987 in Anchorage; and September 16-17, 1987 in Seattle.

The Committee has received and reviewed catch and bycatch data from the 1985, 1986 and 1987 groundfish fisheries and has examined recent biological information on the status of the species taken as bycatch.

The Committee continues to focus on long-term strategies for management of bycatch in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska with one more meeting scheduled for October 26-27, 1987.

The chairman of the workgroup, Larry Cotter, will present a report on the Committee's progress to date.