

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, AP and SSC Members

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DATE: April 5, 1988

SUBJECT: Non-Profit Fishery Foundation

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only.

BACKGROUND

On March 10, 1988 representatives from the Alaska Factory Trawlers Association, American High Seas Fisheries Association, Mid-Water Trawlers Association, and Pacific Seafood Processors Association met in Seattle to discuss a non-profit fishery foundation. The consensus from this meeting was that some industry members were in favor of providing funding for various research and data gathering projects. There appeared to be general agreement that the interested associations could serve as channels for funds provided by their members. For this reason, a separate foundation may not be needed.

Further consensus was that, after gathering contributions from their members, the associations would meet as a board and decide if there were projects they could jointly support. The associations would ask the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to provide staff support for meetings and to serve as a "clearing house" for information on research projects.

Research projects identified as possible candidates for industry funding are as follows:

- (a) The nature of fish stocks in the "donut" and any relationship between those stocks and stocks in the U.S. EEZ.
- (b) The percentage of observer coverage for each segment of the domestic fleet in the EEZ off Alaska necessary to provide reliable catch and effort data.
- (c) Interactions between commercial fisheries and marine mammals.
- (d) Methods to reduce bycatch of prohibited species.
- (e) Ways for the industry to better plan the prosecution of fisheries.
- (f) A review of various fishery strategies such as managing a stock for harvest at a certain age.

The meeting participants agreed to place this proposal before their boards for action prior to the April 13-15, 1988 Council meeting. A meeting will be held in Anchorage in conjunction with the Council meeting to receive reports from the associations.