

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES APRIL 19-21, 1993 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

The Advisory Panel for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council met on April 19-23, 1993, at the Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska. Members in attendance were:

John Bruce, Chair
Al Burch
Phil Chitwood
Phil Drage
Dan Falvey
Dave Fraser

Kevin Kaldestad
Dave Little
Stephanie Madsen
Pete Maloney
Dean Paddock
Penny Pagels
Bryon Pfundt

Perfenia Pletnikoff
John Roos
John Sevier
Harold Sparck
Michael Stevens
Beth Stewart, Vice Chair
Robert Wurm

Minutes for the January 1993 meeting were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Bruce was elected new Chairman, and Beth Stewart was elected new Vice Chairperson. The AP will miss John Woodruff's able leadership and were sorry to see him go.

B-1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The AP received a staff report from Clarence Pautzke on agenda changes.

B-3 NMFS MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ron Berg presented NMFS report on Best Blend calculations.

B-4 ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE REPORT

The AP received status report from Admiral Rufe regarding Coast Guard's priorities.

C-1 OBSERVER PROGRAM

The AP received status reports; no action required. No action was taken on this issue.

C-5 MFCMA REAUTHORIZATION ISSUES

The AP heard a staff report on the Magnuson Act reauthorization issue. The AP understands there were no information to report on marine mammal or endangered species legislation and requests this subject come before them at the June meeting when the Staff is prepared to give a report.

D-2(A) REBUILDING PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH IN THE GOA

D-2(A)(a) Rebuilding Amendment for Pacific Ocean Perch

The AP recommends that the Council send this out for public review and include a discussion of the economic impacts of a Policy 2 application to the 1993 TAC. The AP also requests that the Council ask the Staff to provide a table that would compare the actual TAC/catch in the last 5-10 years with the TAC/ABC that would have resulted by applying each of the 4 policy options to what we then understood the biomass to have been, and to what we currently believe the biomass was.

(This motion passed **unanimously**).

D-2(A)(b) Pacific Ocean Perch Specs

In regards to Pacific ocean perch specs, the AP recommends 2560 mt as the TAC for 1993 in the GOA.

(This motion passed **15-1**).

D-2(A)(c) Directed Fishing Standards for Rockfish

The AP would like to reiterate its concern expressed in an earlier discussion of directed fishing standards under Ron Hegge's proposal and believes that problems are even bigger for rockfish.

D-2(B) PREFERENTIAL AND SEASONAL ALLOCATIONS OF PACIFIC COD

The AP recommends that the Council not send this document out for public review. The AP was split on this issue. The motion to send it out originally carried 10-9. Upon reconsideration, it failed 9-10. Those who favored sending the document out believed that the public comment period would result in a clarification of issues and solutions. Those who opposed sending the document out believed that there was an inadequate problem statement and when combined with the lack of specific proposed actions would not yield meaningful public comment.

D-2(C) CLOSE KODIAK CRAB PROTECTION ZONES TO ALL TRAWLING

The AP recommends that the Council not send this document out for public review. The AP believes it should be referred back to the Kodiak Groundfish Committee to work with NMFS Protection to resolve areas concerning enforceability.

This motion passed **11-4**).

D-2(D) ESTABLISH ATKA MACKEREL AS A SEPARATE TARGET SPECIES IN GOA

The AP recommends that the Council send this document out for public review as is.

(This motion passed **16-3**).

D-2(E) SALMON BYCATCH/VIP

The AP recommends that the Council consider mandatory retention of all salmon bycatch with a stiff penalty (greater than \$10,000) for discard. If cause of bycatch can be linked to an impact on an

identifiable stock additional costs may be imposed reflective of the impact. The retained bycatch to go to NMFS/ADF&G for analysis and later distribution to food banks.

The AP requests that the Council ask NMFS to publish actual number of salmon bycatch (preferably all bycatch) by vessel name for all fisheries.

Creation of a foundation: Payments to it to be on a per salmon basis with a base rate for unavoidable bycatch, with a rate increase for unacceptable salmon bycatch. Funds from this foundation to be used to do stream of origin analysis, stock strength analysis, and bycatch pattern analysis.

The AP also requests that the Council ask NMFS to release tow-by-tow data for more timely independent industry analysis, and supports a real-time VIP program.

The AP's intent of this motion is not to set a cap but to create an incentive to bring down the actual rate and apply pressure to those who would not otherwise comply, in an effort to get the bycatch down as low as possible.

(This motion passed 14-3).

The AP unanimously recommends the Council send EA/RIR for salmon bycatch VIP out for public review.

D-3(A) TRAWL MESH REGULATIONS

The AP recommends that the Council refrain from sending the Trawl Mesh Regulations Amendment out for public review until the AFDF study has been completed and incorporated in the analysis, and until the East Coast mortality data, and any other applicable mortality data, is integrated into the analysis. The AP also recommends that the Council encourage AFDF to include mortality estimates in their upcoming gear study.

(This motion passed unanimously).

D-3(B) TOTAL WEIGHT MEASUREMENT

The AP recommends that the Council send the Total weight measurement amendment out for public review after incorporating into the analysis:

1. Requiring total weight measurement on all at-sea processing, and
2. an estimate of the cost to the resource of inaccurate estimates of removals.

(This motion passed unanimously).

D-3(C) OPENING DATE FOR BSAI POLLOCK 'A' SEASON

The AP recommends that the Council include the suggestions made by Wally Pereyra be in the analysis and have the analysis returned for additional review at the June meeting before sending it out for public review.

(This motion passed unanimously).

D-3(D) DEFINE LEGAL GEAR

The AP recommends that the Council include a clause that causes the regulations to expire in 3 years or when an groundfish ITQ program is in place. The AP also recommends that seine gear be included in the list of legal gear.

(This motion passed 9-6).

D-4(A) PRIBILOF ISLAND TRAWL CLOSURE

The AP received a status report and no action was taken on this issue.

D-4(B) BAN ON NIGHT TRAWLING

The AP recommends that the Council request this issue be further developed with regards to:

1. Other gears fishing through the night.
2. Areas of enforcement perhaps by registering P. cod vessels.

The AP's concern is that potential solutions need to be explored.

D-4(C) EMERGENCY RULE TO REDUCE BYCATCH OF P. COD IN THE YFS FISHERIES

The AP recognized the need to re-evaluate the Directed Fishing Standards for all groundfish fisheries and recommends that the Council prioritize this issue and request NMFS prepare a draft analysis that may be reviewed in June.

(This motion passed unanimously).

D-4(D) SET VIP RATE STANDARDS FOR THE 2ND & 3RD QTRS OF 1993 FISHING YEAR

The AP recommends that the Council rollover current standards as expressed in the table and request NMFS assign staff time to get vessel names from previous years up on the bulletin board, and to try to get as close as possible to real-time posting of current rates according to PIN number.

(This motion passed unanimously).

D-4(E) POLLOCK "ROE-STRIPPING" REGULATORY ADJUSTMENTS

The AP recommends that the Council adopt this regulatory change. The AP feels analyses completed for Amendments 14 and 19 is adequate to support these changes.

(This motion passed unanimously).

D-4(F) STELLER SEA LION

The AP recommends that the Council send this out for public review. The AP prefers alternative 2.

(This motion passed unanimously).