

COUNCIL MANAGEMENT PLANS

All fishery management units (exact number and identity is still undetermined) must have management plans developed for them by the Council. The eight PMP's developed by NMFS and currently in draft form apply only to fisheries involving foreigners. Domestic fisheries, even though involved in most of the eight FMU's identified, cannot be managed on the basis of those plans alone. At the October meeting, the Council identified several plans for immediate priority including those for shellfish which are currently under development by a working team consisting of ADF&G and NMFS employees at Kodiak. They include management plans for (1) king crab, (2) tanner crab, (3) Dungeness crab, (4) shrimp, (5) scallops.

A similar working group in Seattle is in the process of developing management plans for the Council on the finfish off Alaska.

The working structure for developing and drafting plans was developed by the Council at its October meeting. The Scientific and Statistical Committee designates the working groups to draft plans and will review them prior to submission to the Council. A more detailed outline is shown in the charter for the Scientific and Statistical Committee (Section D, Tab 1).

Guidelines for developing management plans are found in Section 303 of PL 94-265 and expanded in Section III of the Council Operating Manual.

References: PL 94-265

Sec. 303 Contents of Fishery Management Plans

Sec. 304 Action by the Secretary

Sec. 305 Implementations of Fishery Management Plans

Council Operating Manual

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Sec. III Fishery Management Plans

Sec. IV Fishery Management Resolutions