

Appendix M.

ADVISORY PANEL REPORT

To The

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

April 28, 1977

The Advisory Panel met on April 27, 1977, to discuss issues that had either been assigned by the Council or were of special interest to members of the Panel. Members of the Panel present were:

J.S. Gage
Robert Alverson
A.W. Boddy
Robert Starck
Joe Kurtz
Chuck Jensen
Truman Emberg
Ken Olson
Oral Burch
Nick Szabo
Sig Jaeger
Keith Specking

Members of the public who attended were:

Jay Hastings
J.B. Harris
Jeff Haynes
Clay Cook
Ed Furia
Tom Casey
Ed Naughton

and others from time to time.

The Panel considered the vacancy created by the resignation of Judith Ayres and recommends that although not legally designated, the seat be maintained if possible by someone representing the general public-consumer-recreational interest category. The Panel submits for the Council's consideration the names of Judy Lethin and Judy Gottlieb to fill this seat (resumes attached).

The Panel felt that in order to maintain a sense of continuity that it was preferable to have a chairman who could attend most of the meetings. The Panel submits the name of Keith Specking to replace Jack Cotant as chairman. The Panel wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Cotant for his invaluable service in the past and hopes that he will continue on as a member of the Panel.

The following members of the Panel were selected to work with the respective management plan drafting teams:

Troll Salmon Plan: Jack Cotant and Alan Otness

Tanner Crab Plan: Chuck Jensen and Sig Jaeger

Bering Sea & Gulf of Alaska Trawl Plans: Robert Alverson and Oral Burch

High Seas Salmon Plan: Truman Emberg, Bud Boddy & Paul Guy.

The Panel submits the name of Sig Jaeger to attend the Optimum Yield Workshop in Houston, Texas, on June 6-10, 1977.

Concerning fishery development programs and the concept of the fisheries development steering committee, the Panel felt this could best be served by all members of the Panel circulating a questionnaire prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service and reporting back at a later meeting on needed programs of fisheries development.

The Panel considered the specific charge by the Council that the Panel make a recommendation on foreign ownership of U.S. fishing vessels. The Panel feels that all U.S. fishing vessels be at least 75% U.S. owned and that the best way to accomplish this is by the promotion of H.R. 2564 (AuCoin-Studds Bill) except for Section 2 of this bill which the Panel feels is confusing, unnecessary and potentially detrimental to the U.S. industry. (H.R. 2564 attached)

Addressing the question of foreign investment in U.S. processing facilities, the Panel feels that legislation is necessary to insure that new foreign equity capital of any American processing facility be limited to 25%.

The Panel was concerned about maintaining the TAC set by a management plan and yet providing for a mechanism to give U.S. fishermen a preferential right to the fishery allocations as prescribed by the spirit and intent of P.L. 94-265. The Panel felt that some flexibility should be built into management plans so that foreign allocations can be decreased to meet domestic requirements so as not to exceed the TOC in the current season.

In addition, the Panel was concerned about the potential problems that could arise in the 1977 season with the unforeseen U.S.-Korean expansion into the pollock fishery and requests that the Council monitor the situation very closely so that there is not an adverse impact on the viability of the resource or the economic potential of the U.S. fishery industry.

The Panel requests that the Council obtain the report of the investigation by National Marine Fisheries Service concerning the effort of small halibut by Eastern Products Company, Ltd. of Tokyo to Amende & Schultz, Inc. and that copies of the report be made available to members of the Panel and the Council.

The Panel discussed the issue of U.S. vessels delivering fish to foreign processing vessels, but no recommendation was reached by the Panel. Some members of the Panel felt that no deliveries by U.S. vessels to foreign processing ships should be allowed while others felt that at certain times it was desirable to have foreign markets when domestic markets weren't available. Some members felt that perhaps legislation was necessary to clarify the law and to give American processors preferential treatment as is given to U.S. fishermen and that foreign processing be allowed only to the extent that U.S. processing capability is not available and for species not fully utilized by U.S. processors.

Presented by:

Nick Szabo
Vice Chairman, Advisory Panel