## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Council

FROM:

Jim H. Branson

Executive Directo

DATE:

April 21, 1981

SUBJECT: Workshop on the halibut fishery

## ACTION REQUIRED

No action required; for informational purposes only.

## **BACKGROUND**

There will be a workshop held May 14 and 15 in Seattle to discuss the economic theory of managing fishing effort as it applies to the Alaska halibut fishery. A small number of scientists will attend from Alaska, Washington and Oregon. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss first whether or not some sort of entry program is desirable or feasible for the halibut fishery in Alaska. If so, then one or more alternatives and their application will be chosen as the best approach. The recommendations from the workgroup will go to the Council and to the Limited Entry Workgroup for their consideration.

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