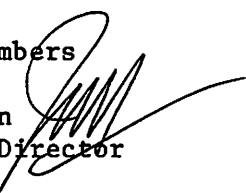


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Jim Branson 
Executive Director

DATE: December 1, 1986

SUBJECT: Approval of AP, SSC and Plan Team Memberships

ACTION REQUIRED

Approve nominations to Advisory Panel, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Council plan teams.

BACKGROUND

The AP Nominating Committee will meet to review nominations to the Advisory Panel and the SSC will review plan team memberships before making recommendations for Council approval.

Agenda items C-1(a), C-1(b), and C-1(c) are the Council's current policies regarding membership on these panels. Advisory Panel members serve one year and SSC members serve two years. Composition of the Council's plan teams is periodically reviewed by the agencies involved and recommendations for changes are reviewed by the SSC.

January 8, 1985

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Policy on Advisory Panel Structure and Operations*

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council appoints an Advisory Panel of recognized experts from the fishing industry and several related fields.

Recognizing that to best serve the Council the AP should represent a variety of gear types, industry and related interests as well as a spread of geographic regions of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest having major interest in the fisheries off Alaska; and

Recognizing that the Council relies on the AP for comprehensive industry advice on how various fishery management alternatives will affect the industry and local economies, on potential conflicts between user groups of a given fishery resource or area, and on the extent to which the United States will utilize resources managed by the Council's fishery management plans; and

Recognizing that gear conflicts and allocations will be the issue of greatest concern for the next few years;

The Council approves the following with respect to its Advisory Panel's structure and operations:

Size

The AP will consist of 20 members. However, the Council will not necessarily keep all seats filled. This arrangement should allow sufficient flexibility in funding so the Council can invite as necessary other individuals with particular expertise to work with the AP on an ad hoc basis.

Qualifications

The Council will give highest priority to the following considerations when selecting AP members:

- (1) Of paramount importance is the demonstrated ability of the candidate to be objective and to consider all aspects of an issue.
- (2) The AP members should be of top quality and caliber and be committed to full and active participation for each meeting during their term.
- (3) The candidate should be considered because of the experience he/she brings to the Council rather than his/her political clout or connection.
- (4) The candidate should be an active, involved member of his/her community and business to ensure the best and most pertinent input into the Council and likewise be responsible and diligent in reporting Council decisions and concerns back to his/her community/business.

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- (5) The AP membership should represent a broad geographic spread both for Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. Representation for the three states should be in the same proportions as those of the voting membership of the Council. However, recognizing that issues and priorities will change, the Council cautions that no seat is reserved for a particular area.
- (6) The AP membership should represent a variety of interests within the fishing industry and other related fields. While it is hoped that major gear types from the harvesting sector will be broadly represented, as with geographic representation, no particular seat is guaranteed to a gear type or fishery.
- (7) In addition to the above mentioned interests, the AP will include representatives of the recreational fishing, environmental, and consumer/marketing communities.

Note: It is expected that as the issues and concerns of the Council change and evolve so, too, will the profile of the membership of the AP.

Terms

To allow maximum flexibility in making appointments, AP members will serve for one-year terms beginning with the first meeting each calendar year. All members will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be reappointed to subsequent terms. Persons wishing to serve on the Advisory Panel may submit their names with a short resume to the Executive Director who will keep for the calendar year a list of candidates at the Council headquarters. Resumes and requests to serve will not be retained after the annual appointment process. The Council may use this list of candidates in choosing Panel members to fill full-year terms or interim vacancies, but may also solicit individuals not on the list if a particular combination of experience and expertise is deemed desirable. The Council Chairman is authorized to remove members from the Panel and to fill interim vacancies on the AP subject to confirmation by the Council at the next regular meeting. Interim appointments are for the remaining unexpired term of the vacancy.

Members of the Panel serve without compensation. They may be paid their actual expenses for travel incurred in the performance of their duties for the Council in accordance with applicable law. Security clearances for Panel members are requested as necessary.

Operations

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the AP are nominated for one-year terms by the Panel from among its members and are confirmed by the Council. The number of consecutive terms an individual can hold an AP office is limited to two.

The Panel meets as a whole, or in part, at the request of the Chairman of the Panel with approval of the Chairman of the Council, as often as necessary to fulfill the Panel's responsibilities, taking into consideration time and budget constraints. It is estimated that the Panel will meet at least four

times a year. Panel members are expected to participate fully at these meetings. Requests for being excused from a meeting or part of a meeting must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Council prior to the meeting. Poor attendance would subject a member to being removed.

In addition, the Panel, or members thereof, will attend Council meetings at the request of the Council Chairman to advise the Council on particular fisheries problems. Panel members will also attend public hearings on Council-related activities, as requested by the Council Chairman.

The Panel will set up such workgroups as the Chairman of the Panel and the Council deem necessary to carry out the Panel's duties. Additional members outside the Panel may be added to these workgroups as deemed appropriate by the Council Chairman.

The Council will assign the agenda topics for the Advisory Panel to discuss at its meetings. These topics will not normally include all items on the Council's agenda, but rather a more selected fare requiring indepth discussion and analysis by the Panel. Time permitting, the AP may consider any topic or issue it deems important to bring to the Council's attention. Whenever possible there should be sufficient advance notice of these topics to allow adequate preparation before the meeting.

The Advisory Panel Chairman or his designee will be responsible for reporting the Panel's recommendations to the Council. This report should focus on the full discussion of the pros and cons of the issues in addition to the results of any vote that was taken.

The Executive Director of the Council shall, upon request of the Chairman of the Panel, provide such staff and other support as the Council considers necessary for Panel activities, within budgetary limitations.

June 1, 1984

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Policy on Scientific and Statistical Committee Alternates*

Each statutory agency designated as a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act shall have a member on the Scientific and Statistical Committee. That member may have an alternate, although it is expected that the primary member from an agency will attend meetings of the Scientific and Statistical Committee in person whenever possible. The statutory agency may nominate the alternate for their primary member, notifying the chairman of the SSC by letter of that selection. Alternates will be appointed for the same period as the primary member.

Other Scientific and Statistical Committee members may have an alternate on a case-by-case basis when the member would be unable to participate for an extended period of time. It is expected that those alternates would be experts in the same field as the member and familiar with the work of the SSC and the Council.

(Note: The SSC suggested liberal interpretation for best operation of the Committee and the Council concurred. The key requirement in appointing members or alternates is for the Council to maintain the highest level of objective scientific and technical expertise).

*Approved by the Council in May 1984.

June 1, 1984

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Policy on Plan Team Composition, Tasking, and Operations*

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council shall appoint a Plan Team for each major fishery for which a fishery management plan either is being developed or has been implemented.

Composition. Members of each team will be selected from those agencies and organizations having a role in the research and/or management of fisheries. The team should be small enough to work efficiently and effectively but sufficiently large to provide the diverse experience and knowledge needed to cover all aspects of a particular fishery. At a minimum, teams shall be composed of one member from agencies having responsibility for management of the fishery resources under the jurisdiction of the Council. Nominations of these individuals are at the discretion of the agencies. Other individuals may be nominated by members of the Council, SSC or AP. Appointments to the team will be made by the Council with recommendations from the SSC. Minimum team memberships based on the agencies having management responsibilities for the fisheries under the Council's jurisdiction are as follows:

	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Herring</u>	<u>Groundfish</u>		<u>Crab</u>	
			<u>BSAI</u>	<u>GOA</u>	<u>King</u>	<u>Tanner</u>
NPFMC	x	x	x	x	x	x
NMFS/RO	x	x	x	x	x	x
NMFS/FC	x	x	x	x	x	x
ADF&G	x	x	x	x	x	x
IPHC			x	x		
WDF	x					
ODFW	x					
CRITFC	x					

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Tasking. The team shall:

- (a) prepare and/or review plans, amendments and supporting documents (EISs, RIRs, etc.) for the Council, SSC, and AP;
- (b) aggregate and evaluate public/industry proposals and comments;
- (c) summarize and evaluate data related to the biological, economic and social conditions of the fishery;
- (d) conduct and evaluate analyses pertaining to management of the fisheries;
- (e) evaluate the effectiveness of management measures in achieving the plan's objectives; and
- (f) recommend when and how management measures need to be changed.

Proposed management actions will usually be presented to the Council in the form of alternative approaches. The team will either: (a) recommend a preferred alternative, or (b) state that it has no preferred alternative, or (c) state that it was unable to reach a consensus on a preferred alternative. Such preferences should be made on technical grounds or pragmatic management considerations. Policy decisions are the responsibility of the Council.

Operations. Given the team composition and tasking described above, each team will be allowed to organize internally as appropriate to carry out the team's responsibility in an effective and efficient manner. This may for instance require appointment of a small subgroup to actively monitor the fishery or concentrate on specific writing assignments. Team members should choose a team leader, on an annually rotating basis, to oversee the functions of the team.