

Executive Director's Report

Council Chairmen's Meeting

The Council Chairmen's meeting is scheduled for February 7-9, and will be hosted in Tampa, Florida, by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. A draft agenda is under item B-1(a). It includes a discussion of fisheries management in the 1990s, the direction and respective roles of NMFS and the Councils, a review of Magnuson Act amendments, budgets, marine mammals, habitat, and resource conservation issues. I'll have a summary of the meeting for the Council in April.

April Meeting

The Council is scheduled to meet the week of April 22 in Kodiak. Item B-1(b) is an invitation from RADM Ciancaglini to take a Coast Guard flight from Anchorage to the Eastern Bering Sea, stopping at St. Paul and Dutch Harbor, and ending in Kodiak. It will take 8 to 10 hours. If you wish, I could arrange for the flight the day before the Council meeting which may commence on Monday or Tuesday.

June and December Meetings

The June meeting, now scheduled for the week of June 24, conflicts with a critical meeting of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bering Sea Fisheries Advisory Body which will include several members of the Council. I've been requested to seek other dates for the Council meeting. The meeting cannot be moved ahead in June because of the need for public review of the groundfish amendments and inshore-offshore proposal in May. So I've had Judy check on the weeks of July 8 and 15 as alternatives.

For the December meeting, please be aware that it follows closely on the heels of Thanksgiving weekend, which is November 28 this year. We really can't delay the December meeting a week because it will conflict with a meeting of the Pacific Salmon Commission, who we earlier asked to change meeting dates so they would not conflict with us. We will need to start the AP and SSC on Monday, and then the Council on Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the agenda.

Meetings for 1992-1993

Bids need to go out for 1992-93 meetings. Here are the dates that correspond to our normal meeting schedule:

1992

Week of January 13 (committed to Seattle or Portland)
 April 20
 June 22
 September 21*
 December 7

1993

January 11
April 19
June 21
September 20*
December 6

*The tentative September meeting dates have already been given to the Pacific Council so they could schedule their 92/93 meetings the week before ours.

Industry Delegation to D.C.

It's that time of year again when the industry begins to plan their trip to Washington, D.C. to communicate fisheries needs to the Hill. Bob Alverson and Don Bevan met with industry on Monday and can report on their strategy session.

Bering Sea Pollock

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center is hosting an international workshop on Bering Sea pollock on February 4-8, 1991. Item B-1(c) is an announcement of the workshop.

Hybrid Tanner Crab

There has been interested expressed in ADF&G's announced prohibition on the retention of C. bairdi x C. opilio hybrid Tanner crab for enforcement reasons. A representative from the Department is available to explain the prohibition.

TENTATIVE
AGENDA
FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL CHAIRMEN'S MEETING
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
TAMPA, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 7-9, 1991
(9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY)
(9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY)

- I. Call to Order and Introductions - McCulla
- II. Fishery Management in the 1990's
 - a. Direction and Respective Roles of NMFS/Councils - Fox
 - b. Overfishing under 602 Guidelines
 - (1) Status Report on Amendments Approved - F/CM
 - (2) Commitment for Overfishing Monitoring - Fox
 - (3) SAFE Reports
 - c. Limited Entry
 - (1) NMFS Policy Position - Fox
 - (2) Council Experience and Problems - Councils
 - d. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Issue - MAFMC
 - e. Atlantic Highly Migratory Species
 - (1) Council Involvement in Management - Fox
 - (2) Impact on Existing FMPs - F/CM
 - (3) Schedule for Tuna - F/CM
 - f. Bycatch
 - (1) NMFS' Policy Position - Fox
 - (2) Regional Problems to be Addressed - Councils
- III. Magnuson Act Amendments of 1990
 - a. Legal and Policy Interpretation of Provisions - OGC, F/CM
 - b. Comments on Congressional Intent - Congressional Staffs
 - c. Schedule for Preparation of Interpretive Rules and Guidelines - Schaefer
- IV. Budgets
 - a. FY 1992 Outlook - Yogi
 - b. Council Allocations (Workload Analysis) - F/CM
 - c. Problems with Grant Administration - Councils

- V. **Marine Mammals**
 - a. **Amendments to Act - F/PR**
 - b. **Council Involvement in Regime Governing Incidental Take - NPFMC**
- VI. **Habitat Protection Issues - F/PR**
- VII. **Fishery/Resource Conservation Issues Before Congress - Congressional Staff**
- VIII. **Next Meeting - McCulla**
- IX. **Other Business - McCulla**

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9 January 1991

Mr. Don Collinsworth
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Dear Mr. Collinsworth, *Don*

Since the April 1991 Council meeting will be held in Kodiak this year, it might be opportune before the meeting commences for the Council and staff to board a Coast Guard C-130 for a firsthand look at some of the fisheries it manages. While the specifics could be fleshed out at a later date, we propose the following itinerary:

On the day prior to the opening session, interested members could meet in Anchorage at approximately 0830 (probably Elmendorf AFB) to board the C-130.

During the flight, the domestic fleet operating along the 100 fathom curve in the East Bering Sea could be overflowed. An hour could be spent on the ground in St. Paul, and/or two hours on the ground in Dutch Harbor/Unalaska.

The flight would terminate in Kodiak the afternoon before the Council began. Were we to deplane in St. Paul and Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, the flight would take approximately 10 hours as opposed to 8 hours if St. Paul were excluded - your choice!

We would be most amenable to any alternative suggestions you may have. While in Kodiak we could also ensure one of our patrolling cutters would be available for a tour or short cruise. Our goal is simply to offer you the use of Coast Guard facilities during the April meeting to assist you in the performance of your vital responsibility to fishery management.

Please let us know what you desire and we'll ensure it happens.

Sincerely,



D. E. CIANCAGLINI
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

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WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON BERING SEA POLLOCK ASSESSMENT

DATES: February 4-8, 1991
LOCATION: Alaska Fisheries Science Center
U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, Washington

THEME OF THE WORKSHOP

This workshop was recommended at the International Pollock Symposium held in April 1990 at Khabarovsk, USSR. It was agreed that the United States will hold the stock assessment workshop in Seattle to address wide differences in estimates and views on the biomass and potential yield of pollock resources in the Bering Sea.

Fisheries scientists from Canada, Japan, Poland, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, the Union of Soviet Socialist's Republics, and the United States are invited and expected to attend.

The theme of the workshop is to gather scientists from these countries and bring together all the data for analyses at a single scientific forum to determine the biological status of pollock stocks in the Bering Sea, with particular emphasis in the Aleutian Basin. Fisheries and research data are expected to be integrated for analyses through several stock assessment computer models under various assumptions about biological parameters and stock inter-relationships.

The results from this workshop would contribute important information on the status of pollock stocks and impacts of exploitation by commercial fisheries.

Questions concerning this Workshop may be directed to:

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