

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

AGENDA J - 2

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August 21, 1979

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Dear Jim:

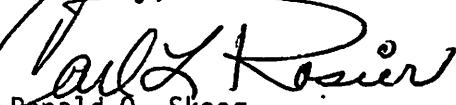
I would like to solicit your support and that of the Council in our request of the NMFS Regional Director to increase the amount of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration pass-thru grant. The present grant of \$25,000 is not enough to support the State's participation in the North Pacific Council.

This small grant is rather a token sum considering the Department's responsibilities and commitment to Council activities. In principle the grant is intended to defray the costs of the Commissioner's participation as a statutory member of the Council. We are currently using the grant to partially fund an existing position, within our Extended Jurisdiction Section, whose responsibilities are to prepare the Council's monthly domestic catch reports, share responsibility for drafting reports and data summaries required by the Commissioner for the Council and its subcommittees, and help develop fishery management plans by collecting, compiling, analyzing and presenting fishery statistics and socioeconomic data.

We would greatly appreciate your support in pursuing an increase in the pass-thru grant to at least \$50,000. This amount, while still only defraying a small percentage of the Department's total expenditures on Council activities, would at least fully fund one position and provide a few operating dollars.

Should you care to discuss the matter or need more information please give me a call. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,



Ronald O. Skoog  
Commissioner

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