


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members

FROM: Clarence Pautzke 
Executive Director

DATE: January 13, 1989

SUBJECT: Magnuson Act Reauthorization

ACTION REQUIRED

Receive report from the Reauthorization Committee and develop recommended positions for the Council Chairmen's meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Magnuson Act is up for reauthorization this year and various proposed amendments have surfaced from the other Councils and from NMFS. Our Council needs to develop positions that can be carried forward to the Regional Council Chairmen's meeting scheduled for January 27-28 in Charleston, South Carolina.

The main proposals that have been discussed at the past few Chairmen's meetings include the following:

1. Foreign fishing
2. Obligatory Council seats
3. Regulatory amendments
4. Establishment of fees
5. Joint voting procedures
6. Changes suggested by New England Council to enhance councils
7. Tuna exemption

In addition, NOAA has forwarded a marine license initiative and a legislative program for 1989. Background materials on all proposals will be available in a special supplemental folder at Council meeting time. The North Pacific Council's MFCMA Reauthorization Committee will meet Tuesday at noon to develop recommended Council positions where appropriate. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will carry these recommendations to the Chairmen's meeting later this month.