

June 17, 1981

DRAFT AGENDA

Council Chairmen's Meeting  
June 21 - 24, 1981  
Homer, Alaska

Regional fishery management council chairmen will meet in Homer, Alaska from June 22 through June 24 with the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries - NMFS and NOAA/NMFS legal and administrative representatives. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. on June 22 in the Elks Hall, Homer, Alaska and run through approximately 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24. The meeting may be lengthened or shortened depending on the progress of business.

Executive directors of the regional fishery management councils, with such council staff and council members as wish, will meet with NOAA/NMFS administrators and legal counsel at the Land's End beginning at 1 p.m. on June 21 and will adjourn that day when business is completed, probably 7 to 9 p.m.

A G E N D A

- A. GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS, DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA: Chairman of the host council, Clem Tillion, will chair the meeting.
- B. ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND BUDGET RESTRICTIONS
  1. Policy of reduced regulation
    - a. EO 12291; cost/benefit ratio development.  
Other new legal requirements - Flexibility Act and Paperwork Reduction Act.
    - b. Is analysis always needed? How long does it take?
  2. Economy measures
    - a. As they affect FMP development and review
    - b. As they affect Council operations in general
  3. Fisheries development
    - a. Status of the U.S. fishing industry
    - b. Fish 'n Chips
    - c. Joint Ventures: Are they successful? Desirable? What comes next?
    - d. American Fisheries Promotion Act Implementation: Status of the observer program; loan programs; SK funding.

4. New GIFA's, State Department and Commerce Department allocation policy: How can we improve compliance by foreign fishermen?

C. DISCUSSION OF MORE EFFICIENT WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS

1. FCMA Amendments: General concept or specific language; endorsement of proposed amendments by all of the councils.
2. FMP's
  - a. Determining the need for FMP's: How is it done? Who does it? Developing criteria for determining need.
  - b. Management throughout the range: What does that really mean? How is it determined? Who does it?
  - c. Other Approaches to Management: framework FMP's; delegation to the states. How can the Federal system be made responsive to in-season approaches to management?
3. Cooperative State and Federal Management and Law Enforcement Under the MFCMA: Are duplicate systems necessary or desirable? How much cooperation is possible?

D. COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROBLEM AREAS

1. FCZ boundaries: enclaves and how to handle them.
2. Environmental affairs - Council role.
3. Foreign phase-out: in AFPA, incidental catches by foreigners of species that could be fully utilized by U.S.
4. Confidentiality of data re Regulatory Analysis/Economic Impact.
5. Business from previous Chairmen's meetings:
  - a. Council input into research and data project planning. Promised but not always accomplished.
  - b. Plan review: still being done largely in Central Office. When will it shift to Regions?
  - c. Foreign fee schedules: Councils have been promised greater involvement.
  - d. Budget planning: Council involvement could be greater?