


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, AP and SSC Members

FROM: Clarence G. Pautzke
Executive Director 

DATE: January 9, 1992

SUBJECT: Fisheries Oceanography Cooperative Investigations

ACTION REQUIRED

Report on FOCI research on pollock in the Gulf of Alaska.

BACKGROUND

FOCI is an interagency team of scientists conducting pollock research in the Shelikof region of the Gulf of Alaska. Their research includes studies of the entire food chain, physical and environmental factors that may lead to large or small year classes, and the biology and behavior of pollock. It is a joint effort of the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory and the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, as well as contributions from other agencies and academic institutions. The goal is to understand the driving forces behind recruitment of pollock to the fisheries and to establish a methodology for predicting year-class strength. The FOCI group reported to us last in January 1989 and I invited them to provide an update on their research findings at this meeting.