

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Agenda Item #19  
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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 18, 1979

TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee and  
Advisory Panel

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Contract 78-4, "The Development and  
Enhancement of a Computerized Fisheries Information System  
(EWR)" - ADF&G

The Contractor Monitoring Committee assigned to this contract met in Seattle on May 17th to discuss an important contract amendment. Present were Mark Hutton (Chairman), Dr. Bevan, Dr. Hayes, Dr. Harville, Jack Robinson, Guy Thornburgh, Don Wanie, Judy Willoughby and Bob Gillispie. The Committee reviewed the consultant's report and the proposed amendment ...

"...and has recommended that the Council amend the contract as proposed."

1. The amendment increases funding from \$97,600 to \$197,600, increases the time needed to complete the development of the catch data files and decreases the emphasis on the data retrieval system.
2. The amendment is a direct result of the recommendations of the consultant and is concurred in by the Contract Monitoring Committee and the Contractor.
3. The Committee felt that all of the basic assumptions and problems had been addressed including:
  - (a) a reassessment of the outstanding events and required actions;
  - (b) a reassessment of the time and money required to complete the events and actions; and
  - (c) a way in which to monitor or systematically track the progress of the contract.

except one...

4. The single remaining problem, the Committee felt, was the lack of a reasonable guarantee by the contractor that the contract would receive a priority in the Department's Data Processing Section.

This problem was addressed by the consultant and is echoed by the Committee.

"The probability of success of achieving the goals and objectives of the contract in the time and manner prescribed in the contract is keyed directly to a commitment by the Commissioner."

5. The Committee also discussed the problem of the confidentiality of State fish tickets concluding that this problem must be resolved in the very near future. In the meantime the goals, objectives and deliverables are centered around systems capabilities (software) which allows the contract to be handled in a manner consistent with confidentiality legal barriers.
6. Regarding the "old" Phase II, the Committee recognizes the development of a feasibility study as the sole responsibility of the contractor. Additionally the Committee felt that Council support for the development of a retrieval data system should be done by a new and separate contract -- as yet to be proposed.

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee and  
Advisory Panel

FROM: Mark I. Hutton, Assistant Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 19 Information

### Council Contracts

- a. 78-4 - The Development and Enhancement of a Computerized Fishery Information System (EWR) ADF&G

The report from the Contract Monitoring Committee -- Which met in Seattle on May 17th -- should be reviewed by the Finance Committee and placed before the Council for a decision.

- b. 78-5 - Assessment of Spawning Herring and Capelin Stocks at Selected Coastal Areas in the Eastern Bering Sea -- ADF&G

The third (3rd) and fourth (4th) progress reports were mailed early this month. No action necessary. Note: Al Millikan, on behalf of the SSC, visited the research field station in Bristol Bay and may have an additional informational report.

- c. 78-8 - Graphical and Printed Summaries of Troll Salmon Fishery Data from the Alaska Trollers Association 1977 Logbook Program -- ADF&G

The final report (summarized) was mailed earlier this month. Our analysis (staff) indicates it met the terms and conditions of the contract -- for final payment - \$10,000.

- d. 77-5 - An Observer Program for the Gulf of Alaska Domestic Groundfish Fishery -- ADF&G

Their quarterly report was mailed earlier this month. One section should be flagged: a preliminary inquiry into the potential Council feelings for funding an observer program in the Bering Sea for the developing domestic groundfish fishery.