

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As you'll note on the agenda under Tab A, our main business this meeting is with the Board for two days to discuss Tanner and king crab management and set regulations for the 1984-85 seasons. I'm hoping our meetings will be as productive and efficient as in February on salmon.

Tanner crab is scheduled for Wednesday. I anticipate that we'll get through all the proposals of interest to the Council and if we concur with the Board on any needed changes, I'll have the plan team draft an amendment package for initial Council review in May. The final decision would come in July.

King crab is scheduled for Thursday. I would hope we could get through all the proposals of mutual interest in one day or possibly with a little time on Friday morning. However, ADF&G's proposed trawl closure to protect crab stocks in the Westward Region is first up on Thursday morning. We can expect a lot of public testimony (see item B-1(a) for starters) and may not be able to finish king crab with the Board before having to move on to other matters when meeting alone on Friday.

I need your approval for adding several items to the agenda that was mailed to you. Under C-2 you'll find materials on a requested direct allocation for the U.S.S.R. I've included letters from Burt Larkins and Congressman Young (both letters were sent to you in the February 16, 1984 mailing) and letters I've sent on the subject.

A second agenda addition is C-3, a review of several joint venture permit applications for South Korea and Japan.

Industry Working Groups Meet

Two workgroups have met recently. Last Wednesday I attended a meeting in Seattle of the Council's Gulf of Alaska Incidental Catch Working Group. Item B-1(b) is a progress report from the Industry Bering Sea workgroup's February meeting. At last week's meeting the Council workgroup discussed reports on the efficacy of past measures to reduce the by-catch of prohibited species, other approaches to reducing by-catch, and the concept of 'allocation' as a method of developing objectives and a rationale for resolving by-catch problems. We expect to have specific recommendations on objective setting for your consideration sometime prior to the May meeting.

A second industry group has met to discuss policy and criteria for judging joint ventures. Mick Stevens of Profish International is spearheading the effort and I understand that a report and some suggestions will be available for our April policy meeting. Having that in hand, we can determine how to overhaul our current policy. We may need to schedule a meeting bringing together industry and an appointed subgroup from the Council. Item B-1(c) is a notice of proposed changes in the State's regulations on foreign processing in internal waters. I hope to have a copy of the actual regulations available by Council meeting time.

Conference on Marine Debris

Shortly after the February Council meeting I attended a steering group meeting in Honolulu to help plan a workshop on the "Fate and Impact of Marine Debris" to be held October 29-November 1, 1984 in Honolulu. A description of the workshop is under item B-1(d). The workgroup suggested that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, among other organizations, be approached to co-sponsor the workshop. Total cost of the workshop will be on the order of \$25,000. We should contribute our share, probably less than \$5,000, but since the workshop is in the next fiscal year I will not have an estimate of what we can afford until September.

AFS Symposium Invitation

I've been invited to be a discussant in this year's American Fisheries Society Conference. Session 1, on fisheries management, is scheduled for August 12-16, 1984 in Ithaca, New York (see item B-1(e)). I will be presenting a paper authored by myself, Doug Larson and Ron Miller.

Programmatic Funds Approved

Include those approved

We finally got the word on programmatic funding for FY/84. Item B-1(f) indicates that NMFS has approved \$145,000 for Domestic Groundfish monitoring and \$40,000 for the study on Chinook Salmon Incidental Catch - Phase II. These were our first two priorities for funding. The third priority was \$62,465 for the Bering Sea Herring Scale Analysis - Part II. NMFS indicates that study may be funded come May when funds become available. To that item I've attached a letter from Gordon explaining the process for selecting projects for funding.

FMPs Being Revised

We're finally well underway in updating all our FMPs with the latest amendments. The two groundfish plans are already out and the rest will follow shortly. Item B-1(g) is our routine report on the status of the FMPs.

Rudy Petersen Honored

I've saved the best 'til last! Congratulations to Rudy Petersen on his being named Ballard Businessman of the Year. Item B-1(h) announces this special honor bestowed on Rudy.

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Kodiak, Alaska 99615

ACTION	ROUTE TO	INITIAL
March 19, 1984		y

Jim Campbell
Chairman
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
P.O. Box 3136DT
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Jim:

I am writing to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council urging the Council develop regulations for the Gulf of Alaska that will allow the development of the domestic ground fishing industry.

We are in the first steps of developing shore-based canneries. North Star, Kodiak King Crab, Middle Bay and Smokwa Shell are processing. East Point, Coastal Fisheries, All Alaskan and others are exploring avenues of involvement.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game "Kodiak" has introduced a proposal, #23 page 34, to close down all hard-on-the-bottom trawl gear, including roller gear from February 1 through June 1. This closure would be applicable in selected locations of the Westward Area. Justification is protecting the crab stocks.

The Department admits that there is not any data that shows our draggers are killing any significant amount of crab. All they know, is that crab are soft at some time during this period.

All of those involved in whitefish feel that if proposal #23 is adopted, it will curtail any significant development in shore-based operations. Any plant contemplating investment will have a hell of a time convincing their bankers to loan any money.

"Harvesting Alaskan Shrimp and Whitefish"

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On one hand, the State is promoting whitefish development by introducing bills to return 50% of the raw fish tax to the plants for equipment. On the other hand, proposal #23 will close most of their source of supply for 4 months of the year.

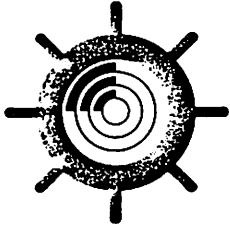
The very rumor of this proposal has already cost the industry 2 joint ventures. We have been put on hold with one Japanese and one Korean venture.

I am,

Sincerely,



Alvin R. Burch
Manager



North Pacific
Fishing Vessel
Owners' Association

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AGENDA B-1(b)
MARCH 1984

ACTION	ROUTE TO	INITIAL
February 24, 1984	Excc. Dir.	J

To: Industry Incidental Catch Working Group
From: Barry D. Collier
Subj: Progress report on Data Sub-group

The Data Sub-group has met twice since the January 9th Industry Working Group meeting. Dr. Loh-Lee Low from the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center and a representative from the International Pacific Halibut Commission were present at our last meeting. The group requested from them plotted charts of: species composition/hector, weight/hector, metric tons (MT) of incidental catch/MT targeted species. It is important that this information be available for future use. The time frame for access to the above information is mid-April.


Marine Resources Company has volunteered to provide to the group an up-date report as to the progress in reducing incidental catches in there joint-venture yellowfin sole fishery which is taking place now. This information, as well as Halibut Commission/NWAFC data will be needed before our next working group meeting.

Therefore, due to the time needed for information collection and evaluation the data sub-group recommends the following schedule for the entire working group.

- I). March 19, Data sub-group meeting - review of information status and MRC position statement.
- II). March 28, Council meeting status report.
- III). April 6, Data sub-group meeting. Should recieve all information requested for review.
- IV). Schedule Work group meeting to review information, for mid-April. Could possibly take two meetings.
- V). May Council Meeting, presentation by the group.

We will keep you informed as to the date of the mid-April meeting. This will be an instrumental meeting in regards to a group presentation at the May Council meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, 206-285-3383.

Sincerely,


Barry D. Collier
Executive Director
NPFVOA

cc: Bob Alverson/FVOA
Rudy Petersen/Highliners
Harold Lokken/NPFMC
Jim Branson/NPFMC
Dennis Petersen/NPFVOA
Steve Hughes/NRC
Mick Stevens/Pro-Fish International, Inc.
Stan Simonsen/F/V GOLDEN FLEECE
Robert Watson/ F/V SEA WOLF
Bart Eaton/ Alaska Marketing Association
Jon Adams/ Deep Sea Fishermen's Union
Ray Weaver/ Deep Sea Fishermen's Union
Rodger Davies/ Deep Sea Fishermen's Union
Lois DuPey/MRC
Bruce Jenkinson/MRC
Brian Styke/ F/V NORSELANDER
Tom Hanson/ F/V MARY LOU
Barry Fisher/ Highliners
Terry Buholm/ F/V AMERICAN VIKING
Jeff Stephens/ UFMA
Sara Hemphill/ NPFMC
Mark Lundsten/ Deep Sea Fishermen's Union
Wally Pereyra/ ProFish International, Inc.
Egil Ellingsen/ F/V FLYING CLOUD
Phil Fuller/F/V COLUMBIA
Bill Jensen/ F/V U.S. DOMINATOR
Roy Johnson/ F/V POLAR STAR
Sid Green/ F/V VESTFJORD
Joe Wabey/ F/V AMERICAN EAGLE
Al Birch/ Alaska Draggers' Association
Bonar Petersen/ Chalice Trawlers
Steve Johnson/Esquire
Larry Garrison/ F/V OCEAN DYNASTY
David Harville/ Alaska Draggers' Association
Lucy Sloan/ NFF
Dr. Rick Marasco/ N.W. & Alaska Fisheries Center
Dr. Loh-Lee Low/ NWAFC
Marvin Gjerde/FVOA
Otto Janguard/FVOA

idental Catch Working Group
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cc: Dick Reynolds/ Alaska Dept. of Commerce
Russ Nelsen/ NWAFC
Joe Terry/ NWAFC
Jon Zuck/ Alaska Contact LTD.
Phil Chitwood/ MRC

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA

Notice is hereby given that the Governor of the State of Alaska, under authority vested by sections 1, 16 and 24, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and Public Law 97-191, proposes to repeal and readopt regulation 5 AAC 39.198, dealing with commercial fishing, fish processing, fish transportation, and other related operations and activities by foreign vessels and aliens, which implements and interprets the provisions of Public Law 97-191. The proposed regulation provides as follows:

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1. establishes allowed and prohibited operations and activities of foreign vessels and aliens;
2. establishes procedures and guidelines for allowing and prohibiting commercial fishing, fish processing, fish transportation, and other related operations and activities by foreign vessels and aliens;
3. authorizes the appointment of a committee to advise the Governor regarding foreign fish processing operations;
4. defines terms used in the regulation;
5. provides for the beneficial use of Alaska's fish resources;
6. is required for the conservation and development of Alaska's fish resources; and
7. implements Public Law 97-191.


Notice is also given that any person interested may present written statements or arguments relevant to the action proposed in this notice. Comments should be mailed so as to be received by the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Office of Commercial Fisheries Development, Pouch EE, Juneau, Alaska 99811, by 4:30 p.m., April 13, 1984.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained by writing to the Office of Commercial Fisheries Development, Pouch EE, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

The Governor, upon his own motion or at the instance of any interested person may, after the deadline stated above, adopt proposals within the scope of this notice without further notice or may decide to take no action on them.

Date: 3/2/84
Juneau, Alaska


Richard A. Lyon, Commissioner
Department of Commerce and Economic
Development
State of Alaska

AGENDA B-1(d)
MARCH 1984



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Southwest Fisheries Center
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February 15, 1984

F/SWC2:RSS

Jim Branson
Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery
Management Council
605 W Fourth Ave. Room 166
P. O. Box 3136DT
Anchorage, AK 99510

Dear Jim,

It was a pleasure meeting you ~~last week~~ to discuss the entanglement workshop. I was very pleased with the results of the workshop and feel confident that ~~we were able to lay the~~ groundwork for an outstanding workshop. Enclosed is a draft summary report on the first meeting of the steering committee on the "Fate and impact of marine debris" workshop. I would appreciate any comments or corrections you may have on the draft.

Jim, I would appreciate very much if you would draw the attention of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, at its next meeting, regarding a recommendation made by the steering committee to invite the Council to become a cosponsor of this entanglement workshop. I hope the information provided in the enclosed draft summary report will be sufficient to inform the Council members on the background of the workshop. I will be sending you this week a draft copy of the first announcement of the workshop. I will contact you by phone regarding the first announcement to expedite its distribution as quickly as possible.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Shomura
Director, Honolulu Laboratory

Enclosure



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February 16, 1984

ACTION	F/SWG2:RSS

TO: Steering Group, Fate and Impact of Marine Debris Workshop
 (J. Branson, D. Chapman, J. Davidson, C. Fowler, F. Wathne)

FROM: *Richard S. Shomura*
 Richard S. Shomura, Director, Honolulu Laboratory

SUBJECT: Meeting report and first announcement of workshop

Many thanks for taking time to participate in the meeting of the steering committee (henceforth to be called the Steering Group to avoid potential legal problems) of the now labeled "Fate and Impact of Marine Debris" Workshop. I am very pleased with the outcome of the meeting and feel confident that the workshop will be a big success.

Attached is a draft summary report on the first meeting of the Steering Group. I hope it accurately reflects the conclusions and points made during our discussion. Also attached is the draft of the first announcement of the workshop.

I would appreciate it very much if you would carefully review the two drafts. Since time is crucial, I will contact you by phone next week for your comments. Barring any major revisions of the announcement, I am looking toward a 1 March date to send it out. In this connection, you can either send me a list of individuals to whom these announcements should be sent to or provide me with the number of copies you wish to have should you decide to mail them from your end. If you choose to do the latter, I would appreciate receiving a copy of your mailing list since we should keep a central file of names. We will be sending out the second announcement in June.

Attachments

- cc: F/NWC - W. Aron
- F/SWC - I. Barrett
- F/SWR - C. Fullerton
- F/SWR1 - D. Gates
- PFMC - J. Greenley
- F/ML12 - C. Karnella
- F/NWR - T. Kruse
- USFWS - A. Marmelstein
- F/S1 - J. Meehan
- WPRFMC - K. Simonds
- MMC - J. Twiss, Jr.

*Called Shomura
 2/27 & gave him
 my comments*

FIRST NOTICE
A
WORKSHOP ON THE
FATE AND IMPACT OF MARINE DEBRIS

SPONSORS:

Fish and Wildlife Service
(Tentative)
Marine Mammal Commission
National Marine Fisheries
Service
North Pacific Council
(Tentative)
North Pacific Fur Seal
Commission (Tentative)
Pacific Council (Tentative)
Pacific Sea Grant College
Program
Western Pacific Council
(Tentative)

HONOLULU, HAWAII

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29 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER 1984

FIRST NOTICE--A WORKSHOP ON THE FATE AND IMPACT OF MARINE DEBRIS
BACKGROUND

Scientists of various disciplines, fishermen, conservationists and other marine users have become concerned with the markedly increased volume of debris in the world oceans, especially the North Pacific. This increase of lost and discarded fishing gear and other non-fisheries generated debris has been attributed to the increase in maritime activity, especially the increase in net fisheries over the past decade. The increased volume of debris has engendered increased concerns over entanglement of marine mammals, reptiles (turtles), seabirds and fishes in such material as derelict fishing gear and other types of debris, e.g., cargo netting and plastic straps. Additionally, ship operators are concerned with fouling of vessel propulsion systems in marine debris.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the workshop are to (1) review the state of knowledge on the fate and impact of marine debris to determine the extent of the problem, (2) identify possible mitigating actions, and (3) identify future research needs. This technical workshop is designed to bring together knowledgeable scientists, technicians and members of the maritime community to address these key issues.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Steering Committee is inviting papers for presentation at the workshop. Emphasis will be on papers covering the Pacific Ocean and adjoining seas but good methodological and experience papers covering other areas are also solicited. Accepted papers will be considered for publication. Please send title and abstract

(about 500 words) as soon as possible, but postmarked no later than 1 August 1984, to: Richard S. Shomura, Honolulu Laboratory, Southwest Fisheries Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, P. O. Box 3830, Honolulu, Hawaii 96812, telephone number (808) 943-1211 or 943-1253.

Authors of accepted papers will be notified by mail shortly after a review of the abstracts. Full length papers will be due by 15 October 1984.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The workshop will consist of 3 sessions of background and experience papers. In addition, there will be 2 periods which will provide an opportunity for Working Groups to discuss the results of the several sessions.

The papers and discussions will address the problem associated with marine debris, especially fishery-generated materials and their impact on the resources. The focus of the workshop will be the North Pacific Ocean and adjoining seas, but the sessions will also include relevant experience papers covering other oceans.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

The following is a tentative schedule of the program:

29 OCTOBER 1984 (MONDAY)

AM & PM SESSION I - Impacts of Debris on Resources
(Chairman - Dr. Douglas Chapman)

Presentation of background and experience papers covering the impact of debris on marine mammals, seabirds, turtles; ghost fishing and fouling of vessel propulsion systems.

30 OCTOBER 1984 (TUESDAY)

AM & PM SESSION II - Marine Debris
(Chairman - Dr. Dayton L. Alverson)

Background and experience papers covering the source of marine debris; the characteristics of debris, and

quantification of debris. Included are reports describing net fisheries and their growth.

31 OCTOBER 1984 (WEDNESDAY)

AM SESSION III - The Fate of Marine Debris
(Chairman - J. Schumaker)

Background and experience papers covering the movement of debris and other aspects of the dynamics of debris.

PM WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

1 NOVEMBER 1984 (THURSDAY)

AM WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

PM PLENARY SESSION

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$20 (US) per participant. This fee includes admission to all workshop sessions, cost of the "Aloha" cocktail party, light refreshments during the sessions and conference material, including a set of abstracts to be distributed before the workshop and the proceedings of the workshop which will be mailed after the workshop.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel for workshop participants at a rate of \$41 (US) for single and double rooms. Please note that room reservations should be made before October 1, 1984. After that date, room reservations will be made on a space available basis.

Please complete the hotel reservation form if you intend to stay at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE (STEERING COMMITTEE)

Jim H

~~James~~ Branson

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Anchorage, Alaska

Dr. Douglas Chapman
 University of Washington
 Seattle, Washington
 (presently on sabbatical at the Southwest Fisheries Center
 La Jolla, California)

Dr. Jack Davidson
 Sea Grant Program
 University of Hawaii
 Honolulu, Hawaii

Dr. Charles Fowler
 National Marine Mammal Laboratory
 National Marine Fisheries Service
 Seattle, Washington

Richard S. Shomura
 Honolulu Laboratory
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 Honolulu, Hawaii

Fredrick Wathne
 Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center
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 Seattle, Washington

WORKSHOP SECRETARY

Carole A. Yukihiro
 Honolulu Laboratory
 Southwest Fisheries Center
 National Marine Fisheries Service
 Honolulu, Hawaii

FURTHER INFORMATION

A second announcement containing further details on the
 workshop will be issued by 1 June 1984

Inquiries may be sent to:

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 Director, Honolulu Laboratory
 National Marine Fisheries Service
 P. O. Box 3830
 Honolulu, HI 96812

Telephone: (808) 943-1211 (Director's Office)
 943-1253 (Director's Office)
 943-1221 (Laboratory switchboard)

Telegram: FISHLAB (HONOLULU)

Telex: 743-1871 (Western Pacific Fishery Management
 Council)

FATE AND IMPACT OF MARINE DEBRIS WORKSHOP
HONOLULU, HAWAII
OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 1, 1984

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and return by October 1, 1984
* Delete where not applicable

1. Name in full *(Dr./Mr./Ms./Mrs.) (Print)

2. Mailing address (Print)

3. Position/occupation

4. Institution/Organization/Company

5. Do you intend to submit a paper?
If yes, please give the title of your paper.

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM - ALA MOANA AMERICANA HOTEL

Telephone (808) 955-4811

Cable: AMTELSALA

Accommodations	One person	Two Persons
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Arrival date _____ Time _____^{AM}/_{PM} Length of stay ___ nights

Please make checks payable to

Fate and Impact of Marine Debris Workshop

Workshop Registration Fee -----\$20

One night deposit for hotel reservation --- 41

TOTAL - \$61

We will send you receipts and confirmation slips after we receive your completed form and check. Please mail form and check to

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D R A F T

WORKSHOP ON THE FATE AND IMPACT OF MARINE DEBRIS
REPORT OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (FIRST MEETING)
8 FEBRUARY 1984
HONOLULU LABORATORY

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Richard Shomura, Chairman, Steering Committee. All members of the Steering Committee (Appendix A) were present. Observers present at the meeting are also listed in Appendix A.

The draft agenda (Appendix B) for the first meeting which was mailed earlier to Committee members was reviewed. Richard Shomura asked that the agenda be modified to begin with a discussion of the title for the workshop. With this exception, the agenda was approved by the Committee.

The following provides a brief summary of the discussion and decision on each agenda item.

1. INTRODUCTION

Richard Shomura briefly reviewed the events leading to the decision to hold the workshop. In recent years, there have been occasions where debris generated from fishing and nonfishing activities have caused problems with the marine resources, including entanglement of marine mammals, ghost fishing and fouling of vessel propulsion systems. The National Marine Fisheries Service was asked by the Marine Mammal Commission to consider convening a workshop to address this problem. A Steering Committee was organized in December 1983 to work out the details of the workshop.

2. TITLE OF WORKSHOP

For lack of a better title the workshop to date has been labeled the "Net Entanglement Workshop." The Committee discussed the merits of several different titles, keeping in mind that the source of the problem was not confined to fishing activities and that the impact of the debris extended beyond marine mammals, e.g., fouling of vessel propulsion systems and entanglement of seabirds and other marine organisms. The Committee decided on the title, "Fate and Impact of Marine Debris."

3. OBJECTIVES OF WORKSHOP

The Committee agreed that the objective of the workshop would be to review the state of knowledge on the fate and impact of debris in the marine environment with a special focus on the North Pacific region. The review should lead to an identification of the scope of the problem, identification of future research needs, and, where possible, identification of possible mitigation measures.

NOTE: WORKSHOP DATES CHANGED TO OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 1, 1984

Two major products of the workshop will be (a) a summary report of the workshop and (b) the proceedings of the workshop which will include the summary report as well as the background and experience papers presented at the workshop.

4. SPONSORS OF THE WORKSHOP

Discussion under this agenda item included the composition and membership of the Steering Committee. A suggestion was made that the Steering Committee membership be increased to include other interested parties. It was noted, however, that barring unseen circumstances, this was to be the only scheduled meeting of the Steering Committee until the time of the workshop in October. The next meeting is scheduled for the day before the opening session of the workshop. Also, concern was expressed that expanding the meeting to representation of one interested group, e.g., conservation organizations, could lead to requests to include representation from other groups, e.g., fishermen's organizations. The Committee thus felt that a compromise would be to actively solicit advice and comments from interested organizations and agencies. Furthermore, an effort will be made to urge participation of representatives of these organizations at the workshop.

Sponsors of the workshop presently are the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Pacific Sea Grant College Programs. After some discussion the Committee recommended that the following agencies be approached about cosponsoring the workshop: Fish and Wildlife Service, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, the North Pacific Fur Seal Commission, and the Marine Mammal Commission. Since a number of other organizations and agencies are probably interested in the subject matter, a recommendation was made to keep these agencies apprised of the workshop. This included the Coast Guard, Navy, and Intergovernmental Marine Consultative Organization.

5. TIME AND PLACE OF WORKSHOP

The Committee agreed to the following arrangements for the workshop:

Location - Honolulu, Hawaii (possible meeting site is the Ala Moana Americana Hotel)

Dates - October 23-26, 1984

Richard Shomura will work with Dr. Jack Davidson and Kitty Simonds to work out the necessary arrangements for the workshop.

6. SCOPE OF WORKSHOP

It was noted that the problem of debris in the marine environment was of world-wide concern; however, the Committee felt that it was best to focus attention on a specific geographical area. Since a number of the impacts discussed to date involved the North Pacific region, the Committee agreed to focus attention

on this area. It was stressed, however, that the workshop should include review and experience papers covering adjoining ocean areas. Additionally, effort will be made to contact researchers working in other ocean areas to participate in this workshop.

The change in the title of the workshop reflects the view of the Committee that the problem does not concern only derelict fishing gear but also other derelict materials, e.g., plastic hoops and straps, and cargo netting. The Committee agreed that the workshop should cover the widest spectrum of debris generated by fishing and nonfishing activities.

7. FORMAT

The Committee reviewed the draft format for the workshop. After considering the wide range of the subject matter and potential contributions for the various sessions, it was decided that 4 days would be needed for the workshop. The tentative schedule is as follows:

23 October 1984 (Tuesday) - Technical Session

24 October 1984 (Wednesday) - Technical Session

25 October 1984 (Thursday) - AM - Technical Session
PM - Meeting of working group

26 October 1984 (Friday) - AM - Meeting of working group
PM - Plenary session

The Committee developed a list of subjects under each session. These include Session I (Chairman - Dr. Douglas Chapman):

Description of the problem (e.g., impacts on marine mammals, seabirds, and vessel propulsion systems, and ghost fishing)

Session II (Chairman - Dr. D. L. Alverson)1/:

Debris

- a. Sources
- b. Quantification of volume (fishery, non-fishery debris)
- c. Characteristics

Session III (Chairman - J. Schumaker)1/:

Fate of debris

- a. Time and space movement
- b. Dynamics

8. PARTICIPATION

The Committee agreed that the success of the workshop will depend on active participation by individuals with expertise covering a wide range of disciplines. The Committee will make a concerted effort to solicit contributions from various individuals.

1/ Tentative, pending confirmation.

The Committee began developing a list of potential contributors for the several sessions. The present list includes:

Session I: C. Fowler, J. Henderson, G. Swartzman, D. Ainley, G. Sanger, P. Shaughnesy, W. High, K. Yoshida (Shimizu, Japan), (scientist from New Zealand), (scientist from North Pacific Council area), (scientist from USSR - Fowler to contact).

Session II: R. McNeeley, W. Matsumoto, C. Korson, L. L. Low, T. Merrill, M. Dahlberg.

Session III: G. Seckel

Members of the Committee indicated that they would approach the above individuals as well as others and seek active participation by them in the workshop.

Richard Shomura agreed to prepare a draft announcement of the workshop immediately. The plan is to have this announcement sent to individuals and organizations with possible interest in the workshop. There is some urgency to have the announcement as well as hotel reservation forms mailed out as soon as possible since it is important to make room reservation commitments as quickly as possible.

9. PUBLICATION OF WORKSHOP RESULTS

The Committee agreed that a summary report of the workshop should be completed as soon after the workshop as possible. To expedite the task the Committee recommended that a technical writer be engaged to prepare the summary report. The summary report will be submitted to the sponsoring agencies.

The Committee discussed publication of the proceedings of the workshop. A decision on the publication outlet was postponed until an assessment can be made of the number and contents of the contributed papers.

The Committee recommended that abstracts of the papers be made available to participants of the workshop in advance of the meeting.

10. COMMITTEES

The Committee agreed to leave the details of arranging for the meeting site to an ad hoc committee of Richard Shomura, Jack Davidson and Kitty Simonds. This committee will meet soon to work out the details.

11. BUDGET FOR WORKSHOP

The major cost of the workshop will involve underwriting the travel and per diem costs of invited participants who will not be able to cover these costs. A firm figure could not be worked out, but the Committee estimated that the cost of these items would be in the order of \$25,000. Richard Shomura agreed to work out a detailed budget that will be submitted to the sponsoring agencies.

The Committee agreed to charge a registration fee of about \$15 to cover the cost of the meeting room, refreshments and other meeting-related costs. A firm figure of the registration fee will be worked out at a later date.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

The Committee agreed that the workshop should be of interest to international and domestic individuals and agencies. Thus, effort should be made to publicize this workshop widely.

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AGENDA

NET ENTANGLEMENT WORKSHOP
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (1st Meeting)

DATE: 8 February 1984

TIME: 8:00 AM

PLACE: Conference Room, Honolulu Laboratory,

SWFC

1. INTRODUCTION (R. Shomura)
2. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION
 - a. Objectives of workshop (Reference #1)
 - b. Sponsors (Reference #2)
 - c. Time and place (Reference #3)
 - d. Scope (Reference #4)
 - e. Format (Reference #5)
 - f. Participation (Reference #6)
 - g. Publication (Reference #7)
 - h. Committees (Reference #8)
 - i. Budget (Reference #9)
 - j. Miscellaneous (Reference #10)
3. OTHER MATTERS
4. CLOSING REMARKS

MARCH 1984



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TO: Colleagues participating in the AFS Symposiums

FROM: Peter Fricke *P. Fricke*

SUBJECT: Clarification of timetable, subjects, etc.

Many thanks for your patience as these two sessions have been developed. The topics chosen should generate lively discussion and will, in conjunction with Lee Anderson's economics sessions, help to define some of the more important issues in the management of marine fisheries.

Timetable:

The American Fisheries Society Conference coordinators have now (2/14/84) furnished session convenors with a timetable. Because it is linked to printing schedules those dates marked below with * are non-negotiable; if I do not have your response in hand, the information provided to the printers will be what I already have in the drafts attached.

- * 3/12/84: Final title of paper; author(s) name(s) and affiliation(s) as they should appear in the program.
- * 3/26/84: Final abstract of the paper, revised to the format shown in the example attached.
- 6/1/84: Clean draft of the paper for circulation to session chairmen and discussants.
- * 7/20/84: Final draft of paper for duplication by AFS and distribution.
- * 8/1/84: Copy of conference presentation (15 minutes maximum; 35mm. slides as visuals) for circulation to discussants.
- 8/12-16/84: AFS Conference. Discussants' drafts to me at end of session.



Subjects:

Changes should be limited after the abstract is finalized. If you wish to comment on the other papers, or link themes, the best way is through footnotes or cross references in the final draft and in the abridged version delivered. Please note: The only audio-visual facilities available will be 35mm slide projectors and blackboards.

The discussants will need the papers at the beginning of June if they are to prepare full and critical commentaries. They also will be limited to a fifteen minute presentation, but I hope their comments will be available to you as final drafts are being prepared.

Etceteras:

I will let you know about the dates and times of sessions, and send you copies of the program, as soon as I have them to hand. Accommodations in Ithaca will be in Cornell University dormitories or local motels. This information, also, will be sent to you as soon as I receive it.

If you should have any questions or comments, please call me at (202) 634-7218.

AFS Conference: Marine fisheries management: Session 1

"FISHERIES MANAGEMENT UNDER THE MAGNUSON ACT: ISSUES AND IDEAS"

Chairman: Gordon Colvin, Director, Division of Marine Resources,
State of New York

Paper 1: "Fishery Management under the Magnuson Act"
Roland Finch, Director, Office of Fisheries Management
National Marine Fisheries Service

Paper 2: "Managing Salmon Fisheries under the Magnuson Act"
Dr. Aven Andersen, Fisheries Process Division, National
Marine Fisheries Service

Paper 3: "An examination of alternative methods of fisheries
management which would reduce enforcement costs"
Morris Pallozzi, Chief, Enforcement Division, National
Marine Fisheries Service

Paper 4: "The implications of a survey of Regional Fishery
Management Council Members' perceptions relative to how
well the management process is working"
Joe Clem, MPA, Fisheries Regulations Division, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

Paper 5: "The use of sociological data in the allocation of
common property resources: A comparison of practices"
Dr. Peter Fricke, Social Anthropologist, National Marine
Fisheries Service

Paper 6: "The Fishery Regulation and its use under the Magnuson
Act"
Dr. Donna Turgeon, Fisheries Regulations Division,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

Paper 7: "Habitat conservation as a fishery management function"
Robert Rubelmann, Office of Protected Species and
Habitat Conservation, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Discussants:

Jim Branson, Executive Director, North Pacific Fishery
Management Council.

David Pierce, Division of Marine Fisheries, Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

Dr. Virgil Norton, University of Maryland

FORMAT FOR ABSTRACTS (Talk)

Title

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Selection of papers and poster presentations by the Program Committee is simplified and fairest to contributors if all submissions are about the same length and are organized in a common format. Our objective is to encourage this standardization. Any study which has been carried out systematically can be organized into clear statements of objectives, principal results, and conclusions. A well-organized, concise abstract is the best measure we have for predicting the quality of the presentation. After reviewing several alternatives, we conclude that selection of contributions on the basis of a well-written abstract has been successful in the past, and should continue to yield high quality annual meetings.

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MAR. 2 1984

TO: Regional Directors and Center Directors, NMFS
FROM: JWG - William G. Gordon *James E. Douglas, Jr.*
SUBJECT: FY 1984 Programmatic Grants for Regional Fishery
Management Councils

All applications for FY 1984 programmatic grants received from Councils have been reviewed for conformance to the criteria set forth in my memorandum of January 25, 1984. The needs far exceed the funds available, and only the most urgent and highest priority projects can be approved at this time. We evaluated priorities using the proposed criteria. The attached table outlines the status of each application (Attachment A). We are approving the projects listed in the first column now, amounting to \$416,570. We hope to approve an additional \$300,000 in May, for projects selected from the second and third columns.

Those projects which meet the criteria but cannot be approved for this year because of shortage of FY 1984 funds may be resubmitted for FY 1985 consideration. We will provide guidelines and schedules for FY 1985 programmatic applications in May in conjunction with the call for administrative grant applications. This will allow for FY 1985 funding shortly after FY 1985 appropriations are made.

I appreciate the effort the Councils made to resubmit their FY 1984 applications to meet the February 15 deadline, as well as your prompt review which enabled the Washington Office review committee (F/M1, F/S and F/MB) to make early recommendations. Late applications are listed in Column 3 and will be considered for May funding. Howie Hochman (634-7444) will work with you to assure that funds are transferred promptly. Regional directors should assure that applications requiring Federal Assistance Review Board (FARB) clearance are submitted to the appropriate administrative support center immediately to avoid any further delays.

In reviewing the proposals it appeared that a number of projects were proposed to cover activities of a continuing long-term nature, or activities which we feel are a NMFS responsibility under current FMP's (e.g. Mackerel purse seine observers). Regional and Center directors should work together to build these ongoing NMFS responsibilities into base budgets. Please review your FY 1984 operating budget and make the necessary adjustments. F/MB will work with you on this matter; you can reach Howie Hochman on 634-7444.



- 5) Inshore Shrimp Survey & Analysis
- 6) Mackerel Purse Seine Obs. Study
- 7) Transboundary Shrimp Tagging Study
- 8) Behavior & Survival of Released Reef Fish
- 9) Charted Boat Survey

\$ 40,000^{2/} (see S. Atl.)
 \$ 35,000^{2/}
 \$103,000^{2/}
 \$ 30,000^{2/} (see S. Atl.)

\$16,000

Pacific

- 1) Ocean Salmon Stock Study

\$91,910^{1/}

North Pacific

- 1) Domestic Groundfish Monitoring
- 2) Chinook Salmon incidental catch
- 3) Bering Sea Herring scale
- 4) Fisheries Management conference
- 5) M? Development

\$15,000^{3/}
 \$ 10,000

\$62,465

\$ 10,000
 \$ 15,000

Western Pacific

- 1) Bottomfish FMP Projects
 - Subproject (1)
 - Subproject (2)
 - Subproject (3)
- 2) Pelagic Species FMP
- 3) Juvenile Lobster recruitment

\$ 8,000^{2/}

\$ 28,395^{4/}
 \$ 14,000^{4/}
 \$ 10,000^{4/}
 \$ 6,795^{4/}

\$46,571

\$197,279

\$12,454

^{1/} Documentation not received by Headquarters. If documents are submitted projects will be considered for funding in May.
^{2/} Indicates that project may be undertaken by center/region in absence of Council programmatic funds.
^{3/} Long term project - last year of programmatic funds - seek other sources.
^{4/} Documents not received in time for full review; will be considered for funding in May.

Attachment B

NEFMC

- 1) Lobster Quage increase - Economist should be part of the research team. Perhaps this input could be provided by the Northeast Center? Should look at long-term benefits of increasing size limits.
- 2) Lobster Market Study - should not be sole-source. PRA requirements need to be considered more thoroughly.

Mid Atlantic

- 1) Surf Clam/Ocean Quahog - current size distribution of stock infers a lessening requirement for surveys in 1985 and 1986. Future funding should not come from programmatic funds.

South Atlantic

- 1) Swordfish Data Collection: - Proposed regulations do not contain provision for 100% observer program. Some observers are already available through NEC. If this is resolved, use of a smaller sample and existing observer corps might provide sufficient data at less cost. If issues are resolved this would be high priority for May funding on one-time only basis (continuing observer needs must be budgeted by Region/Center).
- 2) Shrimp Limited Entry - Documentation is weak. Purpose meets criteria for programmatic funds. Could be useful to both Gulf and South Atlantic. Competitive solicitation for proposals recommended.

Caribbean

- 2) Generic FMP - Size of sampling frame should be established.

Gulf

- 4) Shrimp/Stone Crab Gear - Socio-economic aspects of fisheries and costs of gear modifications should be addressed. Gear development should be funded by industry/P.L. 88-309/other sources.

Pacific

- 1) Ocean Salmon Stock Study - Approved as last year of programmatic grant funding - long-term requirement that should be funded from other sources.

North Pacific

- 1) Domestic Groundfish Monitoring - Would be funded on one year basis only. Future year funding should be sought from other sources. (This may start up a long-term basic fisheries statistics program that would not meet criteria for programmatic funds-should be supported by user fees in the long run).

A number of program requests submitted through the Southeast Region appear to be projects that NMFS should be financing with base funding. Discussions with the Director of the Southeast Fisheries Center resulted in delaying the following studies which may not be as high a priority this year, based on available funding.

<u>Caribbean Council</u>		
Reef Fish/Bioprofile	\$90,000	Biological sampling of landings.
<u>Gulf Council</u>		
Transboundary Shrimp Tagging	\$108,000	U.S./Mexico cooperative studies
Charter Boat Survey	\$30,000	Buying CPUE data from Charter boat operators
Texas Closure Shrimp Surveys	\$80,000	Inshore and Offshore

The following programs are a mix of Council short-term needs and NMFS long-term research. It is therefore recommended that \$100,000 of Council program funds be used to fund these two programs for this year only, with the Center assuming the necessary responsibility in future years.

King Mackerel Migration & Abundance	\$50,000
Mackerel Size and Age	\$50,000

Additional comments made by the review committee on other applications are listed in attachment B. These comments should be conveyed to the Councils, and applications adjusted or awards conditioned as appropriate. If there are any questions about them, please call Ann Teabush at 634 7218.

cc: Executive Directors

Council	Project	Approved Now	(2) Approvable (\$ not yet available)	(3) Deferred	(4) Disapproved for Council Programmatic Funding (do not meet criteria)	Comments
<u>New England</u>						
	1) Lobster gauge increase	\$43,660		\$46,254		2nd year deferral
	2) Lobster Market survey		\$34,814			
	3) Supply behavior of NE Fighting Firms			\$31,000 ^{1/}		
<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>						
	1) Surf Clam/Jean Quahog	\$20,000 ^{3/}				
<u>South Atlantic</u>						
	1) Snowfish data collector			\$70,000		Deferred pending resolution of observer program needs.
	2) Shrimp limited entry			\$25,000		(see Gulf) (see Gulf)
	3) Mackerel purse seine				\$35,000 ^{2/}	
	4) Charter Boat Survey				\$30,000 ^{2/}	
	5) Effects of Gear on Live Bottoms			\$50,000 ^{1/}		
<u>Caribbean</u>						
	1) Reef fish profile				\$90,000 ^{2/}	
	2) Generic FMP	\$30,000				
<u>Gulf</u>						
	1) Distribution of King Mackerel		\$50,000			
	2) Size and Age Composition of Mackerel stocks		\$50,000			
	3) Offshore Shrimp survey and analysis				\$40,000 ^{2/}	
	4) Gear Research-Shrimp/Stone crab			\$20,000		

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Joseph C. Greenley

February 1, 1984

Mr. William G. Gordon
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20235

Dear Bill:

Your January 25, 1984 letter requested comments on the criteria to follow awarding programmatic funds and possible curtailment of such monies in favor of increased administration budgets for councils.

First, I don't believe it is necessary for me to reiterate our position on continued Federal funding for monitoring and statistics programs on the west coast. The justification for the continuation of this funding was well documented in Larkins' memorandum to you of October 20, 1983. You have also recognized the Federal obligation to these programs by allocating \$400,000 to the PFMC for FY 84; however, you indicate that these funds will be reduced by \$100,000 in FY 85 and \$200,000 in FY 86. If you are planning on the states absorbing these costs, I believe you can plan on a phase-out or significant cutback in these programs. They are already heavily committed to these activities and simply do not have the funds to absorb additional costs brought on by the MFCMA. I hope that you will be able to provide a funding base for these ongoing activities whether they are programmatic or otherwise.

In regard to the criteria for programmatic funds, we recommend that criteria b. not be limited to two years. These projects should be of limited duration but without specifying a definite time limit. It could be possible to have an important study which would be required to cover the 4 - 5 year life cycle of chinook salmon for example.

We disagree with the suggestion to phase out programmatic grants in favor of increased administrative budgets for Councils. An appropriate mechanism for funding state agency personnel's effort in developing and amending plans on this coast has been the programmatic budget and grant system. We actually have reduced our administrative needs through reduction of our staffing requirements and holding fewer Council meetings. While we need an

administrative budget for administration and execution of Council operations, programmatic monies are required to carry on FMP activities unless other federal funding sources are firmly established.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these matters.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Greenley
Executive Director

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JAN 25 1984

TO: Executive Directors,
Regional Fishery Management Councils

FROM: F - *William G. Gordon*
William G. Gordon

SUBJECT: Programmatic Grants

In view of increasing budgetary constraints and the experience gained during the past seven years of Council operations, it is timely to reconsider our policies and procedures concerning Council programmatic grants. The Office of Fisheries Management (F/M1) will be taking a lead role in recommending action on these grants, in cooperation with the Regional Directors, F/MB (Sam McKeen), and F/S (Joe Angelovic).

Consistent with my intention to increase Council participation in the budget process, I would like NMFS and the Councils to reach a clear understanding of the purposes for which programmatic funds are to be used. In addition, we need to clarify how the programmatic grant applications should be submitted, reviewed, and approved.

I believe it is important to minimize the adverse impact any changes might have on your planned programs this year, so probably it is not practical to change the rules all at once. A substantial amount of the programmatic funds in recent years has been allocated to support continuing west coast monitoring and statistics programs for Pacific Fishery Management Council fishery management plan development and monitoring (functions which have been funded through other sources in other regions). This has reduced the programmatic funds available for all Councils. The long-term monitoring and statistics work properly should be supported by the States and NMFS through permanent budget adjustments. I recently made an adjustment (\$200,000) for the Northwest Region to apply to the Federal share of this activity in FY 1984 and future years.

I will allocate an additional \$200,000 in FY 1984 and \$100,000 in FY 1985 to support this important program. I have asked the Northwest and Southwest Regional and Center Directors to continue to work with the Council and the States concerned to develop a plan for future support, aimed at phasing-out programmatic funding by FY 1986. I plan to allocate the remainder of this year's funds, presently estimated to be \$700,000, on a fair and equitable basis to provide for short-term programmatic activities that cannot be funded in other ways.



I wish to establish a set of criteria in order to justify continuation of programmatic funds in future years, and to guide each years decisions on funding. I enclose a draft of such a set (Attachment 1) for your review and comment.

In the meantime, in order to reduce delay in funding urgent FY 1984 needs I propose to release \$350,000 of the approximately \$700,000 for immediate use. So that the most urgent and important needs may be addressed promptly, I would like you to reevaluate and resubmit your FY 1984 requests by February 15, 1984. The requests should include the documents listed in Attachment 2. Next year we will set an application deadline well in advance.

We expect to have a firm budget figure for FY 1984 programmatic grants by early April. After this, and when there is some consensus on the criteria, I will use them to allocate any remaining balance of the funds, retaining only a small amount for emergency purposes until nearer the end of FY 1984.

I would welcome any comment on this approach and on the proposed criteria by March 1, 1984. We will take your suggestions into account in developing a justification for continuation of programmatic funds and a procedure to follow in subsequent years.

The suggestion has been made that we phase out programmatic grants entirely over the next few years, in favor of increased administration budgets for Councils. We would welcome your thoughts on this.

I appreciate your help in this effort to make our budgetary decisions more participatory and sound.

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cc: F/ML, F/M, F, Regional Fishery Management Councils,
Executive Directors

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1

Criteria

a. Projects must be:

1) Directly related to the formulation of an FMP, amendment or emergency action (including data collection necessary to determine whether or not an FMP should be formulated)

2) Necessary to evaluate an FMP already in place, or

3) Necessary to obtain short-term information for use in framework FMP management actions.

b. Projects must be short-term (preferably one year or less but in no event longer than two years)

c. Priorities among competing project proposals which meet criteria a. and b. will be based an evaluation of:

- Urgency of problem to be addressed
- Impact of failing to fund
- Impact of delay in funding
- Importance and size of fishery

Attachment 2

Documentation

- 1) SF-424 (application for Federal Assistance)
- 2) Narrative description of project
- 3) Itemized budget
- 4) Cover letter explaining need for project, how it contributes to proposed/developing/existing FMP, and how it meets the proposed criteria.
- 5) Memorandum jointly submitted by the Regional and Center Directors stating that needed information is not available in NMFS (and why). Should also address importance/priority of project.

STATUS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

1. Salmon FMP

No formal action is required by the Council at this meeting. In February the Council met with the Board of Fisheries and continued the chinook harvest range at 243,000 to 272,000 fish for the 1984 season. The Council's intention is to manage for the low end of this range if Canada matches this action in conservatively managing their fisheries. No plan amendments will be needed as a result of Council action in February.

2. Herring FMP

The Council will review an RFP for offshore herring research and will consider in what direction to go with the herring plan. NOAA legal counsel has found some problems with the current FMP which would make it unapprovable if submitted for Secretarial review. The Council gave final approval to the plan in September 1983.

3. King Crab FMP

The Council and Board will meet jointly to consider king crab management and set regulations for the 1984-85 season. The FMP and supporting documents were readopted by the Council in September 1983 and forwarded on October 25 to commence fast-track Secretarial review. The start of the review clock has been delayed due to concerns over the permit section.

4. Tanner Crab FMP

The Council and Board will meet jointly to consider Tanner crab management and set regulations for the 1984-85 season.

Amendment 9 which will update ABC/OYs with numerical ranges, framework seasons, revise the in-season adjustment section, and add a new section on pre-season adjustments, was approved by the Council in July. The amendment package was forwarded on December 21. NMFS Central Office notified the Region on January 19, 1984 that their initial review indicated the amendment package was not structurally complete.

5. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP

No formal action is required at this meeting.

In February the Council deferred action on joint venture trawl by-catch limits and minimum size limits on sablefish until more analyses could be done.

In February the Council voted for an emergency closure of sablefish fishing in the federal waters that extend into inside waters in Southeast Alaska. The emergency closure was put into effect by NMFS on March 6, 1984.

Amendment 13, which combines the Western and Central areas for pollock management and sets its OY at 400,000 mt, was reapproved by the Council in February after severing the foreign bottom trawl restriction. The amendment was submitted for Secretarial review on March 13, 1984.

Amendment 12, which would ban pots in the Southeast sablefish fishery, is being prepared for submission to Secretarial review.

6. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP

No formal action is required at this meeting.

Amendment 9 establishing field order authority for conservation closures, was approved in July for public review. Final Council action will come in May.

Amendment 8 setting salmon PSC limits for 1984 and 1985 was approved by the Council in May 1983 and was implemented on February 24, 1984.

Amendment 6 creating the Fishery Development Zone was disapproved by the Secretary of Commerce on December 8, 1983. In February the Council approved an industry proposal which requires foreign vessels to refrain voluntarily from directed trawling in the area from June 1 through September 15 and from directed longlining from March 15 through September 15. By tabling action on Amendment 6, the Council retained the option of resubmitting the FDZ proposal pending evaluation of the results of the industry agreement early next year.



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RUDY PETERSEN

BALLARD BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR

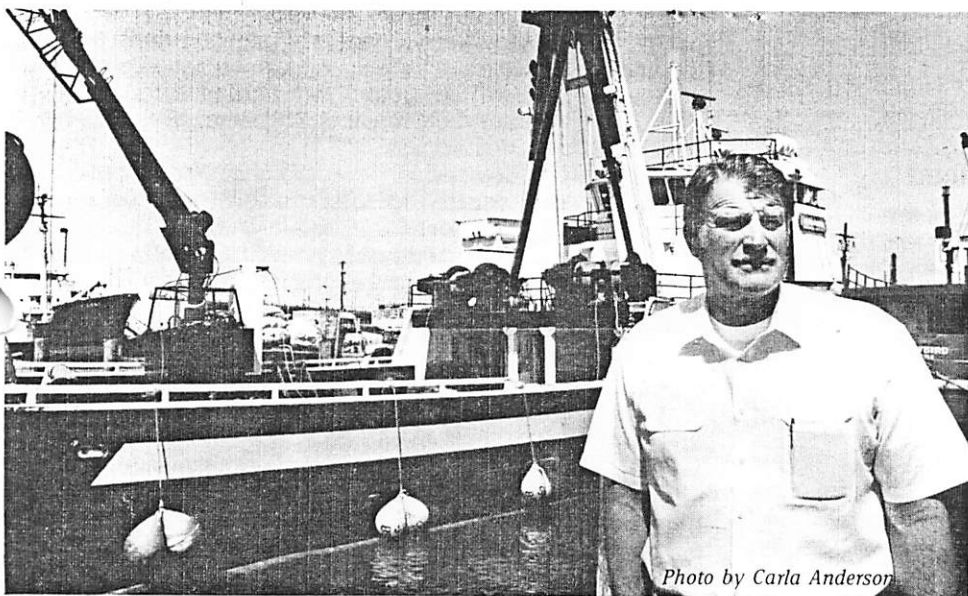


Photo by Carla Anderson

"I was surprised. I felt I was very pleased to be nominated but I didn't think I'd be awarded business person of the year."

That was the reaction of Rudy Petersen, a prominent figure in the fishing industry around Ballard and world-wide, about being named Ballard "Business Person of the Year" at the Chamber's January 13 Installation Banquet.

Petersen was one of six candidates for the reward. Other candidates were: Dick Farrow, Jonathan Chinn, Ned Flohr, Tom Breiwick, and Vera Olsen.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "I hope it's an indication that the community does recognize the importance of the fishing industry."

Rudy said the award is a step in the right direction as far as Ballard realizing just how important the fishing industry is to Ballard and its economy.

"I really do. When I joined the (Ballard) Chamber of Commerce I wanted to get the business community to greater realize

the potential of the fishing industry. I joined the chamber to revive that because it's (fishing industry) been around so long it's sometimes easy to forget about it."

Petersen owns three fishing trawlers, the 86-foot Anna Marie, the 101-foot Pan San Marie, and the 125-foot U.S. Dominator. He has 13 grandchildren, three sons who fish and two sons-in-law that also fish. He has been married to his wife Jackie for 35 years.

Petersen is involved in many aspects of the fishing industry. A fisherman for 40 years Rudy now turns his attention to the policy aspects of the industry.

He is part of several industry related groups and organizations, including the North Pacific Management Council.

As president of the Highliners Association, a group of seven prestigious vessel owner/fishermen promoting the American fisheries within the 200-mile zone and fisheries in general, Petersen sees the importance of promoting joint fishing

THE BEST TAX STRATEGY

According to Seattle First National Bank the following was listed as the best tax strategy in its "Business Perspectives" newsletter.

Even though retention of a certain amount of money at the corporate level results in double taxation, this is often the more desirable procedure.

For instance, in the case of a corporation with taxable income before salary of \$150,000, payment of \$100,000 as salary and \$15,000 as a contribution to a profit-sharing plan would result in corporate taxable income of \$35,000. Corporate tax on this amount would approximate \$5,500 and the income could potentially be taxed again as a dividend, upon distribution to the shareholders.

However, a more common technique would be to retain the income in the corporation for working capital, expansion, etc. At some future date, the corporation would likely be sold or liquidated, at which time the retained earnings would be distributed to the shareholders — with capital gain tax resulting on the monies received.

Thus, to the extent the corporate accumulation is small enough to result in taxation at rates lower than the marginal tax rate of the individual, and does not create an "unreasonable accumulation" (thus subjecting the corporation to an individual tax), this would be the desired strategy.

Of course, part of this strategy is based upon the necessity of a fairly high salary as a basis for contribution to a profit-sharing or pension plan.

ventures between American fishermen and foreign governments. He said joint ventures is an interim period where American harvesters can gain expertise and experience in these (bottom fish) fisheries. "Hopefully processing will come down the line," he said.

"My main goal is to participate in eliminating foreign fleets in our 200-mile zone and replace them with American fishermen and American processing. It would put more fishermen to work and increase the marine activity in Ballard."

By displacing the foreign fleet in waters near and around Alaska, Rudy said it would open more opportunities to the young people wanting to get involved in fishing. "The fishing industry has a lot of opportunities, especially for the young people who are interested in making fishing a career," said Petersen, who began fishing in 1944. "Younger people in this country need this type of thing. They need to be aware that fishing is competitive and that it isn't an easy life, but it's a gratifying one."