

Agenda Item #10
June 28-29, 1979

MEMORANDUM

To: Council, SSC, and AP
From: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director
Date: June 21, 1979
Subject: Reduction of DAH for 1979 -- Gulf of Alaska

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The results of the 1979 NMFS processor survey were reviewed and accepted by the DAH working group in Seattle. The estimated DAH for 1979 is approximately 19,000 metric tons instead of the 44,500 metric tons now used in the FMP. Decreases occurred in five species: pollock, cod, flounder, Pacific Ocean Perch, and rockfish.

Table 1 depicts present DAH, the proposed DAH, and the amount that can be added to TALFF. Table 2 indicates the proposed DAH by species by area according to the NMFS survey. Table 3 indicates the U.S. catch through May 31, 1979. Also attached is a copy of the NMFS processor survey questionnaire used in the 1979 survey.

NOAA General Counsel Kim White has determined that the conduct and results of the survey are consistent with the intent of the processor preference amendment.

COUNCIL ACTION

A Council decision to act on the recommendation for reducing DAH and increasing TALFF is necessary. This action has been properly noticed in the Federal Register so the Council can take final action (this is an FMP amendment) at this meeting.

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