

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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SUMMARY OF MEETING

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Anchorage, Alaska

January 25 - 27, 1977

All meetings of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) were held in the Council's Conference room located in Suite 33 of Post Office Mall at 333 West 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. This summary of meeting consists of (1) a statement of the order of business the SSC considered during the various time periods the committee met, (2) reports of the SSC chairman to the council describing committee actions and (3) a list of comments by members of the public attending the SSC meetings. Attached is a list of SSC documents that identify the action papers, working papers, and information papers used by the SSC during this session.

The following members were present:

D.L. Alverson
Donald Bevan
Robert Loeffel
Steven Pennoyer
George Rogers
Donald Rosenberg
Carl Rosier
Charles Woelke

Absent were:

Edward Miles
Bernard Skud

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The general order of business of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) was as follows:

January 25, 1977

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Initiated document identification in which papers of concern to the SSC are classified and serially numbered as, 1) information papers, 2) working papers, and 3) action papers. Mentioned letter (Info. paper #1) to council chairman proposing concept for an International Council for the Scientific Investigation of the North Pacific. Discussed agenda and nature of committee business during this council session. There were no management plans to review.

1:30 p.m.

Reviewed and made various corrections to SSC minutes and to a portion of council minutes on report of the SSC. Reviewed progress on study of procedures and data needs for determining Optimum Yield which may be available by the next council meeting. Discussed priorities for plan development, began reviewing proposed outlines for fishery management plans, discussed paper on Advisory Panel responsibilities and flow of events in management plan development, and considered the need for establishing a team to interface with Pacific Council Team to deal with management of the high seas domestic salmon fishery. Held executive session to discuss whether or not the SSC should be expanded.

January 26, 1977

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

SSC attended Council Meeting.

2:45 p.m.

Read drafted corrections to council minutes on committee report. Modified proposed plan outline. Compared SSC management plan working definitions with those prepared by the Pacific Council's Committee and determined that a meeting of counterpart teams from the two councils should be convened with travel funded by the council to rationalize differences in definitions, and to develop a commonality of steps for estimating Optimum Yield, capacity, and expected harvest. Subcommittee assigned to work on a working paper on Organization of Management Plan Development Teams. Discussed two working papers on tanner crab size limits. Identified summary of comments on draft king crab management plan as Info. paper #8. Discussed status of Pacific Council's draft Domestic Salmon Fishery plan and evaluation of it by a counterpart subcommittee

of the SSC. Discussed need for restoration of funds for recovering Columbia River Chinooks off S.E. Alaska.

January 27, 1977

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

SSC attended Council Meeting.

11:00 a.m.

Listed proposed individuals to serve as a core group of a team responsible for developing an Ocean Salmon Management Plan under the lead of ADF&G. Outline for Fishery Management Plans extensively redrafted.

1:45 p.m.

Preliminary draft of working definitions dated January 27, 1977 made ready for council. Discussed prospects of extending U of A research on the market structure of Alaska seafood processing industry to cover foreign and domestic demand for tanner crab. Chairman agreed to prepare a draft of Council Management objectives for distribution to assistant chairman then to other SSC members for review.

2:20 p.m.

SSC members attended Council Meeting to hear public comment.