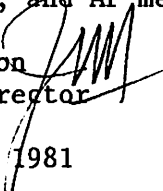


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members

FROM: Jim H. Branson   
Executive Director

DATE: December 16, 1981

SUBJECT: Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King Crab Fishery Management Plan

*ACTION REQUIRED*

*Discussion of the Washington, D.C. meeting between the Council king crab delegation and the NMFS plan review staff.*

BACKGROUND

A package of documents consisting of the BS/AI King Crab FMP, DEIS, RIR, and minority report were submitted to Washington for NEPA and Secretarial review on December 15. As earlier suggested by the Council, due to the innovative management concepts being presented in these documents, it may be advantageous to conduct a "walk-through" of the plan with the Central office review staff. It was felt that such a meeting might hasten the plan review process. In scheduling a meeting, it might be beneficial if the meeting were held in late-February. An advantage would be that meeting results could be presented at the joint Council/Board meeting in March, while still providing sufficient time for the review staff to thoroughly examine the documents. The Council should determine the composition of the delegation at this meeting.