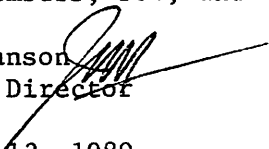


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council Members, SSC, and AP

FROM: Jim H. Branson 
Executive Director

DATE: September 13, 1980

SUBJECT: New contract proposals, the Halibut Pot Study and ADF&G Data Position,
and research priorities for 1981

ACTION REQUIRED

None. Informational only.

BACKGROUND

We received notification on August 28, 1980 of approval for funding for the study on the mortality of halibut in pot gear. The pot study has been completed by the joint efforts of IPHC and ADF&G. A preliminary draft of the final report is due in mid-October, and the final draft is due at the end of December.

The contract for the data position at ADF&G has been approved and we are in the process of finalizing the contract agreement.

The SSC will be reviewing 1981 research priorities at this meeting and report to the Council.

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