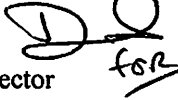


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council and SSC Members
FROM: Chris Oliver 
Executive Director
DATE: November 29, 2011
SUBJECT: Salmon Fishery Management Plan

ESTIMATED TIME 6 HOURS

ACTION REQUIRED

Review final analysis and adopt the revised and updated Salmon Fishery Management Plan

BACKGROUND

In October 2011, the Council reviewed an Initial Review draft analysis on alternatives and options to revise and update the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and chose Alternative 3 as its Preferred Preliminary Alternative (PPA). The Council's PPA excludes from the FMP's scope three historical net commercial salmon fishing areas and the sport fishery in the West Area EEZ (west of Cape Suckling).

The PPA maintains the prohibition on commercial salmon fishing in the West Area EEZ that remains under the scope of the FMP. The FMP would remain in effect in the East Area EEZ. The Council's PPA retains the State's deferred management authority for commercial and sport salmon fisheries in the East Area (i.e., Southeast Alaska), and expressly defers management of commercial and sport salmon fisheries in the West Area EEZ to the State.

At Initial Review, the Council also recommended adopting new FMP provisions including: management and policy objectives, stock status determination criteria, optimum yield, and the Federal review of State management measures for the East Area EEZ fisheries.

At this meeting the Council will review the final analysis on the Salmon FMP and may wish to take final action to approve the analysis and adopt the revised FMP. The executive summary of the analysis is attached as Item C-2(a).