

## DRAFT MINUTES

NPFMC Teleconference  
November 15, 1990

A teleconference of available Council members was held November 15, 1990. The agenda included: review and approval of a revised bycatch program, the salmon overfishing definition, Halibut Area 4E, and several emergency action requests submitted by industry.

Council members on the call were: Don Collinsworth, Chairman; Bob Alverson, Vice Chairman; Mark Pedersen for Joe Blum; Jim Brooks for Steve Pennoyer; Larry Cotter; Oscar Dyson; Ron Hegge; Henry Mitchell; Dave Hanson; Jon Nelson for Walter Steiglitz; and CDR Joe Kyle for RADM Ciancaglini. Council member Wally Pereyra submitted written comments for the conference; Bob Mace, Rick Lauber, and George Herrfurth were not available. NOAA/NMFS and Council staff members at various locations included: Clarence Pautzke and Steve Davis, Anchorage; Dale Evans, Ron Berg, Sue Salveson, Lisa Lindeman, and Jon Pollard in Juneau; Ray Baglin, Chris Oliver, Hal Weeks, Richard Marasco, and Russ Nelson at AFSC. Members of the public attending at various locations included Bert Larkins, Phil Chitwood, Chris Blackburn, Arni Thomson, Steve Hughes, Vince Curry, Mick Stevens, and John Iani.

### I. Teleconference Agenda

Jim Brooks asked that the Council discuss the extension of observer contractor agreements through 1991 and Clarence Pautzke requested that the Council consider whether sablefish limited entry should be shown on the December agenda.

### II. Revised Bycatch Program

Sue Salveson and Joe Terry reviewed the revised program for Council members; a copy of the document had been expressed to Council members earlier in the week. After questions and discussion, Council members approved sending the revised program forward for Secretarial review with the subject added to the Council's December agenda for further discussion.

### III. Salmon Overfishing Definition

The Council has been advised that the Secretary has denied the Council's request for an exemption to the overfishing definition requirement for the Salmon FMP. Council members agreed that discussion and general consensus at the September meeting indicated approval of Alternative 3 in the event their request was denied. Therefore, Council members approved a motion to recommend Alternative 3 to the Secretary. No further discussion of this agenda item will be on the December agenda.

### IV. Halibut Area 4E

The Council received correspondence from IPHC indicating that they believe the Council's recommendation for separate areas and quotas for Bristol Bay and the Nelson/Nunivak Island halibut fisheries is wholly allocative and should be implemented by the Council. The Council agreed that the issue should be analyzed prior to the December meeting so it can be reviewed and sent out for public review. The Council will consider subdividing Area 4E at Cape Newenham into the two smaller areas used in 1990 and splitting the quota 70/30, 50/50, or 30/70 between areas. There will be a provision for transferring unused quota to the other area. Final action will be scheduled for January.

### V. Emergency Action Request

The Council received the following requests for emergency action at the December meeting:

1. Allocate GOA trawl PSC by fishery (i.e., P. cod, rockfish, etc.)
2. Prohibit the longlining of groundfish pots in the BSAI and GOA.
3.
  - a. Allocate P. cod TAC in BSAI by quarters.
  - b. Allocate halibut PSC in BSAI by quarters.
  - c. Begin all BSAI trawl fisheries on same date as pollock non-roe season.
4.
  - a. Set GOA pollock season (1st qtr) to coincide with BS roe season start.
  - b. Set GOA pollock season (2nd qtr) to coincide with BS non-roe season start.

After considerable discussion, the Council decided to place requests #3a, 3b, and 4b on the December agenda. Item 4a will be considered only if the Council delays the opening of the BSAI

roe season. (However, please note that during the teleconference, an amendment failed that, if passed, would have placed on the December agenda, possible emergency action to consider a date change in the BSAI pollock roe season.) Item #2 is already on the Council's December agenda. Amendment 19/14 will set the opening of the GOA pollock season about January 7.

VI. Other December Agenda Additions

Council members advised the Executive Director to assign sablefish limited entry a specific time on the agenda and also agreed to discuss the observer contractor extension in December.

The Council also will review the definition of pelagic trawls, possibly prohibiting the use of chains, and developing a strategy for further refining the definition during 1991 with the help of a gear committee.