

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## Appendix B

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### EXPANDED AGENDA

#### NINETEENTH PLENARY SESSION

#### NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Centennial Building

Sitka, Alaska

September 28-29, 1978

The Council will meet Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th at the Centennial Building in Sitka, Alaska. The Council meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel will meet on Wednesday, September 27th at the Centennial Building at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The public comment period is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, September 28th.

### AGENDA

1. Approve Agenda.

2. Approve Minutes of August Meeting.

The minutes were mailed on September 18th which means that some of you may not have received them prior to attending the public hearings. We have brought a limited number to the meeting for those of you who did not receive them.

3. Executive Director's Report.

4. National Marine Fisheries Service Report of the Foreign Fishing Activities off Alaska.

5. U.S. Coast Guard Report of the Enforcement Activities off Alaska.

6. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report.

7. Advisory Panel Report.

8. Revisions of the Tanner Crab FMP for 1979.

Last month we forwarded all the necessary material to Washington to implement the plan 'as is' starting November 1, 1978. I have learned that no action has been taken to date to publish the revisions in the Federal Register for the 45-day public comment period. This means that the plan as amended to become a 1979 plan cannot now be implemented until mid to late November, if then. The revisions proposed to be discussed at this meeting are for more substantive items as well as a complete update of the plan for the 1979 fishery. The revisions are in broad categories: the first deals with amendments to the plan proposed by the Japanese Tanner Crab Industry, the second deals with the assessment of OY in the Kodiak region, and the third with technical revisions in all other areas of the State for the 1979 fishery. These amendments could be in place by March 15, 1979.

9. Report by Halibut Working Group on the September 18 meeting in Seattle.

A list of recommendations emerged from this meeting which deal with methods of preserving the Pacific Halibut Commission, its staff, research function and data in one form or another. The recommendations were mailed to you on the 19th of this month and should be acted on at this meeting.

10. Research Contracts.

- a. Final Report - Investigation of Joint U.S./Foreign Ventures in the Developing Commercial Fishery off Alaska - #78-1, University of Alaska contract.

This second submission of a final report has been reviewed by a subcommittee consisting of Dr. George Rogers and Dick Marasco, NMFS Seattle. Don Collinsworth and Dr. Ed Miles, also of the subcommittee, could not be involved. The recommendations of this subgroup will be given to the SSC and AP for their review and subsequent recommendations on acceptance of the final report. These recommendations should then be studied by the Finance Committee who will make the final recommendation to the Council regarding acceptance of the contract report.

- b. Interim Report - An Investigation of the Continent of Origin of Sockeye and Coho Salmon in the Area of the Japanese Landbased Fishery - #77-4, University of Washington contract.

This third quarter report has been mailed to each of you. We are expecting a year-end report September 28-29 which, if delivered by meeting date, will be included in the agenda. Of particular importance associated with this research contract

is the decision of what to do with the information. The methodology developed will likely prove very valuable in identifying the continents of origin for salmon in certain areas of the Japanese landbased fishery. If INPFC continues to be successfully renegotiated, the methodology might better serve the NMFS coordinated INPFC research. I have asked Lee Alverson to comment on this question which he has done in a letter in my Executive Director's report under Tab 3.

- c. Interim Report - Coded Wire Tag Recovery Program on Chinook and Coho Salmon in Southeast Alaska - #78-7, ADF&G contract.

This interim two-page report was received in September. It is preliminary at best, but does include an interesting statement regarding the general origin of tags recovered from this year's sampling program. We have asked the Pacific Council to jointly fund this project with us for FY'79 and are awaiting their response. No action is required by the Council on this item.

- d. Interim Report - The Pilot Observer Program for the Troll Salmon Fishery off Alaska - #78-9, ADF&G contract.

This two-page interim report was also received in September. No action is required on this report.

- e. Final Report - A Study of the Socio-Economic Impacts of a Commercial Herring Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Area in Western Alaska - #78-6, Dames & Moore contract.

The final report was mailed on September 18. It should be reviewed by the Advisory Panel and by the SSC for their

recommendations to the Council. The action required is to accept or reject this final contract report.

- f. Interim Report - Study to Determine the Effects of Hydraulic Clam Harvesting in the Eastern Bering Sea - #78-10, Tetra Tech contract.

This interim report was mailed on September 19 and is a routine progress report. There is no action required by the Council at this time.

- g. Interim Report - Assessment of Spawning Herring & Capelin Stocks at Selected Coastal Areas in the Eastern Bering Sea. #78-5, ADF&G contract.

This progress report was received September 22. A funding request to NOAA has been submitted for the second year of the contract for \$137,000. A formal review of the results to date and approval of the 1979 operational plan are scheduled later this year.

- 11. Presentation on the Concept of a PISCES Organization by Dr. Lee Alverson.
- 12. Scientific and Statistical Committee and Council Relationships.

Time requested by Lee Alverson to discuss this subject. This will be Lee's last meeting as Chairman of the SSC and as an SSC member.

- 13. Cancelled.

14. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee is expected to consider the recommendations of the SSC and AP for the acceptability of two final contract reports: #78-1 entitled "Investigation of Joint U.S./Foreign Ventures in the Developing Commercial Fishery off Alaska, University of Alaska," and #78-6 entitled "A Study of the Socio-Economic Impacts of a Commercial Herring Fishery on the Villages and Residents of the Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Area in Western Alaska," Dames & Moore. Also a review of the FY'79 administrative and programmatic budgets. This will be a comparison of the FY'79 request for funds by the NPFC, with the amount actually granted by NMFS/NOAA. All Regional Council's have had budget reductions for FY'79.

15. Election of the Chairman for 1979.

Chairman Harold Lokken's term expires at this Council meeting. The term of the Chairman for 1979 begins with the November meeting.

16. Appointments of SSC.

It is expected that the positions vacated on the SSC will be filled at this meeting.

17. Proposed Joint Venture Application Forms.

In a memo from Leitzell to the Regional Councils dated September 12, 1978 he has asked us to review and consider an application form which would deal with joint ventures for the year 1979. The item has been referred to the AP and SSC for their recommendation and should be a part of their report to the Council. Action is required at this Council meeting to comment on the application form.

18. Incidental Species Group Report by NMFS.

We received this discussion paper on Friday, September 22nd. The paper lays out the problems of mixed species fisheries management and proposed strategies and guidelines for dealing with the problem. It has been given to the SSC and AP for their review and comment as well.

19. Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission Questionnaire Regarding Coastwide Data Element Review.

We received on Monday (25 September) a copy of this questionnaire and the instructions for filling it out. Whether or not the questionnaire receives a group consensus or individual comments is up to the SSC, AP and Council. I will respond, however, that the questionnaire has been properly disseminated and that responses should be forthcoming.