

Agenda Item #19
June 28-29, 1979

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 1979

TO: Council Members, Scientific & Statistical Committee and
Advisory Panel

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Limited Entry Work Group

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Limited Entry Work Group met on June 4, 1979. A detailed report of the meeting was forwarded to the Council members on June 6, 1979 and is attached.

The issues discussed were:

1. The objectives of the Work Group. Three long-term objectives of the work group were defined.
2. The hand troll, power troll issue in the Troll Salmon FMP. The work group recommended a reaffirmation of the ban on hand trolling in the FCZ and supported the enforcement activities of the State in relation to hand trolling. They recommend against starting a limited entry system for hand trolling in the FCZ.
3. Limited Entry in the Comprehensive Salmon Plan. A continuation of the ban on hand trolling in the FCZ was recommended. The group reviewed several mechanisms for administering a joint Federal-State limited entry system. The issues of Federal review of a State administered limited entry system in the FCZ and a Memorandum of Understanding between NMFS and the State of Alaska were also discussed.
4. Confidentiality of Data. The working group strongly recommended the Amendment of Confidentiality of Data Legislation by the State Legislature at the next session to allow NMFS access to State collected statistics.

The working group proposed a meeting in July to discuss the need for the type of limited access system possible for each fishery management plan and fishery.

COUNCIL ACTION

The Council may wish to develop a time frame for the analysis of the limited entry issue in each fishery. Recommendations for topics of discussion at meetings and further study programs would be of benefit to the working group.

Attachment