

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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DRAFT AGENDA

67th Plenary Session
North Pacific Fishery Management Council

August 12-14, 1985
Alyeska Resort
Girdwood, Alaska

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet August 12-14, 1985, at the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12. After electing officers for the coming year and reports on Japanese whaling, the Council Chairmen's meeting and MFCMA reauthorization, the Council will discuss how to revise the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to increase the Council's management flexibility and responsiveness to the rapidly evolving fisheries in the Gulf. They will also discuss specific objectives and strategies for the Gulf groundfish fisheries.

The Council's Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, at Alyeska to discuss funding for a data coordinator position, Council liaison position, development of the FY 1988 NMFS/Council budgets and a Sea Grant proposal for management courses.

The Council's Permit Review Committee will meet at Alyeska, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, and continue into Friday, August 16. The Committee will review public comments to the Council's proposed policy on the review of joint ventures and allocations and the conditioning of permits.

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- I. OPENING BUSINESS
 - A. Approval of agenda and minutes of previous meeting
 - B. Election of Council Officers
 - C. Executive Director's Report

- II. REPORT ON CHAIRMEN'S MEETING
 - A. Council/NOAA Task Force Study
 - B. IG report
 - C. OMB study
 - D. Budget review
 - E. Council staff liaison in Washington, D.C.

- III. MFCMA REAUTHORIZATION
 - A. Senate hearings
 - B. Current Chairmen's position

- IV. GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH PLAN REVISIONS
 - A. Plan Team report on reorganizing and frameworking plan
 - B. Status of pollock resources
 - C. Status report on Southeast sablefish fishery

- V. GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
 - A. Introductory overview
 - B. Subcommittee report
 - C. Council discussion
 - D. Recommendations and guidance to Plan Team for further action
 - E. Draft schedule for processing goals and objectives

- VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
 - A. Approve funding for groundfish data coordinator
 - B. North Pacific management options - a short course
 - C. Council liaison position
 - D. FY88 budget development

- VII. OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Several items of interest have occurred since the last Council meeting that affect our relations with other nations in the North Pacific. The U.S. and the Peoples Republic of China signed a GIFA in July. It's currently before the Security Council and is expected to go from the President to Congress prior to their reconvening in September.

The United States recently signed a new GIFA with Poland. It too is expected to be to the Senate prior to their reconvening. We expect to exchange notes soon with the Soviet Union extending their GIFA. The current GIFAs with Poland and the Soviet Union both expire in September.

No official word has been received from Taiwan confirming their adoption of regulations similar to those used by Japan to govern the squid fishery. In fact, there's some indication that they're backing off their previous informal intent to use those regulations. They appear to be dissatisfied with the northern boundary (39°N latitude) for the area west of 175°E and have also expressed dissatisfaction with the eastern boundary, now proposed for 145°W longitude.

The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled 2 to 1 against the United States in the suit brought against the U.S. government by several conservation groups over the agreement between the U.S. and Japan that permits Japan to continue sperm whaling for three more years. The Court told the U.S. they had 90 days to issue a certification under Section 201(e)(2)(A)(i) of the Magnuson Act which would require that Japan's allocation shall be reduced by not less than 50%.

The U.S. government has apparently not decided whether they will appeal the ruling to a full Court or to the Supreme Court, nor is it known whether they would get a stay of the Appeals Court decision while a further appeal is in progress.

Council Committee Meetings

The Council Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning to discuss funding for a groundfish data coordinator, a Council liaison post in Washington, halibut management workshops, and a group to work with NMFS for FY88 budget development.

You'll note that the Permit Review Committee, formerly scheduled to begin meeting Thursday morning, will now convene at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, continuing into Friday. I expect that group to be finished early Friday so that members can keep important appointments later that day.

Future Council Business

Attachment 1 under this tab is a telegram from the City of Bethel expressing their concern for the very poor chum salmon run in the Kuskokwim this season and urging Council action on any and all interceptions of salmon at sea. They're particularly concerned about the catch that occurred in 1983 and '84 in the pollock joint venture fishery north of Unimak Pass.

While the king crab bycatch in the yellowfin sole joint venture fisheries in Bristol Bay have remained within the guidelines set by the industry workgroup and approved by the Council (7.75 crab per ton of target catch), the yellowfin sole fishery has expanded and the catch of king crab is well over 500,000 animals. That's high enough so the Council will have to look very carefully at the situation for 1986.

I want to remind you again that the Council will be sharing a booth with Sea Grant and ADF&G at the Fish Expo October 16-19. I urge any of you who can to spend at least some time there. We find it's very, very important to have a Council member available for the industry to talk to.

The annual National Fishery Law Symposium will be held in Seattle on October 11-12. We have reserved five places and need an indication from you of who wants to attend.

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WHEREAS THE CITY OF BETHEL'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTS THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF BETHEL; AND

WHEREAS THE CITY OF BETHEL'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS MADE A FINDING IN FACT THAT AN ECONOMIC DISASTER CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THE FISHERIES OF THE

KUSKOKWIM RIVER THAT THREATENS TO DESTROY THE ALREADY LIMITED REVENUE PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL FISHING THAT IS THE BACKBONE OF THIS REGION'S

CASH ECONOMY; AND

WHEREAS THE BETHEL CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS THE ALASKA STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES STATEMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MIXED STOCK SALMON FISHERIES, FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1983, AND LIKE THE STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES, BELIEVES

THAT MIXED STOCK INTERCEPTION FISHERIES ARE A THREAT TO CONSERVATION OF DISCRETE STOCKS, AND IMPOSE A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL BURDEN ON USERS OF THESE SALMON STREAMS OF ORIGIN; AND

WHEREAS THE CITY OF BETHEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REALIZES THE SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE CASH AND PROTIEN ECONOMY IN THE KUSKOKWIM

THAT IS SINGULARLY DEPENDENT UPON ITS SPAWNING AND SALMON STOCKS; AND

WHEREAS THE STATE OF ALASKA CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE WITHOUT RESTRAINT MIXED STOCK INTERCEPTION FISHERIES OF KUSKOKWIM SALMON IN THE FALSE PASS-SHUMAGIN ISLAND COMMERCIAL SALMON DISTRICTS THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE BOARD OF

FISHERIES STATEMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MIXED STOCK SALMON FISHERIES THAT HARMS DISCRETE STOCK MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS ; AND

WHEREAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS OF DOMESTIC TRAWL FISHERIES SELLING TO FORIEGN PROCESSORS TO HARVEST WITHOUT PENALTY OR THREAT OF CLOSURE FULLY UTILIZED SPECIES LIKE SALMON THAT ARE HARVESTED AT THEIR SUSTAINED YIELD BY EXISTING DOMESTIC FLEETS THAT HARMS DISCRETE STOCK MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS; AND

WHEREAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS FORIEGN NATIONS TO INTERCEPT SALMON OF WESTERN ALASKAN STREAMS OF ORIGIN ON THE HIGH SEAS WITHIN THE 200 MILE EXTENDED JURISDICTION FOR FISHERIES OF THE UNITED STATES THAT TAKES PLACE WITH NO PENALTY, OR COMPENSATION FOR EXISTING DOMESTIC USERS THAT HARMS DISCRETE STOCK MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS; AND

WHEREAS EVEN THOSE NATIONS THAT DEPLOY HIGH SEAS SALMON INTERCEPTION FLEETS PROHIBIT THEIR OWN NATIONALS FROM INTERCEPTING SALMON FROM STREAMS OF ORIGIN OF THEIR OWN NATION DUE TO THE INEFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION TREATS OF SUCH ACTIONS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BETHEL'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT

A. ALL INTERCEPTIONS ON KUSKOKWIM RIVER STREAM OF ORIGIN SALMON MUST CEASE IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT FURTHER ECONOMIC DISASTER;

B. BY LINKING PHASE-OUT OF FOREIGN DIRECTED FISHERIES FOR SURPLUS BOTTOM FISH IN THE ALASKAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TO TERMINATION OF ALL HIGH SEAS TAKE OF SALMON OF KUSKOKWIM AND WESTERN ALASKAN ORIGIN BY THESE NATIONS;

C. BY LINKING CONTINUATION OF JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS IN THE ALASKA CONTINENTAL SHELF TO THESE FLEETS LIMITING THEIR TAKE OF FULLY UTILIZED SPECIES LIKE SALMON SO CRITICAL TO EXISTING DOMESTIC FLEETS TO LESS THEN

.5% OF THE BIOMASS, WITH 100% OBSERVER COVERAGE ON BOARD, AND IF IN ANY FISHING YEAR, THESE FLEETS EXCEED THAT CEILING, THAT THESE FLEETS MUST CEASE FISHING OPERATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT YEAR.

D. THAT THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISH RELOCATE THE CAPE FISHERIES IN FALSE PASS AND THE SHUMAGIN ISLANDS TO A MORE DISCRETE NATAL STREAM OF ORIGIN MANAGEMENT POLICY, SO THAT IN PRACTICE, THESE INTERCEPTION FISHERIES SHALL EITHER RELOCATE TO THOSE SALMON STREAMS OF ORIGIN TO FISH ALONGSIDE OF OTHER ALASKAN USERS OF THESE DISCRETE STOCKS OR FISH ON THOSE STOCKS THAT ARE PROVEN BIOLOGICALLY TO INDIGENOUS TO STREAMS OF THEIR CAPE FISHERY REGION, AS DIRECTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES POLICY STATEMENT ON MANAGEMENT OF MIXED STOCK SALMON FISHERIES.

MOTIONED AND PASSED THIS FIRST DAY OF AUGUST 1985

BETHEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOX 2272 BETHEL AK 99559

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PLS RELAY THE FOLLOWING MSG TO CHAIRMAN JAMES CAMPBELL
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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ATTN: CHAIRMAN JAMES CAMPBELL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM BRANSON

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

DEAR MR. CAMPBELL:

DEAR MR. BRANSON:

OUR COUNTRY PLANS TO SEND THREE FACTORY TRAWLERS TO ALASKAN
WATERS FOR CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTION AND JOINT VENTURE
OPERATIONS THIS WINTER. ALLOCATIONS WE

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ARE APPLYING FOR THIS

WINTER IS 10,000 METRIC TONS INCLUDING 1,000 MT OF DIRECTED

ALLOCATION FOR POLLACK AND 9,000 MT OF JOINT VENTURE

ALLOCATIONS. SINCE IT WILL MERELY BE A EXPERIMENTAL

PRODUCTION, WE HOPE OUR VESSELS CAN BE KINDLY APPROVED

TO CONDUCT FISHING AND JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS IN WATERS NEAR

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WE WILL SUBMIT OUR APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTED AND JOINT VENTURE

ALLOCATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR IN THE RATIO OF ONE TO ONE.

WE HAVE SUBMITTED OUR APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALLOCATIONS TO THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ARE SENDING COPIES OF THE FORMS TO
YOUR COUNCIL.

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WE HOPE THAT THE GIFA BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES

COULD COME INTO FORCE AND APPLICATION FOR ALLOCATIONS COULD BE
APPROVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WITH BEST REGARDS.

TU FENGJUN, DIRECTOR OF AQUATIC PRODUCTS, MINISTRY

OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES OF PRC

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