

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1980

SITKA, ALASKA

The Finance Committee of the North Pacific Fishery Management met September 25, 1980 for the purpose of reviewing contracts for final payment, SSC Programmatic recommendations, and review of FY81 administrative funding.

The group was given a briefing on the status of Contract #80-5, "Offshore Salmon Study" by Natural Resource Corp staff members. After discussion the Finance Committee recommends the Council amend this contract through November with additional funding up to \$24,000 to accommodate compiling of new information. This new information to be provided by the Washington Department of Fisheries and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on interception rates and escapement patterns for silver salmon and to develop broader interpretation of ABC and OY. Funds are available from the FY81 budget.

Upon recommendations from the SSC, the Finance Committee recommends approval for final payment of the following contracts:

- 77-5 - Groundfish observer - ADF&G - \$15,718.28
- 78-4 - Computer Program - ADF&G for \$49,779.74
- 80-2 - Key punch and analysis of halibut fish tickets - \$10,000

The Finance Committee then discussed the funding of a representative from the Alaska Board of Fisheries to attend each Council meeting. Should the Council desire to assist in funding this representative, funds are not available in the FY81 budget and supplemental funding would have to be requested.

The Committee then reviewed the prioritized Programmatic research funding list from the SSC. The list is an appendix to the SSC minutes. The Committee recommends acceptance of these projects, up to \$580,000 in concept. It was noted some of these studies could possibly be funded and/or administered by other agencies and the Executive Director was requested to pursue this premise, and any remaining funds be protected for the "rapid response unforeseen data need" line item.

The Executive Director then requested authority to research the possibility of the Northwest and Alaska Center becoming the contract monitor for the NPFMC. The Council would write the request for proposals and choose the contractor then request the Center administer it from that point, with Council funds. The Finance Committee recommends this concept be studied and further information be given in the future.

The FY81 administrative funding was then reviewed, and the Committee was informed additional funding would be available if needed at the 6 month review period, as was done in FY80.