

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Interested Individuals

FROM: Jim Richardson, NPFMC Staff Economist *JR*

DATE: July 20, 1981

SUBJECT: Fishing vessel financing through NMFS programs

I have had requests, by Council members and others, to obtain data on the magnitude of investment in king crab fishing vessels through a NMFS financing program. While the king crab fleet fishing off Alaska is fully capitalized or over-capitalized, new vessels have entered the fishery which have been financed through the NMFS program. This funding of new entrants into the fishery has caused some concern by several king crab fishing vessel owners who have financed their own operations.

The NMFS Fishing Vessel Obligation Guarantee Program (FVOG) finances up to 87-1/2 percent of the cost of constructing, reconstructing or reconditioning fishing vessels. From information given to me by NMFS, Washington, D.C. personnel, two Alaskan fisheries were listed as "conditional" in 1976: salmon and king crab. This means that vessels are not supposed to be financed through the FVOG program which would fish solely for either of these two species; however, combination vessels which have the capability and intent to fish for other species, are eligible to fish king crab. Once the loan is approved and given, NMFS has no way of forcing vessels to not participate in the king crab fishery, except to call the loan.

The data presented below was obtained by telephone from the NMFS Financial Services Division in Washington, D.C. The data show that for the period from 1975 to the present, 90 vessels fishing in Alaska were financed through the FVOG program, with the total loaned over 63 million dollars. Many of the vessels financed can be identified from the information given as having entered the king crab fishery.

I have not attempted to analyze this data or the impact of the FVOG program on the king crab fishery. If the Council members are interested in this issue, further data will be required from NMFS.

ALASKA VESSELS

1975	<u>1 vessel</u> combination vessel crab/shrimper	Total	896,654
1976	<u>2 vessels</u> - 1 king crab - 1 combination	Total	1,099,044 <u>141,402</u> \$ 1,240,446
1977	<u>None</u>		
1978	<u>2 vessels</u> - 1 king crab - 1 combination	Total	1,000,000 <u>414,000</u> \$ 1,414,000
1979	<u>5 vessels</u> - 2 combination (\$3,797,085) (mostly stern trawling; some king crab) - 3 multipurpose (partially into king crab)	Total	\$ 4,184,119
1980	<u>9 vessels</u> - 3 combination (\$3,202,740)	Total	\$ 6,693,321
1981 (to end of June)	<u>1 vessel</u> (not involved with king crab)	Total	<u>563,487</u>
	TOTAL 20 vessels		<u>\$14,992,027</u>

SEATTLE VESSELS

1975 (first year)	<u>5 vessels</u> - 2 king crab (\$1,451,086) - 3 king crab and multipurpose (\$420,000) - 1 not involved in crab fishery	Total	\$ 3,825,547
1976	<u>7 vessels</u> - 5 king crab (\$2,972,226) - 1 combination (\$295,206) - 1 not involved in crab fishery	Total	\$ 4,270,246
1977	<u>5 vessels</u> - 3 king crab (\$2,250,094) - 2 others	Total	\$ 2,596,780
1978	<u>8 vessels</u> - 2 king crab (\$1,666,800) - 2 combination (\$5,066,800) - 4 others (salmon ?)	Total	\$ 7,305,152
1979	<u>16 vessels</u> - 1 large combination (\$7 million) - 15 combination	Total	\$13,766,643
1980	<u>22 vessels</u> - 2 combination (\$4,317,691) - 10 (tanner crab, shrimp, black cod and salmon) - 8 others	Total	\$15,402,972
1981 (to end of June)	<u>7 vessels</u> (no crab or combination crab)	Total	<u>\$ 1,727,887</u>
	TOTAL 70 vessels		<u>\$48,895,227</u>

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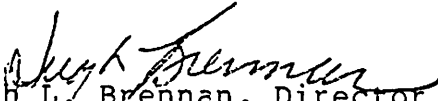
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
The Assistant Secretary for Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
ATTN: Committee Liaison Officer  
SUBJECT: Approved/Filed Advisory Committee Charters

This concerns the official reestablished Advisory Panels for the Caribbean, North Pacific, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils.

Attached for your records and appropriate action are two copies of the approved charters, posted to show that they have been filed and copies furnished the Library of Congress, as required by law.

  
Hugh L. Brennan, Director  
Office of Organization and  
Management Systems

Attachments

cc: GSA Committee Management Secretariat  
OGC

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHARTER OF  
ADVISORY PANEL FOR  
THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

A. Establishment

The Advisory Panel (the "Panel") for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (the "Council") is hereby reestablished with General Services Administration concurrence under the authority of Section 302(g)(2) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA) (the "Act"), Public Law 94-265 (16 U.S.C. 1852), signed by the President on April 13, 1976, which establishes eight Regional Fishery Management Councils, and authorizes the establishment of such advisory panels as are deemed necessary by the Council to assist it in carrying out its functions under the Act. (This charter supersedes the charter dated April 12, 1979).

B. Explanation of Terms

The terms used in this charter shall have the meanings that are prescribed in the Act.

C. Objectives and Duties

1. The Panel shall offer to the Council advice on the assessments and specifications contained in each fishery management plan for each fishery within the Council's geographical area of concern, with particular regard to:

- (a) The capacity and the extent to which the fishing vessels of the United States will harvest the resources considered in fishery management plans.
- (b) The effect of such fishery management plans on local economies and social structures.
- (c) Potential conflicts between user groups of a given fishery resource.
- (d) Enforcement problems peculiar to each fishery with emphasis on the expected need for enforcement resources.

2. The Panel shall offer advice and/or prepare comments for the Council on (a) fishery management plans or amendments thereto during preparation of such plans or amendments by the Council, and on (b) fishery management plans prepared by the Secretary and transmitted to the Council for review.

3. Panel members shall attend public hearings on the fishery management plans, and amendments thereto, as requested by the Council Chairperson.
4. Panel members shall attend Council meetings at the request of the Council Chairperson to advise the Council on particular fisheries, with particular reference to the socioeconomic implications of managing those fisheries.
5. Panel members shall keep the Council advised of current trends and developments in fishery matters.
6. The Panel shall perform such other necessary and appropriate advisory duties as may be required by the Council to carry out its functions under the Act.

D. Members and Chairperson

1. The Panel shall have a total of not more than 25 members, all of whom shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Council.
2. The Panel shall be composed of persons who are either actually engaged in the harvest of, or are knowledgeable and interested in, the conservation and management of the fisheries to be managed. The Panel shall also reflect expertise and interest from the standpoint of geographical distribution, industry and other user groups, and the economic and social groups encompassed in the Council's geographical area of concern.
3. Members of the Panel shall be appointed by the Council for a period of two years, and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the Council. Vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired terms of such vacancies.
4. The Chairperson of the Panel shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Council from among the members of the Panel.

E. Administrative Provisions

1. The Panel (and/or its subpanels) shall meet approximately five times a year. In accordance with Section 10(f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), a designated officer or employee of the Federal Government must approve the meeting request and the proposed agenda.
2. The Panel shall report to the Chairperson of the Council or designee.
3. Security clearances for Panel members shall be requested as necessary.

4. The Executive Director of the Council shall provide such staff assistance and other support as the Council considers necessary for Panel and subpanel activities, within budget limitations.
5. The annual cost of operating the Panel is estimated to be \$200,000. Panel expenses shall be paid by the Council from the grant provided by the Secretary of Commerce. (The Panel will utilize the staff of the Council, as provided in Section E(4) of this charter. It is estimated that one person-year of annual staff support will be needed).
6. Members of the Panel shall serve without compensation. They shall, on request, be paid their actual expenses for travel incurred in the performance of their duties for the Council in accordance with applicable law.
7. The Panel and its subpanels shall function solely as advisory bodies in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

F. Subpanels

1. The Panel may be structured in subpanels to carry out the objectives and duties of the Panel.
2. The Council may establish or abolish such subpanels as it deems necessary, with the concurrence of the Director (Assistant Administrator for Fisheries), NMFS, NOAA, (hereby delegated such authority) and in accordance with Part II, Chapter 1, Section E, of the Department of Commerce Committee Management Handbook.
3. The Chairperson and members of the subpanels will be selected by the Council from the membership of the parent Panel.
4. Each subpanel shall meet at the call of its Chairperson with the approval of the Chairperson of the Council.
5. The subpanels shall report to the Chairperson of the Council or designee.

G. Duration

The Panel shall terminate two years from the date of this charter unless earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority by appropriate action.

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Date

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Assistant Secretary for Administration

Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1976), this committee was filed with the Assistant Secretary for Administration on May 26, 1981. On the same date, copies were filed with the following committees of Congress, and a copy furnished the Library of Congress:

- Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- House Committee on Energy and Commerce
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
- House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

*May 26, 1981*  
Date

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