

North Pacific Fishery council plans meeting

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage on March 27 and 28. The Council will review and approve for public review the 1985 amendment packages for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish management plans. Final Council action will be taken in May after a public comment period. The Council will also clarify its February 1985 apportionment of the sablefish OY to DAP trawl fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska.

The Council will review decisions made by the Alaska Board of Fisheries on king and tanner crab management for 1985 to determine whether amendments to the Council's fishery management plans are required for consistency between federal and state regulations. There will also be a discussion of the recent incidental catch of king crab in the Soviet

yellowfin sole fishery.

Also on the agenda is a review of proposed amendments to the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. A request by Iceland for a direct fishing allocation will be reviewed and joint venture permit conditions will be discussed. The People's Republic of China will give a brief presentation on their plans for fisheries in the U.S. Fishery Conservation Zone.

The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet at the Captain Cook Hotel beginning at 1:30 p.m. on March 25. The Advisory Panel will also meet at the hotel beginning with an orientation for new members at 1:30 p.m. on March 25.

Other Council plan team and workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the meeting week. All meetings are open to the public.