

# Council to address groundfish plans

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet Wednesday through Friday and will review proposed amendments to the groundfish fishery management plans for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

The plans the council members approve will be submitted to the secretary of the Department of Commerce.

The meetings will be at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage.

The council also will review current council operating procedures, based on a report from the Policy and Planning Committee and also will hear a report from the Crab Management Committee on progress in developing a combined king and Tanner crab fishery management plan for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.

There will be a status report on a pilot domestic observer program, and

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the council may revise its observer policy.

Also discussed will be progress in revising the Salmon Fishery Management Plan, and there will be reports on the Pacific Salmon Commission meeting, as well as any troll salmon fishery actions taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

The council will review industry projections of groundfish needs during 1987. Of particular interest will be the pollock resource. No pollock joint ventures have been allowed in the Gulf of Alaska so far this year.

In addition to the regular reports on

domestic and foreign fisheries, enforcement and legislation, the council will also receive status reports on two surveys:

- A mail survey of sablefish

fishermen in the Gulf of Alaska, soliciting their opinions on limited access management options for the sablefish fishery.

•A telephone survey of groundfish fishermen and processors about management options for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands.

A report on the extent of unrecorded discards in trawl operations also will be presented.