

Fishery council to review Alaska groundfish stocks

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will review the status of groundfish stocks in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutians plus set final groundfish apportionments during a December meeting in Anchorage.

The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Sheraton Hotel and will conclude on Dec. 11.

Council members also will make recommendations for foreign allocations requests, vessel permits and joint ventures for 1987.

The council's crab management work group will report on their progress in developing recommendations for crab management off Alaska.

The council is expected to recommend extending an emergency rule suspending the Tanner crab regulations and consider future action.

Appointments to the council's advisory panel, scientific and statistical committee and groundfish plan teams will be announced for terms beginning Jan. 1.

There will also be reports from Alaska Department of Fish and Game on domestic fisheries, National Marine

Fisheries Service on management issues, the Coast Guard on enforcement and a review of 1987 survey plans by the Northwest & Alaska Fisheries Center.

The council will also review Domestic Observer Committee progress and information on reflagging foreign vessels.

Other meetings scheduled during the week are:

- Scientific and Statistical Committee beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7.
- Advisory Panel beginning at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7.
- Permit Review Committee beginning at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7.
- AP Nominating Committee beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.
- Finance Committee beginning at 7 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.

The SSC, council, and Advisory Panel Nominating Committee will each meet in at least one closed session during the week to discuss personnel and nominations to the council's advisory groups. All other meetings are open to the public.