

CHARGE TO THE INITIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL 304

Pursuant to the Board's discussions, the position of the Department, which submitted this proposal and the requests of the stakeholders and their representatives, the Board has determined that the creation of an Oversight Committee for the crab observer program and the program receipts system contemplated by Proposal 304. The purpose of this document is to respond to RC 171 which is a list of recommended members for the initial Oversight Committee and to provide a charge to the initial Oversight Committee.

At the Board's request, the stakeholders met, discussed the matter and provided to the Board a list of proposed members for the initial Oversight Committee; RC 171. This list contains fourteen (14) names, some of whom are direct stakeholders and some of whom are representatives of stakeholders.

As has been the consistent practice of the Board, nominees to work groups, task forces and public panels by the stakeholders is to be substantially respected. Also, consistent with Board practice's stakeholders are to be preferred to representatives of stakeholders in the Board's task force, committee, work group appointments. Representatives have generally been allowed to participate in these processes as "technical advisors."

Given these two somewhat competing practices, the Board makes the following appointments to the Oversight Committee:

Stakeholders

Garry Lancon (PNCIAC)
 Ron Briggs FV Trailblazer
 Doug Wells C/P Courageous & Baranof
 Steve Toomey FV Exito
 Edward Poulsen FV Arctic Sea
 Gordon Blue FV Ocean Cape
 Jeff Steele FV Pacific Mist
 Lu Dochtermann FV North Point
 Jerry Bongen FV Pacific Venture
 Charlie Rehder FV Kustutan
 Richard Powell

Technical Advisors

Jeff Stephan (UFMA)
 Linda Kozak (Area D Crabbers)
 Arni Thomson (ACC)
 Tom Casey (AFCG)

The term of the initial Oversight Committee is from the date of this charge through the Board of Fisheries October, 1999 work session in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The initial Oversight Committee is charged as follows:

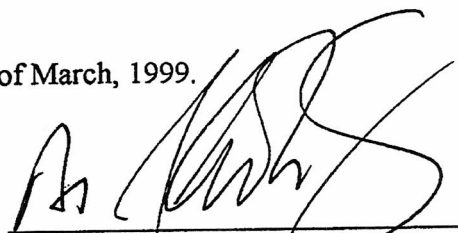
1) Making recommendations to the Board of Fisheries as to the appointment, composition and term of the permanent Oversight Committee.

2) making recommendations to the Board of Fisheries as to the duties, authorities and responsibilities of the permanent Oversight Committee which will include: (1) reporting to the Board of Fisheries; (2) interacting with the Department; (3) funding mechanisms; (4) budget priorities; (5) research priorities; (6) types of observers to be used in the fishery; (7) issues of observer coverage, as well as the duties and responsibilities of the observers, in the various fisheries; and (8) other similar issues which may arise during the work of the initial Oversight Committee.

3) Working with the department in developing program receipts requests to the State Legislature.

The duties, authorities and responsibilities of the permanent Oversight Committee, once the initial Oversight Committee has done its work and the Board has reviewed and adopted some or all of the initial Oversight Committee's recommendations at its work session in October, 1999 in Fairbanks, will be placed in regulation as part of the management regime for the affected crab fisheries.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 25th day of March, 1999.



John White, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries