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PACIFIC COUNCIL SCHEDULES DISCUSSIONS ON "JOINT VENTURE"

During its January meeting in San Diego, The Pacific Fishery Management Council considered permit applications for two Soviet processing vessels, the SULAK and the TIKHVIN, to receive Pacific hake in the Fishery Conservation Zone from U.S. catcher vessels. After extensive deliberation, the Pacific Council, by a vote of 8-5, recommended rejection of the permit applications associated with this "joint venture".

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has suggested that the Council might want to review its decision to recommend rejection of these two permit applications. In a letter to Lorry M. Nakatsu, Executive Director of the Council, David H. Wallace, Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, said:

"I understand from others that the review may have been hindered by the absence of NOAA policy on such matters. The Council may wish to review revised applications for the SULAK and TIKHVIN after the NOAA policy is published and after the revised applications have been published in the FEDERAL REGISTER."

The proposed NOAA interim policy on "joint ventures" was published on February 8, 1978.

A review of these two applications is scheduled for the Council's meeting in Portland on February 16-17, 1978.

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