

*Appendix J.*

November 30, 1978

PRESENTATION BY THE HOKUTEN  
MISSION TO THE 21st MEETING  
OF NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES  
COUNCIL.

I am Kawahira, the head delegate of the Hokuten Trawlers Mission.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the council, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to voice our comments regarding the FMP of the Aleutian and Bering areas for 1979.

Very shortly after the U.S. 200 mile limit was enacted, I came to the U.S. as the leader of the Hokuten Trawlers Mission. At that time my understanding of the importance of the various regulation was enhanced and after returning to Japan my best efforts were made to deepen the comprehension of the regulations by all Hokuten Trawler members.

I feel the first two years after the enactment, however, have been a trial period for both the U.S. and Japan. I cannot help but have great concern and expectation to see the further development during 1979.

We believe that if new, equitable fishing accords are established by improvements of various means and regulations based on the cooperation of both Japan and the U.S., all fish resources can be utilized to their optimum.

To maintain the feasibility of business and secure the continued operation of our 70 Hokuten Trawlers, we request that full consideration and acceptance of the two proposals, provided in the attachment, be made at the finalization of FMP.

The details of the proposals will be presented by our translator, Mr. Rueter.

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HOKUTEN MISSION

for Shinji Endo

Chairman

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ATTACHMENT

Proposal 1. DELETION OF PROVISION TO BAN TRAWLING IN THE ALEUTIAN AREA.

1. The foundation of this request regarding the proposed banning of trawling in the area (172°W long. to 179°E long.) had been submitted during the 20th meeting of the Regional Council. We request again that full consideration of this data be made.
2. We request that in the area from 172°W long. to 176°W long. the present ban on trawling within the 12 mile limit be lifted for the period of May 1st through August 31st. \*

\* Foundation:

We want to promote efficiency of the fishery effort however we request that further organized data be allowed submission at a later date.

Proposal 2. OBTAIN SHRIMP CATCH ALLOTMENT FOR HOKUTEN TRAWLERS.

Specific terms and foundations as follows:

1. We request a total allotment of 600 tons. (This is a conservative estimate for 70 Hokuten Trawlers)
2. The area should be the Northern portion of the Eastern Bering Sea (Area II). (Complete exclusion of the Aleutian area) We understand this area is not in conflict with U.S. shrimp fishing interests.
3. The period for the fishery should be for three months (June through August).

4. Incidental catch of shrimp, with relation to annual catch totals of other fish is almost 1 % percent.
5. It is said that shrimp mature in two years. Since it has been banned more than 2½ years we assume that the resource is in the state of sound reproduction.
6. Under the current ban, all shrimp are released immediately upon catch however, the majority are damaged and dead thus creating a waste of resource.

We would like to submit further organized and specific data related these two proposals at the end of January 1979.

Thank you.