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Wed., Jan. 26, 1977
Anchorage, AK

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson, Chairman
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
Post Office Mall Bldg., Suite 32
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rasmuson:

It was brought to my attention in the past week that financial commitments are now being made to catch Black Cod with pots in the Aleutian Islands area. This is a totally domestic operation.

Because of what appears to be a decline in these stocks under foreign fishing, and present flexibility for such foreign fishery to operate in the e to 12 mile zone, that in order to protect and nurture this budding enterprise, a management appraisal by the Council's working group is requested.

The period of time concerned (or contemplated) is June through August, because of available vessel operating time. Because of this time period, it is possible that these limited resources may be preempted by foreign fishing, if there is no prior domestic allocation.

The number of vessels anticipated now is two, and an estimate of resource allocation needed would be very proximate and dependent on stock density and learning rate of the domestic fishermen involved.

I would be happy to meet with a working group you may designate to identify the problems specifically involved and to evolve some plan of operation.

I do not directly represent the interests involved but have been requested to bring this to the attention of the Council.

Respectfully and Sincerely yours,

/s/ Sig. Jaeger,
Advisory Panel Member