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Mr. Richard H. Schaefer, Chief
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Dear Dick:

This responds to the memorandum from Dave Wallace on the proposed Council/NMFS workshop on foreign fee schedule, dated January 31, 1978 which we received on February 7th. Since it is difficult to collect the views of all Council members within the three-day turnaround time allowed by the February 10 deadline, the following represents my thinking and the comments of one Council member:

1. Timing. Schedule in June so as not to conflict with any scheduled Regional Council meetings.
2. Location. Someplace in New England or Southern California. The LaJolla Fisheries Center would be an ideal site.
3. Contact Person. James A. Crutchfield, Department of Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Dr. Crutchfield's mail should be sent to us at the Council office until April 15, as he will be out of the country.
4. Co-Chairman of Workshop. We suggest a representative of the New England and/or South Atlantic Fishery Management Council co-chair this workshop in conjunction with a representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service.
5. Agenda. We are enclosing a copy of our July 13 and August 3, 1977 letters to Bob Schoning on the foreign fee schedule. At a minimum the agenda should include:
 - a. Purposes to be served by fees and charges
 - b. Technical impact of different kinds of fees and charges, particularly as regard to total fishing effort and allocation by individual foreign country.
 - c. Method of levying fees and charges.




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6. Consultants.

- a. Professors James Wilson and Robert Anderson, University of Maine
(presented excellent paper on subject at workshop at U. of Delaware)
- b. Professor Lee Anderson, Department of Marine Resources,
University of Delaware
- c. Dr. Daniel Huppert, Southwest Fisheries Center, National
Marine Fisheries Service, LaJolla
- d. Dr. Richard Bishop, University of Wisconsin.

If we can be of further assistance to you on this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc Other Regional Councils
Dr. Harvey M. Hutchings
Dr. James A. Crutchfield
Mr. David H. Wallace



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TO: Chairmen, Regional Fishery Management Councils

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FROM: David H. Wallace *David H. Wallace*
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SUBJECT: Foreign Fees for 1979 and Beyond

This is a followup to Mr. Schoning's memorandum of December 2, 1977, on NMFS action items from the Council Chairmen's Meeting, September 1977, in Portland, Oregon. In that meeting, a commitment was made for a joint Council/NMFS workshop on the foreign fee schedule for 1979.

The 1979 foreign fee schedule should begin to take form in July or August 1978. This means that June is about the latest date that we can hold a workshop and effectively contribute to the 1979 foreign fee schedule. We are now planning a joint Council/NMFS workshop on foreign fees to be conducted sometime during June 1978. We would like the following items from you by February 10, 1978:

1. suggested specific dates for the workshop in June 1978;
2. suggested location of the foreign fee workshop;
3. a contact person from each Council for the workshop;
4. a designated co-chairman from the Regional Fishery Management Council chairmen;
5. items and format for the agenda of the workshop; and
6. suggested consultants who may be used in the workshop.

Please direct your suggestions to: Richard H. Schaefer, Chief, Fisheries Management Operations Division (F31), National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Washington, D.C., 20235.



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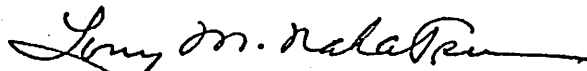
Dear Bob:

The Pacific Fishery Management Council reviewed the draft fee schedule for 1978 at its recent Boise meeting. Council members expressed concern with various aspects of the draft. Major dissatisfactions include their feelings that

- (1) Not enough information was provided on which to base an evaluation, *e.g.*, alternatives, if considered, were not mentioned; explanations as to how values were determined for each species were not provided and seemed unreasonably low in many cases; and
- (2) Not enough time was allotted for review by the councils.

The Pacific Council strongly urges that a national meeting of council representatives be convened as soon as possible by the National Marine Fisheries Service to review this schedule prior to implementation. Such a meeting would provide a forum for technical discussions of the fee schedule by all interested parties.

Sincerely,



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July 13, 1977

Mr. Robert W. Schoning
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Dear Bob:

I am responding to your request for comments on the draft fee schedule for 1978 in a personal capacity, inasmuch as the Council has not had the opportunity to fully address this issue and will not be able to do so until the July 25-26 Boise meeting. Should the Council develop any specific recommendations at that meeting, they will be conveyed to you immediately.

1. *Charging fees for valuable non-surplus species taken as by-catch.*

I support the present practice of requiring foreign fishermen to discard immediately prohibited species taken as by-catches, and agree that the issue of incidental catches should be addressed in Council management plans. The suggestion that incidental catches of valuable species should not be discarded and that high fees be charged for these catches should be examined carefully since this may tend to encourage fishing for and retaining of highly valuable species up to the prescribed limit, if this should prove economically profitable even after paying high fees. The principle of non-retention would also be easiest to enforce.

It would be more logical to address this issue in positive terms by developing management plans that would sharply limit incidental catches. In this regard, the experiences gained in 1977 should be carefully evaluated. For example, at a recent joint meeting of the Groundfish Management Team and Advisory Panel, the Northwest Fisheries Center provided information that the incidental catch rates of rockfishes, including Pacific ocean perch, in the ongoing foreign (Soviet and Polish) fishery for hake are much lower than the levels established in the PMP. This indicates two things: (1) present levels established for incidental catches are too liberal; and (2) the foreign fleets can fish in a manner where they can take almost purely hake. The group expressed serious concern that the foreign fleets may, toward the end of the season, deliberately target on rockfishes to make up their incidental catch allowance. In this connection, I would encourage that NMFS (1) continue to closely

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monitor this situation, and (2) consult with the Department of State and prevent if possible but certainly strongly discourage any attempt by the foreign fleet to make up the incidental catch quota.

2. *Basis for calculation of poundage fee.* The approach described in your memorandum seems reasonable and logical.

3. *Level of fees.* The experiences gained in 1977 should naturally be considered in arriving at a fee schedule in the future. Since there are no compelling arguments at this time in favor of increasing or decreasing fees, I believe they should be held at the same current rate of 3.5 percent.

Sincerely,



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