

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP Members
FROM: Jim H. Branson *CHB*
Executive Director
DATE: March 23, 1984
SUBJECT: Joint Venture Operations

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only.

BACKGROUND

The total joint venture catch off Alaska through March 10, 1984 was 121,117 mt. In the Gulf of Alaska joint ventures harvested 115,417 mt which was 99% pollock. The Bering Sea harvest was 5,700 mt, mainly of cod. General summaries are given below.

1. Marine Resources Company (USSR)
(1984 request: 92,300 mt)

Operations started on February 2 using up to 12 catchers and 5 processors in the Unimak Pass area. Current catch is 9,800 mt, mainly of cod. Cod operations will end the first week of April and then the fleet will gradually move into Bristol Bay yellowfin sole operations.

2. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Ohtori Suisan (Japan)
(1984 request: 24,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began in late January and ended March 17 with a total catch of about 23,000 mt pollock using five catchers and two processors.

3. Westward Trawlers/Taiyo (Japan)
(1984 request: 110,000 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof ran from February 1 to March 13 using seven catchers and three processors. They had a very successful harvest of over 30,000 mt pollock and moved to the Bering Sea for pollock on March 16.

4. Alyeska Ocean/Hoko (Japan)
(1984 request: 35,000 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof ran from February 2 until March 18 using four catchers and one processor. The total catch was 13,061 mt of which over 99% was pollock. Plans are to go to the Unimak area for pollock on March 21.

5. Peter Pan Seafoods/Nichiro Gyogyo (Japan)
(1984 request: 21,000 mt)

Operations began in Shelikof on January 29 and using two catchers and one processor, will achieve their 11,000 mt pollock quota by April 5. Summer operations on pollock in the Bering Sea will commence about June 25.

6. Universal Seafoods/Nippon Suisan (Japan)
(1984 request: 129,000 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced on January 27 and will run until March 25 using seven to eight catchers and four processors. The harvest is proceeding on schedule. Operations will move in late March to the Unimak area to continue fishing for pollock until about April 22. The total pollock target is 60,000 mt.

7. Cal-Alaska Fisheries/Marine Enterprise (South Korea)
(1984 request: 8,200 mt)

Their Shelikof fisheries started on March 10 and harvested 652 mt pollock by March 19 using one catcher and one processor. The operations will continue until March 27 and then move to the Shumagins for northern rockfish.

8. J.V. Fisheries/Oyang and Nambug Fisheries (South Korea)
(1984 request: 21,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began on February 27 and by March 17 caught 5,670 mt pollock out of a target of 8,500 mt. They have used three to five catchers and two processors and will end current operations around April 1. Operations will begin in mid-May in the Bering Sea fishing for pollock, cod and sole.

9. Profish International/Dongwon (South Korea)
(1984 request: 7,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began on February 22 and finished on March 15 using five catchers and three processors. This fleet participated in Profish's other joint venture operations as well. The catch by March 15 was 3,647 mt pollock, over the goal of 3,500 mt. The fleet will work cod and sole in the Bering Sea in late summer.

10. Profish International/Silla (South Korea)
(1984 request: 10,500 mt)

Shelikof operations began on February 26 and caught 4,107 mt pollock by March 17. The target is 6,000 mt which they expect to reach by March 25. Operations will begin on cod and sole in the Bering Sea in summer.

11. Profish International/Daerim
(1984 target: 3,000 mt)

Operations lasted from February 22 to March 17 in Shelikof with a catch of 3,232 mt pollock. The goal was 3,000 mt.

12. Fish Producers Associates/Korea Wonyang Fisheries (South Korea)
(1984 request: 12,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began on March 5 and will achieve the 12,000 mt pollock quota by about March 26. The fleet has consisted of four catchers and two to four processors.

13. Alaskan Joint Venture Fisheries/Samho Moolsan (South Korea)
(1984 request: 20,000 mt)

The Shelikof operation began on February 8 and harvested 5,000 mt pollock by March 22 using four catchers and two processors. Operations will end the first week of April and then move to cod in the Gulf of Alaska or to Bristol Bay.

14. Alaska Contact/Hansung Fisheries (South Korea)
(1984 request: 4,000 mt)

Shelikof operations ran from February 29 to March 21 catching 3,400 mt pollock using two to four catchers and one processor. The next operation will commence about April 5 on Atka mackerel in Seguam Pass using two catchers and one processor.

15. Alaska Contact/Highly Enterprise (Taiwan)

This operation has fished since January 8 around the southeast end of Kodiak using one catcher and one processor. The processor was full on March 17 after a total harvest of 1,130 mt of cod and pollock and is awaiting transshipment. After off loading, fishing will begin again using two processors.

16. Alaska Salt Fish Corp. (Portugal)

This operation fished the Akutan area from November 5 to February 22 using five catchers and one processor. The harvest was about 2,300 mt of cod.

17. Alaska Salt Fish/Bacaladera Vasca (Spain)
(1984 request: 12,000 mt)

Operations will begin in early May in Seguam Pass for cod.

18. Nordstern (West Germany)
(1984 request: 6,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began on February 24 and ended about March 24 with a catch of 3,000 mt pollock. One to three catchers and one processor were used. Operations will soon move to the Bering Sea for pollock.

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Interim Report - 1984 Hoko-Alyeska Ocean Joint Alaska Pollock Fishery;
(1) Shelikof Strait

Dear sirs:

For the reference of the members of the Council, we are pleased to provide the following interim report of our 1984 United States-Japan joint Alaska pollock fishery:

Japanese Company
Hoko Fishing Company
No. 2-4, 1-chome, Tsuki-ji
Chuo-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Name and Size of the Processing Vessels
Tsuda Maru
111 meters
4,317 gross tons

American Company
Alyeska Ocean, Inc. (formerly Jeff Hendricks and Associates)
816 Fourth Street
Anacortes, Washington 98221

Name and Size of the Vessels
M/V Alyeska 198 gross tons
M/V Aldebaran 195 gross tons
M/V Arcturus 198 gross tons
M/V Ocean Dynasty 199 gross tons

Beginning Date of Fishing (GMT) February 2, 1984

End of Fishing (GMT) March 18, 1984

Type of Gear Mid-water trawl only

Area of Fishing 57-00N to 58-00N lat
154-00W to 155-30W long

Operating Days	
Fishing Days	40 days
Cargo Transfer	5 days
Other	<u>1 day</u>
Total	46 days

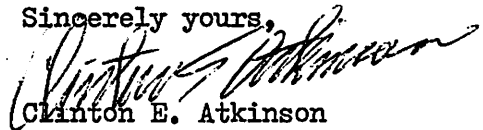
Composition of Catch	
Alaska Pollock	13,031.807 mt
Pacific Cod	27.547 mt
Other	<u>2.079 mt</u>
Total	13,061.433 mt

Average Catch per Operating Day 283.9 mt

This is the beginning of the third year of joint fishing operations for Hoko Fishing Company and Alyeska Ocean, Inc. (formerly Jeff Hendricks and Associates) within the U.S. extended fishing zone but the first year to fish the Shelikof Strait area. Except for days of cargo transfer, the vessels were able to fish continuously throughout the season, even during periods of adverse weather in February. The average catch per operating day was slightly less than the 299.4 mt per day obtained during the 1983 season in the Bering Sea (Unimak area).

The favorable results again reflect the very close cooperation that exists between the captain and officers of the Tsuda Maru and the fleet managers of Alyeska Ocean, Inc. in the pre-season planning and during the fishing operation. Two representatives of Alyeska Ocean, Inc. were again on board the processing vessel in order to coordinate the fishing effort and deliveries with the processing vessel's needs.

Sincerely yours,


Clinton E. Atkinson
Consultant and Advisor
Hoko Fishing Company