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Dear Harold:

A month ago we reported that a steering committee had been formed to oversee a national conference on limited entry. That committee met in Seattle on January 18, 1978 and developed an excellent program. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of developments and to request more participation by interested parties from the states bordering the North Pacific Region in the conference. As you know, we are getting full and supportive help from NOAA.

Nine background papers are currently being written; more may be added. Four subject area papers are underway: (1) "Economic aspects of limited entry" by Kenneth McConnell and Virgil Norton of the University of Rhode Island, "Legal aspects of limited entry" by John Garner of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, (3) "Social aspects of limited entry" by Michael Orback of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and (4) "Conservation aspects of limited entry" by J. L. McHugh of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Five additional papers will discuss experience with limited entry: (1) "Experience in British Columbia" by Chris Newton of Environment Canada, (2) "Experience in Alaska" by Allan Adasiak of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, (3) "Experience in Michigan" by Daniel Talhelm of Michigan State University, (4) "Buyback programs in Washington and British Columbia" by Doug Bell who is currently in charge of the Washington buyback program, and (5) one or two papers to scope out other experiences in the United States and Abroad by Leah Smith of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Biliana Cicin-Sain of the University of California at Santa Barbara. Papers under investigation are a historical perspective of fisheries management and additional experience papers.

First drafts of these papers will be critiqued at a small working session in May. In addition to authors, the working session will include the steering committee (which will then finalize conference plans), and a small group of professionals. The total attendance will be held to 35 people to ensure a thorough analysis of the drafts. The papers will then be revised to provide background information for the national conference.

Our steering committee has decided that the least expensive and most equitable site for the conference, considering all eight Councils, would be a central location. Consequently, we are currently collecting information about hotels in Denver and Chicago in mid-July. We plan to report the dates and site to you within the next month.

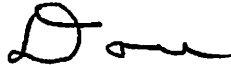
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The format for the conference will be a series of panels on the topics identified in background papers. Each panel will have four to six members including an author, a technical respondent, one or more Council members, and other individuals identified based on knowledge of the issues at hand. We hope to include members from all eight Councils on the various panels. As your Council discusses attendance at the conference, please identify one or more of your members who would be willing to participate on such a panel and indicate to us the type of issues that individual would tend to speak to as well as a little information on her/his background. Selection will be made at our May steering committee meeting to create the most effective conference.

The issue of limited entry is one which is under serious consideration by several Councils. In addition to encouraging the largest feasible attendance by your Council, please consider participation by your technical support staff, state agencies charged with marine fisheries responsibilities and coastal zone management concerns, state legislators, associated federal agencies in your region, industry, and interested public. Our preliminary analysis suggests to us that twenty to thirty individuals, on average, would attend from each of the eight regions. Your estimate of attendance from your region would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to the conference with expectations for a thorough discussion of the important issues of limited entry. Your assistance and involvement is a most important ingredient to our success and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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P.S. - We have just confirmed the conference for the Sheraton/Denver Airport Hotel on July 17, 18 and 19.