

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, AP Members
FROM: Jim H. Branson *JMB*
Executive Director
DATE: December 1, 1983
SUBJECT: Gulf of Alaska Groundfish

ACTION REQUIRED

Approve amounts of groundfish for Domestic Processed Catch (DAP) and Joint Venture Processed Catch (JVP) for the 1984 fishery.

BACKGROUND

Procedures for allocating the groundfish OY to the domestic fishery were established by Amendment 11 to the FMP. Proposed JVPs and DAPs for 1984, based on a survey of the U.S. industry conducted by NMFS, were mailed to the public after the September meeting.

The Council must make final recommendations for 1984 DAPs and JVPs to the Regional Director who will implement them by rule-related notice. Comments on the proposed figures were sent to you in the last Council mailing. Additional comments are included here as Agenda Items D-3C-1 and D-3C-2. A substantial comment from Icicle Seafoods is in your supplemental file.

The Plan Maintenance Team met on November 16 and 17 and discussed the proposed DAPs and JVPs. The team noted that the Regional office of NMFS will be revising the figures, if necessary, on the basis of comments received and will make an effort to reconfirm the initial survey results. The PMT suggested that in the future the Region's industry survey obtain information on timing of projected operations in addition to annual intent and capacity. This would help the Region determine the authenticity of the projections and more accurately determine the amounts to be retained in DAH during the fishing year.

Tables 1 and 2 immediately following this action memorandum are provided to help you sort out the numbers on which you have to make a decision. The tables deal specifically with one set of numbers, DAP or JVP. Each shows the 1983 figure as a reference point, the projected 1983 harvest, the Council's proposals and NMFS revised proposals (as of November 15, 1983).

By filling in Table 3 you will be able to see the amount of groundfish available for TALFF based on your decisions in the other two categories.

Referring to Tables 1 and 2, the Council can set the apportionments of ground-fish to DAP and JVP for the 1984 fishery by using the following motion:

'After having considered all comments and relevant biological and socio-economic information on the 1984 JVPs and DAPs, I move that we establish the 1984 DAPs and JVPs as follows: (read the numbers you have written into the last column of Table 1 for DAP and Table 2 for JVP).'

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GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH

SPECIES	AREA	OY	RESERVE	DAP	JVP	DAH	TALFF
POLLOCK	W/C	340000	68000	24360	210300	234660	37340
	E	16600	3320	300	0	300	12980
TOTAL		356600	71320	24660	210300	234960	50320
P. COD	W	16560	3312	500	250	750	12498
	C	33540	6708	11691	14621	26312	520
	E	9900	1980	120	0	120	7800
TOTAL		60000	12000	12311	14871	27182	20818
FLOUNDERS	W	10400	2080	0	10	10	8310
	C	14700	2940	102	8615	8717	3043
	E	8400	1680	300	0	300	6420
TOTAL		33500	6700	402	8625	9027	17773
POP	W	2700	540	0	1770	1770	390
	C	7900	1580	622	2000	2622	3698
	E	875	175	460	0	460	240
TOTAL		11475	2295	1082	3770	4852	4328
SABLEFISH	W	1670	334	600	50	650	686
	C	3060	612	1541	110	1651	797
	W.YAK	1680	336	1344	0	1344	0
	E.YAK	1135	0	1135	0	1135	0
	S.E.	1435	0	1435	0	1435	0
TOTAL		8980	1282	6055	160	6215	1483
ATKA MACK	W	4678	936	0	400	400	3342
	C	20836	4167	0	1500	1500	15169
	E	3186	637	0	0	0	2549
TOTAL		28700	5740	0	1900	1900	21060
ROCKFISH	GW	7600	1520	395	500	895	5185
THORNYHEA	GW	3750	750	0	50	50	2950
SQUID	GW	5000	1000	100	10	110	3890
OTHER SPE	GW	25780	5156	100	400	500	20124
TOTAL		541385	101087	45005	240586	285591	154707

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Table 1

Establish 1984 Domestic Processed Catch (DAP)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>1983 DAP</u>	<u>Est. 1983 Projected Harvest</u>	<u>Oct. 7 Proposed DAP</u>	<u>NMFS Revised DAP</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>SSC</u>	<u>Council Final DAP</u>
Pollock	W	25	25	230	230			
	C	5,380	109	19,000	24,130			
	E	695	0	0	300			
Pacific cod	W	240	500	500	500			
	C	4,680	4,680	11,683	11,691			
	E	1,480	50	120	120			
Flounders	W	100	0	0	0			
	C	300	300	102	102			
	E	900	200	60	300			
Pacific Ocean Perch	W	25	0	0	0			
	C	295	100	622	622			
	E	300	50	460	460			
Sablefish	W	100	120	0	600			
	C	1,000	286	1,092	1,541			
	W. Yakutat	530	200	530	1,344			
Atka Mackerel	W	0	0	0	0			
	C	0	0	0	0			
	E	0	0	0	0			
Rockfish	GW	700	200	374	395			
Thornyheads	GW	6	0	0	0			
Squid	GW	0	0	0	100			
Other species	GW	<u>1,100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>			
TOTAL		17,856	6,920	34,773	42,535			

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Table 2

Establish 1984 Joint Venture Processed Catch (JVP)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>1983 JVP</u>	<u>1983 Projected Harvest</u>	<u>Oct. 7 Proposed JVP</u>	<u>NMFS Revised JVP</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>SSC</u>	<u>Council Final JVP</u>
Pollock	W	5,750	400	300	300			
	C	104,020	132,000	225,000	210,000			
	E	1,520	0	0	0			
Pacific cod	W	1,040	1,000	250	250			
	C	1,370	2,700	8,621	14,621			
	E	590	0	0	0			
Flounders	W	600	700	0	10			
	C	820	800	4,620	8,615			
	E	460	0	0	0			
Pacific Ocean Perch	W	320	1,800	2,300	1,770			
	C	960	900	4,100	2,000			
	E	200	0	0	0			
Sablefish	W	170	150	1,100	50			
	C	220	50	110	110			
	W. Yakutat	0	0	0	0			
Atka Mackerel	W	290	750	400	400			
	C	1,080	80	0	1,500			
	E	700	0	0	0			
Rockfish	GW	200	300	0	500			
Thornyheads	GW	0	0	0	50			
Squid	GW	150	0	0	10			
Other species	GW	620	0	0	400			
TOTAL		121,080	141,630	246,801	240,586			

Table 3
1984 Gulf of Alaska Goundfish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>OY</u>	- (<u>DAP</u>	+ <u>JVP</u>	+ <u>Reserves</u> ^{1/})	= <u>TALFF</u>
Pollock	W					
	C					
	E	16,600				
Pacific cod	W					
	C					
	E					
Flounders	W	10,400				
	C	14,700				
	E	8,400				
Pacific Ocean perch	W					
	C					
	E					
Sablefish	W	1,670				
	C	3,060				
	W. Yakutat	1,680				
Atka Mackerel	W	4,678				
	C	20,836				
	E	3,186				
Rockfish	GW	7,600				
Thornyheads	GW	3,750				
Squid	GW	5,000				
Other species	GW	_____				

TOTAL

1 Reserves = 20% of OY

2 OY of other species = 5% of total OY target species

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TOTAL		121,080	141,630	246,801	240,586			

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AGENDA D-3C-1
DECEMBER 1983

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S & WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION LOCAL 200

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ACTION	ROUTE TO	INITIAL
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November 21, 1983

Mr. Jim Cambell, Chairman
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
P.O. Box 103136
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Re: 1984 Gulf of Alaska Groundfish

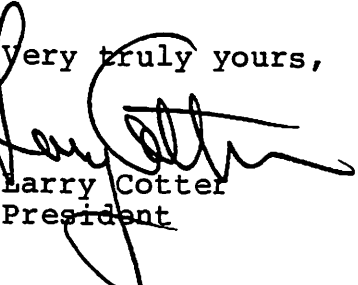
Dear Mr. Cambell:

After careful analysis of the potential domestic processing capacity for sablefish from the Gulf of Alaska, ILWU Local 200 requests the elimination of any TALFF in the Gulf for sablefish in 1984.

We believe there is enough capacity and genuine interest from the domestic processing industry for the purchase and processing of sablefish to warrant the elimination of directed foreign fisheries on that species.

Full domestic utilization of sablefish offers significant employment opportunities for the domestic processing workforce and important diversification opportunities for United States fishermen and the domestic processing industry. We would appreciate the Council's positive reaction to this request.

Very truly yours,



Larry Cotter
President

cc: Seafood Processing Units

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STERLING SEAFOODS INC.
M/V ALASKA STAR

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ACTION	ROUTE	*HERRING	*INITIAL
		*SALMON	
		*BLACK COD	
		*SPECIALTY PRODUCTS	
		*CUSTOM PROCESSING	

November 25, 1983

Mr. Jim Branson, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
P.O. Box 103136
Anchorage, Ak 99510

Dear Mr. Branson,

In response to your request for input from concerned parties regarding allocation of the groundfish resources in the Gulf of Alaska, our company has some serious reservations about continued directed foreign fishing for sablefish in these waters.

We operate a floating processor, the 150 foot Alaska Star, and would like to engage in a sablefish operation in waters west of Yakutat. Our operation would involve one of the following 3 options: 1.) fishing the Alaska Star and processing the catch on board, 2.) buying sablefish from a fleet of 6-8 fishing boats near the fishing grounds, or, 3.) a combination of the first 2 options. It was decided that the second option was the most suitable method of operation and had the best chance of success.

In looking for markets to accomodate a fleet of 6-8 boats and a production rate of about 500 tons per month, we encountered some problems. We preferred a Japanese market and in talking with industry observers and knowledgeable brokers, we were informed that at the present time it would be difficult to get a Japanese market as long as the Japanese longline fleet was operating in these areas for sablefish. In talking with Japanese firms concerning markets for our sablefish operation, we consistently found no interest in purchasing our product. The reason given was a bad market situation and no mention was given to the presence of the Japanese longline fleet. Although the presence of the sablefish longline fleet was not mentioned by the Japanese firms, it is easy to see why they would not say anything concerning this. This is due to restrictions that might be placed on their allocations by the Council should it be deemed that their activities hindered U.S. involvement in that fishery.

The Japanese longline fleet is presently struggling for survival with reduced allocations and restricted fishing areas. Protests to the Japanese government by the Japanese longline fleet can be expected on any move of the U.S. government to restrict the directed fishing for sablefish. Through "advisory recommendations" by the Japanese government, political pressure can be placed upon buyers and importers of sablefish to restrict their involvement in purchasing sablefish from areas where the Japanese longline fleet is still operating. It would be difficult to pinpoint the "smoking gun" if this type of behavior is suspected, but any knowledgeable person of the Japanese style can see why this would be likely to happen.

Other than our own concerns regarding market manipulations and its suspected hinderance in getting Japanese contracts for sablefish, there are other reasons why the foreign fishing for sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska should be eliminated at once. With the displacement of many boats from the king crab fishery, longlining for sablefish in the areas west of Yakutat is a very logical alternative for many of them. Domestic markets for sablefish are improving,

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NPFMC letter

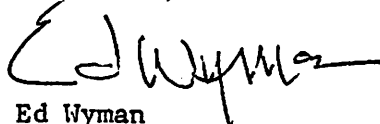
but the Japanese market is the largest and unhindered access to it would help develop the U.S. fishery for sablefish in areas west of Yakutat.

It is expected that some of these crab boats, as well as the existing U.S. longline fleet, will participate in this fishery during 1984 in areas west of Yakutat. A number of other crab vessels could be expected to join in the fishery after the upcoming season if market conditions exist. Elimination of the TALFF for sablefish, would be beneficial to American fishermen, processors and the general sablefish populations in these areas that are presently being fished heavily by foreign fleets.

In conclusion, we urge the Council to pursue a course of action at your December 7-8 meeting that will eliminate the TALFF for sablefish in all waters of the Gulf of Alaska west of Yakutat. The time is right for this move and we would hope to see the foreign fleets removed as soon as possible.

Travel and business conflicts prevent me from attending the meeting in Anchorage but I would like to request that our comments be entered in the record.

Sincerely,



Ed Wyman
General Manager

cc: Greg Baker, Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Office
Senator Ted Stevens

1984 DAH Projections/1983 Catch

Submitted by
PAUL MacGREGOR
D-3C

1. COD in the Central Area of the Gulf of Alaska

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
DAH	6,050	33,540 26,000
RESERVE	6,708	-0-
CATCH	4,000*/	?
TALFF	20,782	-0-

2. SABLEFISH

(c) Bering Sea

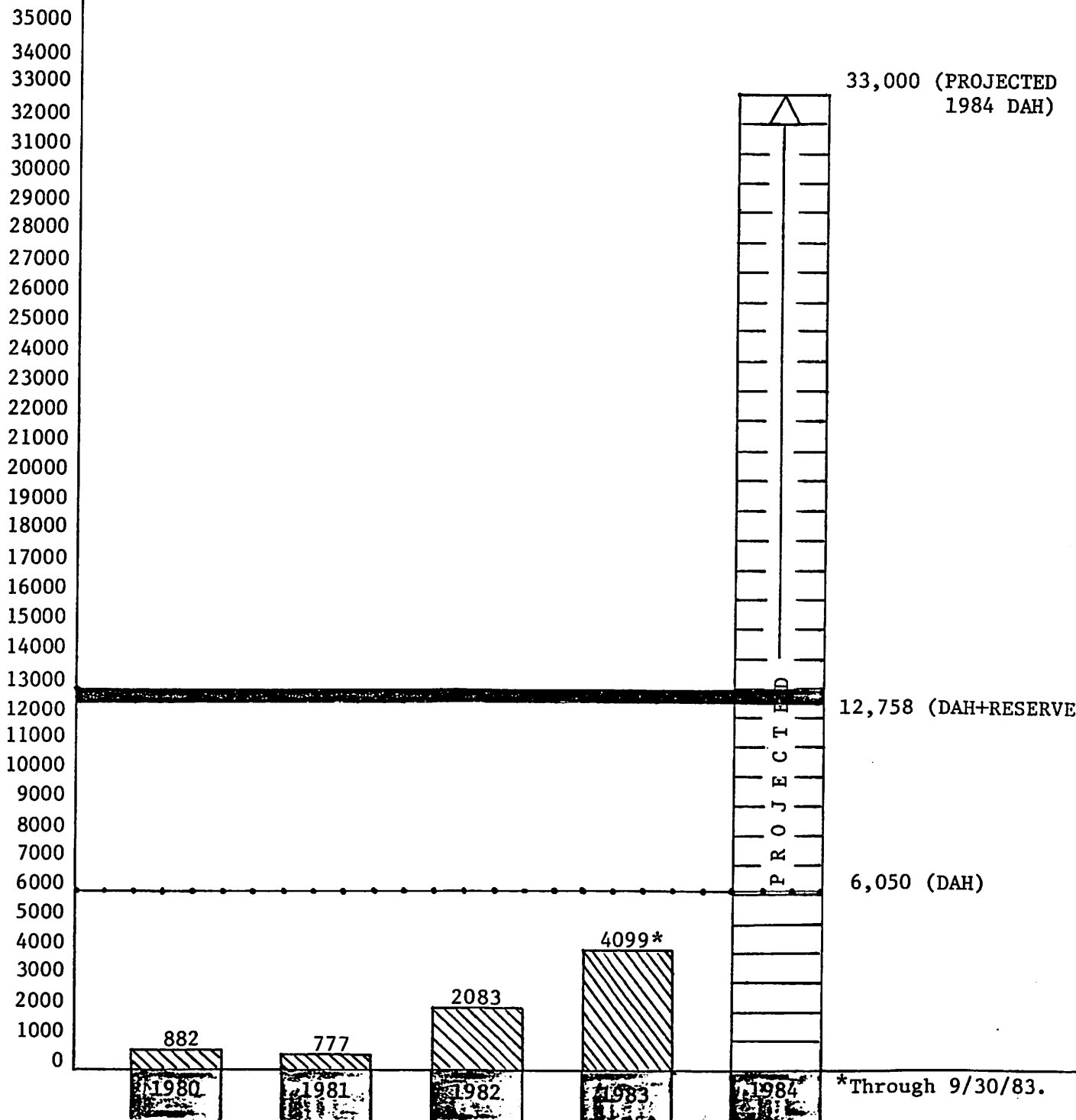
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
DAH	700	2,540
RESERVE	350	561
CATCH	111*/	?
TALFF	2,450	539

*/ As of September 30, 1983

Submitted By:
The North Pacific Longline -
Gillnet Association

PACIFIC COD/Central Area (GOA)
Actual Catches (1980-1983)

vs.
1984 Projections



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PMS MR JAMES CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES
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L AND M SUPPLIES REQUESTS THAT NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO GIVE THE NORTH PACIFIC LONGLINE GILNET
ASSOCIATION SPECIAL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION IN THEIR PROPOSAL
TO HARVEST GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA IN 1984. THE
NORTH PACIFIC LONG LINE GILNET ASSOCIATION HAS CONTRIBUTED
MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN THE LAST THREE YEARS
TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY OF DILLINGHAM, EMPLOYING 150 TO 200
GILNET VESSELS AND THEIR CREWS EACH YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY,

BOB KALLSTROM OWNER

L AND M SUPPLIES



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THE TUNUAK INDIAN CREDIT ASSOCIATION REQUESTS NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO GIVE TO THE NORTH PACIFIC LONG-LINE GILNET ASSOCIATION SPECIAL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION FOR THEIR PROPOSAL TO HARVEST GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA FOR 1984.

DAVID JACKSON, SECRETARY TREASURER

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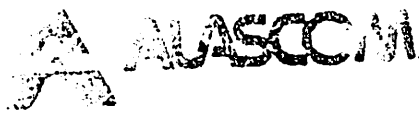
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THE IMARTIK REGIONAL AQUACULTURE CORPORATION REQUESTS NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO GIVE TO THE NORTH PACIFIC LONG-LINE GILNET ASSOCIATION SPECIAL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION FOR THEIR PROPOSAL TO HARVEST GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA FOR 1984.

DAVID JACKSON, SECRETARY TREASURER



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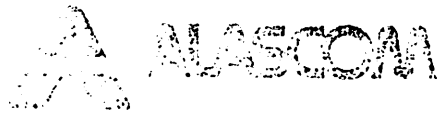
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BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION REQUESTS NPFMC TO GIVE THE NP
LONG LINE GILNET ASSN SPECIAL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION IN THEIR
PROPOSAL TO HARVEST GROUND FISH IN GULF OF ALASKA FOR 1984,
BECAUSE MANY LOCAL GILNETERS ARE AFFECTED.

WILLIAM P JOHNSON, PRESIDENT



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Telegram

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THE ALEKNAGIK NATIVES LIMITED REQUESTS NORTH PACIFIC
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO GIVE TO THE NORTH PACIFIC
LONG-LINE GILNET ASSOCIATION SPECIAL AND FAIR CONSIDERATION
FOR THEIR PROPOSAL TO HARVEST GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF
ALASKA FOR 1984.

DAVID JACKSON, SECRETARY TREASURER

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BRANNON RENTALS INC.

PAULS TACKLE INC. AND PRESIDENT,

PAUL G BRANNON, PRESIDENT

EACH YEAR WITH TWO TO FOUR PEOPLE ABOARD EACH VESSEL.

LOCAL ECONOMY AND HAS EMPLOYED 150 TO 200 GILNET VESSELS

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FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA FOR 1984. THE NORTH PACIFIC

AND FAIR CONSIDERATION IN THEIR PROPOSAL TO HARVEST GROUND

THE NORTH PACIFIC LONG-LINE GILNETTERS ASSOCIATION SPECIAL

REQUEST NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO GIVE

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MS MR JAMES CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES

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