

PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: May 24, 1984

The Permit Review Committee met at 7:30 a.m. on May 24, 1984. In attendance were Keith Specking (Chairman), Rudy Petersen, Choate Budd, Jon Winther, and Joe Kurtz. Also present were Ray Arnaudo, Clarence Pautzke and Craig Hammond.

Polish Directed Fishing and Joint Venture Requests. The Committee reviewed directed fishing permits for GEMINI and VEGA to harvest 62,000 mt in the Gulf and 116,000 mt in the Bering Sea in 1984. The Committee heard testimony from Mr. Tomasz Pintowski, Polish Commercial Attache, accompanied by Ms. Sara Hemphill of Alaska Contact, a joint venture company. They stated that Poland was also committing to a joint venture on pollock of 15,000 mt in the Bering Sea and that the tonnages requested in the permit applications were outdated and needed revision. Poland now only wants to operate in the Bering Sea, not the Gulf of Alaska, and 60,000 mt may be a more realistic tonnage request. Three or more large stern trawlers would be used and operations would begin about 35 days after allocations and permits are granted. A little more than 50% of the products would come back on the U.S. market. The remainder would go into the Polish economy. Fillet blocks and headed and gutted pollock would be the primary products. Concerning ratios of joint ventures to directed fishing requests, Mr. Pintowski said that Poland fully expected to meet the general levels of performance placed on other nations operating in the Alaska FCZ.

The Committee discussed these requests thoroughly and noted concern over the level of anticipated joint ventures in relation to direct harvest. There was also concern noted about the products coming back into the U.S. market, grounds preemption by Polish vessels and the amounts of incidental catch such as sablefish and Pacific ocean perch, requested on the applications.

The Committee recommends that Poland be given a 30,000 mt directed allocation only if a minimum of 15,000 mt in joint ventures is formally committed to, all to be conducted in the Bering Sea and Aleutians in 1984. The Committee urges even higher joint ventures and also recommends that incidental catches be adjusted downward appropriately relative to the size of the directed allocation.

Joint Venture Policy. The Committee reviewed a report from an industry workgroup concerning joint venture policy and review criteria. Mick Stevens and his colleagues are to be commended for their efforts.

The Committee recommends that this report be made a working document for a broader Council review of its criteria for joint venture permits, which could be carried out during the summer by Committee and presented in full to the Council in September. The review should also cover criteria for directed fishing permit applications. The Committee understands that NMFS Enforcement is internally examining these criteria and will have recommendations available.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC and AP members
FROM: Jim H. Branson
DATE: May 17, 1984
SUBJECT: Foreign Fishing Permit Applications

ACTION REQUIRED

A Polish delegation will report on their plans for the FCZ off Alaska, and may request approval of directed fishing and/or joint venture permits. No joint venture permit applications have been received.

BACKGROUND

On April 16, 1984 we received permit applications for two Polish vessels, GEMINI and VEGA, to conduct directed fishing operations for 62,000 mt in the Gulf and 116,000 mt in the Bering Sea. However, the vessel I.D. forms also indicated they were for joint ventures as well as for directed fishing. The supporting material for a joint venture application was not with them, however. These applications are under C-4(a). We have asked for clarification which should be forthcoming by Council meeting time. The Council may want to appoint a small committee to review any late-arriving joint venture permits between now and the September Council meeting.

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AGENDA C-4(a)
MAY 1984
New York, March 29, 1984

Our ref.: 587/84

6 APR 1984

Dr. James Storer
Director
Office of Fisheries Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Re: our letter of September 28, 1983 concerning applications for
the fishing quotas and vessels permits for 1984.

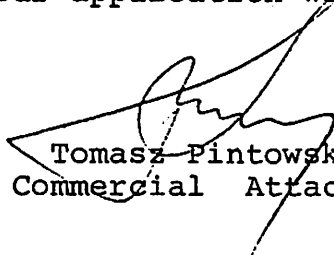
Dear Dr. Storer,

Enclosed, please find the fishing vessel identification forms for two
trawlers: GEMINI and VEGA.

The shipowners - due to technical reasons - would like to withdraw
the application for m/t LIBRA and substitute it by application for
m/t VEGA. /M/t LIBRA did not fish in 1984 and will not fish this year
in FCZ USA/.

At the same time we apply for permit for m/t GEMINI. The permit fee
for m/t GEMINI amounting to US \$ 86.00 plus 3.00 dollars surcharge
is paid by check enclosed to the copy of this letter directed to
National Marine Fisheries Service.

Your favorable consideration of our application will be highly
appreciated.


Tomasz Pintowski
Commercial Attache

Copy with check to:
National Marine Fisheries Service /F-37/
3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20235

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

BASIC APPLICATION FOR VESSEL PERMITS TO FISH WITHIN THE
FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE OF THE UNITED STATES

No. _____

As amended, under the provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Government of the Polish People's Republic submits this application for permits for vessels operating under its flag to fish within the fishery conservation zone of the United States, or beyond that zone for anadromous species during the year 1984.

Fishing Vessel Identification Forms are attached to this application. The fisheries, species, and catch contemplated for vessels of the Polish flag are as follows:

Fishery	Species	Total Tonnage Requested For Each Species (MT)
Gulf of Alaska	Pollock	50,000
Groundfish	Atka mackerel	4,000
	Pacific cod	2,000
	Pacific Ocean Perch	1,000
	Sable fish	1,000
	Other species	1,000
	Other rock fish	1,000
	Squid	1,000
	Flounders	1,000
		62,000

Submitted: September 28, 1983
Date

Andrzej Wójcik

Signature



Commercial Counselor

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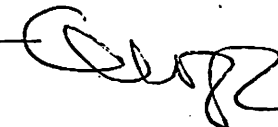
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Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Pollock	100,000
	Atka mackerel	1,000
	Pacific cod	5,000
	Pacific Ocean Perch	2,000
	Sable fish	2,000
	Yellow sole	2,000
	Other species	1,000
	Turbot	2,000
	Other rock fish	1,000
		116,000

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Fishery	Species	Total Tonnage Requested For Each Species (MT)
Washington, Oregon, California	Pacific Whiting	70,000
	Jack Mackerel	2,000

Submitted: September 28, 1983
Date

Signature 

Andrzej Wójcik
Title
Commercial Counselor

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM

NO: PL-83-0048

(1) VESSEL NAME: GEMINT (2) CALL SIGN: SOFL
 (4) VESSEL TYPE: LARGE STERN TRAWLER (3) HULL NUMBER: 4
 (5) LENGTH: 88
 (6) GROSS TONS: 2680 (7) NET TONS: 1133 (8) MAX SPEED: 15

(9) OWNERS NAME: DEEP SEA FISHERY AND FISHING SERVICE ENTERPRISE DAINOR

ADDRESS: 81-063 DOPYNIA UL. ZW. WALKI MŁODYCH 10 POLAND

(10) PROCESSING EQUIPMENT: FLASH FREEZER, HEADER
 FILLETER, SKINNER

(11) HOLD CAPACITY (IN CUBIC METERS):
 HOLD #1: 308 HOLD #2: 732 HOLD #3: 444 HOLD #4: 370
 (IF MORE THAN 4 HOLDS, GIVE TOTAL HOLD CAPACITY)

(12) FISHERIES FOR WHICH PERMIT IS REQUESTED:

FISHERY	TARGET SPECIES	GFAP	ACTIVITY		
			CATCH	PROCESS	OTHER
WOC	Pacific whiting	mid-water trawl	X	X	
GOA	pollock, atka mackerel	bottom trawl	X	X	
	pacific cod, pacific	pelagic trawl	X	X	
	ocean perch, other		X	X	
	species, other flounders		X	X	
	squid, sable fish, other		X	X	
BSA	rock fish				
	pollock, pacific cod	bottom trawl	X	X	
	flounders, atka mackerel	pelagic trawl	X	X	
	pacific ocean perch		X	X	
	sablefish, squid		X	X	
	yellowfin sole, herring		X	X	
	other species, turbot		X	X	
other rockfish		X	X		

 (13) HAS THIS VESSEL EVER RECEIVED A PERMIT TO FISH WITHIN THE U.S. FCZ?
 YES X NO (IF YES, LIST PERMIT NUMBER(S) PL-81-0048)

(14) ARE FISHING ACTIVITIES REQUESTED IN SUPPORT OF VESSELS OF THE U.S.?
 X (If yes, attach supplemental sheet showing fishery species)

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM

NO: PL-83-0055

(1) VESSEL NAME: VEGA (2) CALL SIGN: SODU

(3) HULL NMBR: 4

(4) VESSEL TYPE: LARGE STERN TRAWLER (5) LENGTH: 88

(6) GROSS TONS: 2655 (7) NET TONS: 1141 (8) MAX SPEED: 15

(9) OWNERS NAME: DEEP SEA FISHING AND FISHING SERVICE ENTERPRISE DALMOR

ADDRESS: 81-963 GDYNIA UL.ZW. WALKI MLODYCH 10 POLAND

(10) PROCESSING EQUIPMENT: FLASH FREEZER, HEADER, FILETERS, SKINNER

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WOC	Pacific whiting	mid-water trawl	X	X	
	Jack mackerel		X	X	
	pollock, atka mackerel	bottom trawl	X	X	
GOA	pacific cod, pacific	pelagic trawl	X	X	
	ocean perch, other		X	X	
	species, flounders,		X	X	
	squid, sable fish,		X	X	
	other rock fish		X	X	
BSA	pollock, pacific cod	bottom trawl	X	X	
	flounders, atka macke-	pelagic trawl	X	X	
	rel, pacific ocean oerph		X	X	
	sable fish, yellowfin		X	X	
	sole, other species,		X	X	
	turbot, other rockfish		X	X	

(13) HAS THIS VESSEL EVER RECEIVED A PERMIT TO FISH WITHIN THE U.S. FCZ? PL-81-0055)

(14) ARE FISHING ACTIVITIES REQUESTED IN SUPPORT OF VESSELS OF THE U.S.? (If yes, attach supplemental sheet showing fishery, species quantities, dates, locations and specific