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Mr. Jim Branson
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Re: Amendment Package to the FMP for
Gulf of Alaska Groundfish

Dear Mr. Branson:

Regarding our telephone conversation of last week concerning the possibility of implementing at least two of the above-referenced amendments (the directed longline fishery for Pacific cod between 140° and 157° West longitude and the exemption for longliners from the FMP's all-nation closure provisions) on an emergency basis, it has just come to my attention that the National Marine Fisheries Service has decided to defer release of the blackcod reserves which had been scheduled for reallocation to the TALFF on May 2, 1979.

As you can imagine, the decision to indefinitely withhold blackcod reserves greatly exacerbates the economic consequences suffered by our clients as a result of low blackcod allocations this year. It also underscores the need to have the above-mentioned FMP amendments implemented as soon as possible. As those amendments are designed to allocate more fish (Pacific cod) to foreign longliners and to otherwise alleviate the economic hardships which our clients are encountering under the FMP, it is now, more than ever, necessary to implement the amendments on a soon-as-possible basis. For these reasons, we plan to ask the Secretary of Commerce to implement those two amendments under the "Emergency Action" authority granted to her under §305(e) of the FCMA.

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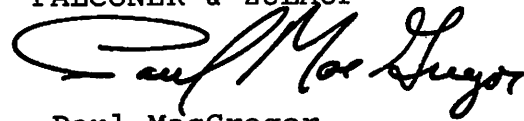
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To that end, we would appreciate the Council's recognition of the "economic emergency" now faced by the members of the North Pacific Longline-Gillnet Association, and its support of our request to the Secretary of Commerce. We would, obviously, greatly appreciate any assistance you might be able to give in connection with those efforts.

I will be in Anchorage during the NPFMC meetings this coming week and will be available to discuss this matter further with you at that time. Thank you very much for your help and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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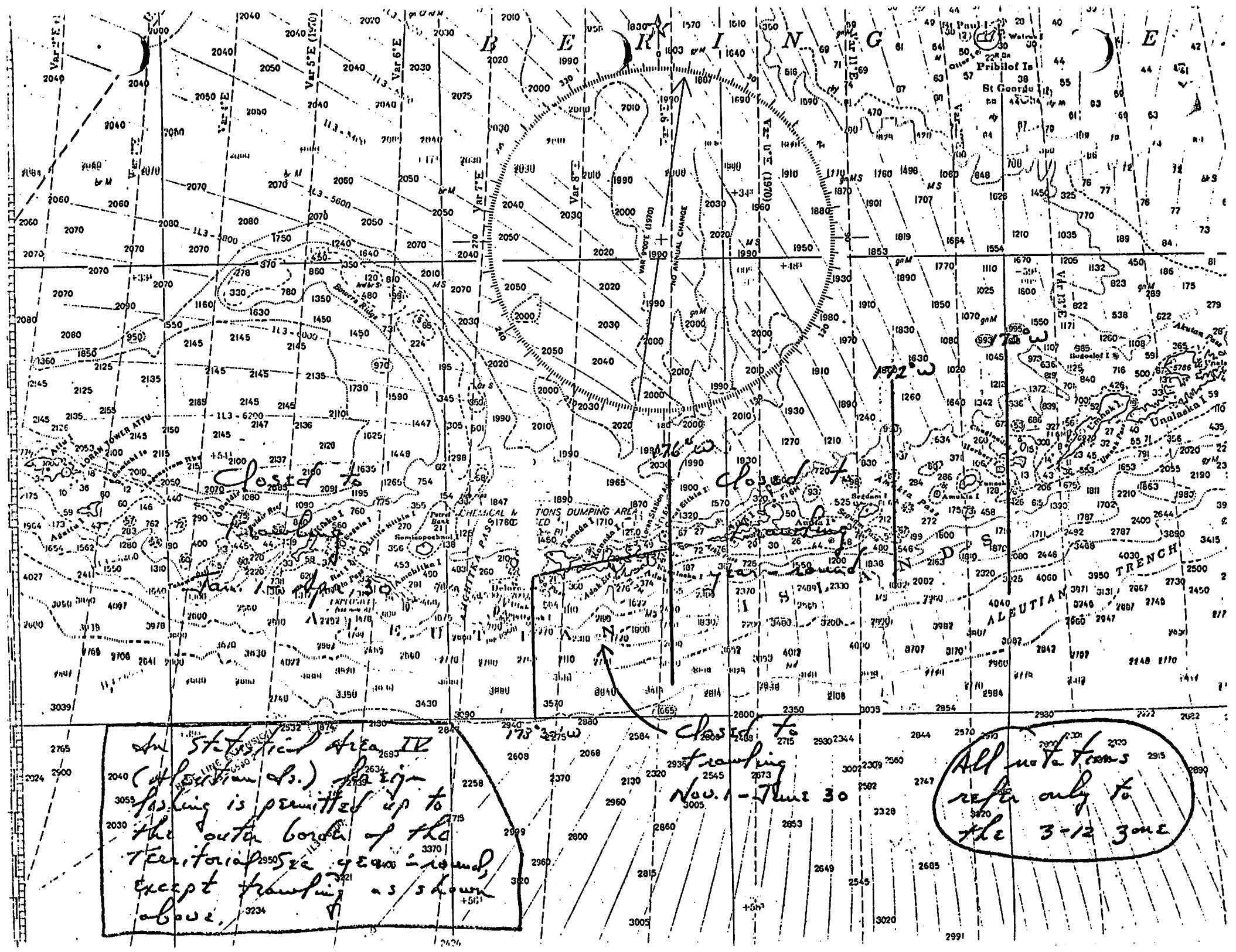
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Areas in which foreign fishing is permitted up to the outer border of the Territorial Sea (all within Statistical Area IV):

Area	Trawling	Longlining
<u>North side</u>		
170°00'W - 172°00'W	Year-round	Year-round
172°00'W - 176°00'W	---	Year-round
West of 176°00'W	May 1-December 31	Year-round
<u>South side</u>		
170°00'W - 172°00'W	Year-round	Year-round
172°00'W - 176°00'W	---	Year-round
176°00'W - 178°30'W	July 1-October 31	Year-round
West of 178°30'W	May 1-December 31	Year-round



In Statistical Area IV
 (Albatross Is.) fishing is permitted up to
 the outer border of the
 territorial sea zone in and
 except trawling as shown
 above.

closed to
 trawling
 Nov. 1 - June 30

All notes from
 refer only to
 the 3-12 zone