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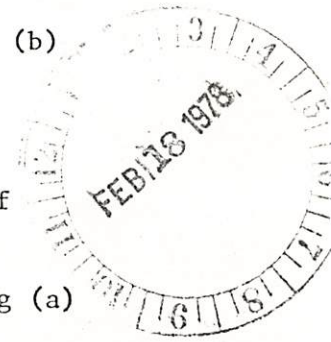
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MEMORANDUM TO RICHARD H. SCHAEFER
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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA

SUBJECT: Foreign Fees for 1979 and Beyond.

In line with Mr. Wallace's subject request of January 31, 1978, following are our comments relative to the proposed joint Council/NMFS workshop on the foreign fee schedule for 1979:

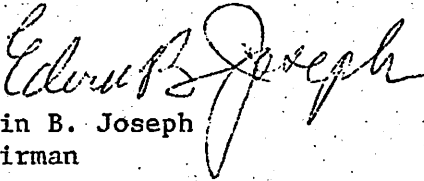
1. When - anytime between June 1 and 23. The South Atlantic Council meets the week of June 25.
2. Where - Vicinity Washington, D.C. (motel in Virginia near National Airport).
3. Contact person for South Atlantic Council - Ernest D. Premetz, Executive Director.
4. Designated Co-chairman from the Regional Fishery Management Council Chairmen: Recommend David H. Hart, Chairman, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.
5. Items and format for the agenda of the workshop - As we see it, the workshop would logically break into three main discussion areas, i.e. (1) Permit fees, (2) Poundage fees, and (3) Policy re by-catch. The items which might be appropriately discussed under each of these are as follows:
 1. Permit fees
 - a) Review of costs associated with issuance of permits.
 - b) Basis for calculation of permit fee.
 - c) Appropriate level of fee, considering (a) and (b) above and the level of fees charged domestic commercial fishermen by the states.
 2. Poundage fees
 - a) Review of costs associated with enforcement of fishing regulations.
 - b) Basis for calculation of poundage fees.
 - c) Appropriate level of poundage fee, considering (a) and (b) above.



3. Policy re by-catch

- a) Appropriateness of non-retention of by-catch policy and procedures for implementing this approach.
- b) Appropriateness of retention of by-catch policy with payment of high (disincentive) poundage fees and procedures for implementing this approach.
- c) Development of by-catch policy considering the relative merits of (a) and (b) above.

6. Suggested consultants - It would be desirable that the workshop participants have at their disposal a top notch economist (e.g. Dr. Virgil Norton, University of Rhode Island) and a top notch statistician (e.g. Dr. Donald Hayne, North Carolina State University). Since much of the discussion will be related to enforcement (and the attendant costs), it would be desirable that the Coast Guard be heavily involved in the workshop.



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