

A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL
FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE STUDYING
FOREIGN FISHING PERMITS

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Mr. Chairman:

The Subcommittee studying foreign permit applications met Monday (March 21, 1977) afternoon to consider and discuss the new foreign fishing permit applications presented to the Council yesterday by the State Department. With limited time and no prior summaries, we reviewed in principal only

1. 31 applications of Japanese independent tanner crab catcher processor boats for the Bering Sea
2. 18 applications for Japanese snail pot fishing boats in the Bering Sea
3. 9 applications for trawlers for the Soyo Mara and
4. 1 application for a Japanese refrigeration vessel

The committee recommends that the 31 permit applications for Japanese independent tanner crab boats received March 21, 1977 be disapproved in their present format for the following reasons:

1. The present approved crab factory ship and their catcher boats are capable of taking the entire tanner crab allocation
2. It appears that the independents would not be able to comply with two requirements of the DOC regulations
 - a) 50 CFR611
 - U.S. observer on board
 - Crab processed on designated factory ships only

The committee questioned the 18 snail fishery permits noting that no fishing had been observed for 1975 and 1976 which were years a catch was reported. No recommended action.

The committee saw no problem with the 9 trawler permit applications for the Soyo Mara as it did not effect the quota.

The committee had no negative comments concerning the one permit application for the refrigeration vessel.

Discussion of need to review permit applications prior to Council meetings.