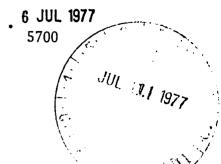


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Mr. Elmer Rasmuson Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council Post Office Box 3136DT Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Mr. Rasmuson:

Secretary Adams has asked me to convey his appreciation to the North Pacific Council for the commendation voted for the Coast Guard at your 22 March meeting and relayed to him in your letter of 18 April 1977. Moreover, I am pleased to accept your congratulations on behalf of the hundreds of Coast Guard personnel who took part in the initial implementation of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act. It is particularly pleasing to receive a favorable assessment of our efforts from your Council which is itself in the forefront of fishery policy and management developments.

I look forward to a continued close and fruitful relationship between the North Pacific Council and the Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

0. W. SILER

Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Commandant