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Mr. Jim H. Branson
Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Suite 32, Post Office Mall
333 W. 4th
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Mr. Branson:

Our 155' fishing-processing vessel "Northern Aurora" will be completed and ready to start operations in the Bering Sea in July 1978.

We have aboard a scallop processing line that we will be using on our callico type scallops caught in these waters. The present ADF & G regulations call for a ring size of no less than 4" in diameter. The two scallop dredges that we had made up in New Bedford came with 3" rings for the type of scallops they have on the East Coast which is similar to the size of the Bering Sea scallops.

We would like to request your help in having this regulation modified so that 3" rings would be legal gear for that area west of Port Moller.

All of our fishing for scallops will be outside of the 3 mile limit.

Any help you can give us on this matter would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Northern Aurora Fisheries


Bob Wyman

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