

TO : Ned Everett, Staff; Subcommittee on Fisheries  
and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment

DATE: April 21, 1977

FROM : John P. Harville, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 9.

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SUBJECT: Help! Don't let them lay up Research Vessel OREGON.

Ned, I promised to send you documentation concerning the proposed FY 1978 budget cuts which would lay up the OREGON. Attached are the offending pages proposing decreases in NOAA's 1978 budget. Below is a copy of my plea for help in keeping this still very serviceable vessel in operation. At a time when we need more capabilities in fisheries research, it appears totally unrealistic to lay up this ship. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

In addition to requesting your continued support for general funding for implementation of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, I should like to call your attention to a particular threat to our ongoing fish stock assessment studies on the Pacific Coast. In response to the President's request for economy in governmental operations, MARAD recently proposed through NOAA to retire from active service the NOAA ships OREGON and GEORGE M. BOWERS. There can be little argument with respect to the BOWERS, which is an old wooden trawler that has been declared unseaworthy. The OREGON, however, presents an entirely different problem. She has never been judged unseaworthy, even though she was constructed in 1946. Along with one other vessel of approximately the same age and size, the OREGON performs the bulk of fishery research work off the coast of the Pacific Northwest. To retire this vessel at this time, while she still has effective service years remaining, will be to cripple investigative programs in the Pacific Northwest at the very time we should be augmenting them in order to properly service the requirements of the Fishery Management Councils.

I urge that the Congress not agree to this reduction in funding for Fiscal Year 1978. The NOAA proposal indicates that \$388,000 would be saved at a loss of some 348 days of sea-time for the two vessels. Assuming that half of this allocation is for the OREGON, I urge that you not permit the fishery research programs of the Pacific Northwest to be curtailed by 174 ship days for the sole purpose of saving \$194,000. I believe that those funds are well spent in providing for stock assessment and other studies that are absolutely necessary if our Councils are to develop fishery management plans according to another of the Standards specified in the Act, which requires that management plans be based upon the "best available scientific information."

(bc w/o att.: McKean, Nakatsu, Rasmuson,  
Branson, & Lee Alverson)



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JAY S. GAGE, President

August 1, 1977

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson,  
Chairman  
North Pacific Fishery  
Management Council,  
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Anchorage, AK 99510

Dear Elmer:

I am not at all sure what protocol or procedure is in what I am about to suggest, but would hope that you could guide me.

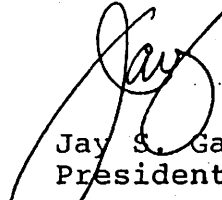
When the Council was formed, and the Advisory Councils were created, I was asked to serve as a member of the panel. Aside from any interest that I have, certainly Peter Pan Seafoods is vitally concerned with not only the deliberations, but actions taken by the Council. It is extremely important to our company, yet I have a problem in that I cannot devote sufficient time to do the job properly and at the same time manage our company.

I would like very much to turn this over to Don Rawlinson, a vice president of our company, who is thoroughly familiar with the Alaska fishery and who has spent his entire adult life in it. His principal duties are managing our Bristol Bay operations and, of course, he is very close to our shareholders. As I said at the outset, I don't know what the procedure is, but I would like to have him appointed in my place. Could you please help me with this?

Kindest personal regards.

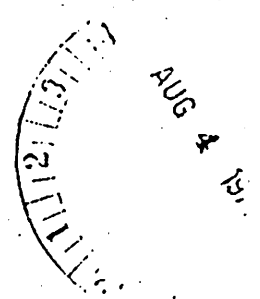
Sincerely,

PETER PAN SEAFOODS, INC.

  
Jay S. Gage  
President

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cc: Council (50) 8-10-77



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August 5, 1977

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson  
Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
P O BOX 3136DT  
Anchorage AL 99510

Dear Mr. Rasmuson:

It has become apparent to me that I do not have adequate time to serve properly on the Advisory Panel of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and I herewith submit my resignation.

Sincerely yours,

*William T. Burke*

William T. Burke  
Professor of Law

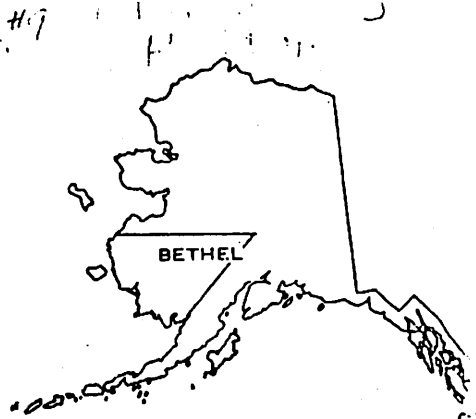
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE  
COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

James Branson  
Director,  
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
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Anchorage, Ak. 99501

Dear Mr. Branson,

The United Fishermen of the Kuskokwim and the Lower Yukon Fishermen's Association who represent our commercial fishermen on the major rivers, and the Association of Village Council Presidents which represents the 56 villages of the region in all affairs relating to fish and wildlife, requests that Steve Burgess of Calista Regional Corporation's Land Department to added to the list of technical consultants to the NPFMC. Mr. Burgess, a resource analyst, has been our villages technical support in the area of fisheries. It is the feeling of our regional groups that the addition of Mr. Burgess to the TAC would allow for a balanced input of information from our region. Currently, Mr. Guy and Mr. Wilde take the information from the meeting back to the villages, and prepare themselves to address the NPFMC at its next meeting with the opinions of our villages. Because of their constant travels, there have beentimes when Mr. Guy and Mr. Wilde have been unable to meet with their technical consultant and discuss the issues from a resource perspective. Through the addition of Mr. Burgess to the TAC, continuity of both public input from the villages, and technical analyses from the region would be better achieved. At this time, neither the fishermen groups or Nunam Kitlutsisti, the environmental advisors to A.V.C.P., can sustain the technical demands being made upon our region due to the recent involvement in matters relating to the establishment and management of the continental shelf fisheries resources under jurisdiction of the NPFMC.

in peace,  
*Harold Sparck*  
harold sparck, director

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MEMO

To: Executive Directors, Regional Fishery  
Management Councils

Date: August 5, 1977



From: Spencer Apollonio, Executive Director

Subject: PROFESSIONAL LEGAL REVIEW OF THE HORSE BLANKET - EVENT SCHEDULE  
FOR FMPs

This Council has determined that it may be productive to employ professional, independent legal services in an attempt to reduce the time constraints of the Horse Blanket. The enclosed correspondence is self-explanatory, and for your information. I expect to meet with Dick Sharood on August 17 to discuss details of his possible review.

This Council directed me to advise other Councils of our proposed action, and to inquire whether other Councils may wish to join the New England in this effort.

We would welcome any comments you or your Council may care to make on this proposal.

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