## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Council, SSC, and AP members

FROM:

Jim H. Branson Cy-P

Executive Director

DATE:

May 21, 1981

SUBJECT: Herring FMP

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only.

## BACKGROUND

Extensive revision of the Regulatory Impact Analysis/Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (RIA/RFA) and editing of the FMP and EIS are now completed. After all the delays it looks like we will finally have the herring package in the mail to the Secretary in the immediate future.



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Dear Mr. Branson:

This letter is to express our most sincere thanks for the Council and your kind understanding of the two fishermens' organizations' desperate needs to go into a Joint Venture. The Bristol Bay Herring Marketing Co-op and ourselves for handling herring.

As you are aware, our <u>directed</u> nerring gillnetting has been disrupted under the <u>PFMP</u> when herring became prohibited species and under the new FMP when implemented.

Meanwhile, the Bristol Bay fishermen were in need of market very badly. Through this joint venture we wish to accomplish mutual benefits, promotion of developing local herring fishery and total utilization concept.

We believe all of above is consistent with the State policy as well as the management objectives of the Council.

We are pleased to report to you that as of April 22nd, the price negotiation was concluded and 10 Japanese longline vessels and indeed 122 Bristol Bay gillnetters are now on fishing ground (internal waters) awaiting herring run. By the time this letter reashes you they will be busy amid operation. We sincerely request your continuing understanding and if need be support, for ours is in conformity with 'fish'n chips' concept in the new legislation.

Respectfully,

Y. Okazaki, Chairman

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