Executive Director's Report

New Council Members

I want to extend my welcome to the three new Council members, Rick Lauber, Clem Tillion, and Dave Fluharty. We are all pretty familiar with Messrs. Lauber and Tillion, but Professor Fluharty is new to the Council family. I've placed his resume under item B-1(a) to give you an idea of his lengthy background in fisheries policy and economics research, particularly in the international arena. Welcome aboard!

UW College of Fisheries 75th Anniversary

On October 26-29 the University of Washington School of Fisheries will celebrate their 75th anniversary. A conference will be held on the 27th and 28th in the Hogness Auditorium on Campus that will feature UW President Gerberding and many familiar faces such as John Peterson, John Roos, Rich White, Don Bevan and many others that you know. The conference will cover such topics as the history of the School of Fisheries and its linkage to industry, empirical and modelling research, aquaculture, genetics and food science, and future visions of fisheries management. A banquet is scheduled for the evening of October 27 with Peter Larkin as the speaker. An alumni dinner and dance will be held on Friday night, October 28. Please contact John Roos if you wish to attend. Brochures should be available at the back of the room. Highlights of the agenda are under item B-1(b).

Plan Team Personnel

Bill Aron has nominated Jim Ianelli and Jonathan Heifetz to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Team. Both bring a wealth of experience in population dynamics of rockfish and sablefish. The SSC has been asked to review their resumes and provide a recommendation.

Bycatch Reduction and Environmental Impact Workshop

This workshop is scheduled for September 25-27, 1995 at the Sheraton in Downtown Seattle. It will be sponsored by the U.S. and Canadian commercial fishing industry, academia, governmental agencies, and nonprofit organizations. A steering committee has been established and funding will be coordinated through the Fisheries Management Foundation. Speakers will be brought in from all over the world, particularly other northern nations that have high seas fleets and problems similar to ours. They will provide vital technical information on fishing techniques based on results of recent research on old and new designs of commercial fishing gear and electronics, fish behavior and physiology, habitat and water temperature, which can be applied to the fishing grounds for bycatch reduction. Please contact Workshop Co-Chair Bob Alverson for further information. An excerpt describing the proposed workshop is under item B-1(c).

Magnuson Act Reauthorization

I've heard that Magnuson reauthorization is dead for this session, but I've also heard that the Senate was going ahead with mark-up. If anybody can tell me what's really going on with reauthorization, I would appreciate it.

Confidentiality Of Information

<u>Item B-1(d)</u> is a draft policy on confidentiality that revises our old policy. The purpose of the revisions is to clear up whether contractors that work for the Council will have as much access to data as those that work for NMFS. Now there is a disparity, mainly due to verbiage in our old policy, which was based on a prototype offered by NMFS in the early 1980s. We need to be able to hire contractors to do portions of our work and they need to

have access to data. The new policy lays out very stringent standards for release of data and spells out the consequences. I would like the Council to approve this policy so we can get on with business and have the same flexibility as NMFS. I have NOAA GC to review the revisions and comment.

Meetings in 1995, 1996, and 1997

<u>Item B-1(e)</u> is a rough schedule for the three years and we need your concurrence to go ahead and make commitments. We particularly need to firm up the meeting dates for Dutch Harbor in 1995. The normal meeting week would be June 19, but there had been some discussion of the week of the 5th. At this time, both weeks are available at the hotel.

Under the crab agenda item (D-2) we will discuss the need for meeting with the Board of Fisheries in accordance with agreements made earlier this year involving crab coordination. The Board will be meeting on January 17-28, 1995. We meet the week of January 9 in Anchorage. Shall I try to set up a meeting?

Industry Reception

The industry has put together a shindig for Friday evening, September 30, at the Burke Memorial Museum at the University of Washington. We'll see art work by Ray Troll and prose/poetry by Brad Matsen. We will also be paying special homage to Bob Alverson for his many years of service to the Council. Bob worked his way up through the AP to be its chair for several years, and then came on the Council in 1988. He served as Vice Chair of the Council from September 1989 until his term ended last month. A bulletin on the reception is under item B-1(f).

Council Member Orientation

NMFS will sponsor an orientation in Silver Spring November 1-3. It is open to new members and those that have not attended before. A letter is under item B-1(g).

PICES

The North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES) will meet in Nemuro, Japan, October 15-24, 1994. Dr. Fluharty has details if you are interested.

Arctic Alaska/Tyson Seafoods Responds to Greenpeace Bulletin

I distributed a Greenpeace flyer in one of the Council mailings. It was entitled "North Pacific Fisheries: On the Rocks." Dave Benson has responded with the letter and materials under item B-1(h) and wanted them distributed to the Council family.

DAVID LINCOLN FLUHARTY Short Biography

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Narrative

Professor Fluharty has been involved in the study and evaluation of fisheries and aquaculture development in the North Pacific and Northeast Asia since 1976. He has an interdisciplinary background in marine fisheries resource management, project review and evaluation and policy strategy and planning. In addition, he has investigated international cooperation in marine fisheries management among countries in Northeast Asia. Professor Fluharty presented results of his research on national and international management of fisheries in the marginal seas of Asia (Yellow Sea, East China Sea, Sea of Japan) at professional conferences in China, Republic of Korea, Russia and Japan. He recently served as Working Group Chairman for a Committee planning for Korean fisheries management and development for the 21st Century. Professor Fluharty recently organized and implemented a three-day training program for project personnel from the Marine Fisheries Development Project in Fujian Province.

Professor Fluharty is currently a Rescarch Associate Professor at the School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington, Seattle engaged in economic assessment of critical habitat designation and recovery planning for salmon in the Columbia River basin and coastal California, Oregon and Washington. Professor Fluharty has published widely in the field of marine affairs (list of publications available on request). Besides his marine fisheries and aquaculture expertise, Professor Fluharty served as Vice-Chair of the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority in developing a comprehensive plan for managing water quality in a major marine estuary.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

B.A., Political Science and Swedish Language, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, 1968

M.A., Geography, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, 1972

Ph.D. Natural Resource Conscrvation and Planning, University of Michigan, USA 1977

EXPERIENCE IN FISHERIES

1976 - Present Research Associate Professor, School of Marine Affairs, College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington.

Engaged in research, teaching and training on marine fisheries and aquaculture management and development in the North Pacific, Northeast Asia, Northwest Africa and the Baltic Sea. Specializations include the management of multiple use conflicts (e.g., offshore oil and gas development, marine pollution) relative to fisheries and aquaculture.

Funded Projects

1994 - 1995 Principal Investigator, Economics of Coastal Coho Critical Habitat Designation.

Project starts Oct. 1994 to investigate the economic costs associated with potential critical habitat designation for coho salmon stocks proposed for listing as threatened or endangered.

1991- 1994 <u>Co-Principal Investigator</u>, Economics of Salmon Recovery Plan for Columbia River Salmon.

Coordinated a team of 30 economists from governmental, private and academic entities in assessing the economic costs of plans for improving salmon survival in a complex river system affected by multiple competing objectives - irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, grazing, barging, etc. Concentrated on analysis of measures affecting habitat.

1990 - 1991 Principal Investigator, Marine Component of the Olympic Natural Resource Center.

Developed marine (fisheries, aquaculture, coastal management and tourism) component of an integrated plan for a center devoted to sustainable natural resource management on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State.

1989-1990 Co-Principal Investigator, Models of Water Quality Governance in Puget Sound

Evaluated the experience of government agencies and private parties in developing an integrated plan for management of water quality -- especially with respect to aquatic resources.

1988-1989 <u>Co-Principal Investigator</u>, Management of Offshore Oil and Gas Development in Washington State.

Evaluated the effectiveness of lease conditions to accomplish protection of the marine and coastal environment. Specialized in offshore oil and gas fishing/industry interactions.

1986-1988 Training Coordinator, Guinca-Bissau Fishery Management Training Program.

Planned, organized and implemented an 18-month training program for fisheries managers from Guinea-Bissau. Prime emphasis was on development of an integrated management program for management of foreign fleets operating under license in the EEZ of Guinea-Bissau

1983-1986 Project Coordinator, World Fisheries Project.

Implemented a major collaborative research effort to assess the global impacts of extended fisheries jurisdiction. Coordinated research inputs and interactions of approximately 20 world experts in fisheries management.

1976-1982 Researcher, North Pacific Project.

Specialized in the development of national fisheries management, international fisheries agreements and multiple use conflicts in the North Pacific. Developed comprehensive profile of historic and present management of fisheries by China, Japan, Korea, as well as then - USSR, Canada and the United States with respect to fisheries in the North Pacific. Coordinated the design, research and production for an atlas of marine use in the North Pacific (including the marginal seas in the Northwest Pacific and Northeast Asia).

CHOOL OF FISHERIES - 75 YEARS: AN EMINENT PAST & A CHALLENGING FUTURE

E-tures & Discussions, Hogness Auditorium Hursday, October 27, 1994

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GORNING SESSION

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

WELCOME

Marsha L. Landolt, Director, School of Fisheries

G. Ross Heath, Dean, College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PRESIDENT

William P. Gerberding, President, University of Washington

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL OF FISHERIES & ITS LINKAGE TO INDUSTRY

INTRODUCTION

Loveday Conquest, Associate Dean

College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL OF FISHERIES & ITS PERSONNEL

Donald E. Bevan, Past Director, School of Fisheries

THE FOOD SCIENCE LINKAGE TO INDUSTRY

Richard C. White, President, Dutch Harbor Seafoods

THE PISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE LINKAGE TO INDUSTRY.

John F. Roos, Vice President

Pacific Seafood Processors Association

FOOD FROM THE SEA & CAREERS

John G. Peterson, Former President and CEO

Ocean Beauty Seafoods

OUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN 11:30 AM. 1:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

FRI & COS: THE MERGING OF EMPIRICAL & MODELING RESEARCH

INTRODUCTION

Stephen B. Mathews, School of Fisheries

HIGH SEAS SALMON PROJECT

Katherine W. Myers, School of Fisheries

-ALASKA SALMON PROGRAM

Donald E. Rogers, School of Fisheries

MARINE FISH TROPHIC INTERACTIONS

Patricia A. Livingston, Alaska Fisheries Science Center

COLUMBIA RIVER MODELS

James G. Norris, School of Fisheries

SALMON MANAGEMENT MODELS .

Gary S. Morishima, Consultant in Natural Resources

PROTECTED SPECIES

William W. Fox, Jr., National Marine Fisheries Service,

Office of Protected Species

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Discussion

BANQUET "

6:30 - 11:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1994

MORNING SESSION

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

AQUACULTURE, GENETICS & FOOD SCIENCE:

THEIR EXPANDING ROLE

INTRODUCTION '

Robert Stickney, William Hershberger, & George Pigott,

School of Fisheries

SALMONID FISH CULTURE

Ron Gowan, Paradise Bay Seafarms

SHELLFISH/SHRIMP CULTURE

Neil Bourne, Pacific Biological Laboratory

GENETICS OF AQUACULTURE/WILD SPECIES

Eric Hallerman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

SEAFOOD SAFETY

Marleen Wekell, Food & Drug Administration

IMPLICATION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

Rita Colwell, University of Maryland

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

VISION OF THE FUTURE

INTRODUCTION

Kenneth K. Chew, School of Fisheries

NATIONAL GOALS

Rolland A. Schmitten, National Marine Fisheries Service

MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Dayton L. Alverson, Natural Resources Consultants, Inc.

ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

Peter A. Larkin, North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal

Research Consortium

ENVIRONMENTAL & RECREATIONAL

John R. Donaldson, Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife

Authority

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Edward L. Miles, School of Marine Affairs

INDUSTRY VIEWS

Robert Brophy, Icicle Seafoods, Inc.

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL OF FISHERIES

Marsha Landolt, School of Fisheries

OUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

ALUMNI DINNER DANCE 6:30 - MIDNIGHT

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

RESERVE EARLY

Best Western Loyal Inn 2301 8th Avenue, 98121 College Inn 4000 University Way, 98105 Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel' 1113 Sixth Ave., 98101 Days Inn Towncenter 2205 7th Avenue, 98121	800-528-1234 206-633-4441 800-558-0511 (i 800-521-2762 (c 800-225-7169
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	800-225-7169
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Executive Inn (Best Western) 200 Taylor North, 98121	800-528-1234
Marriott Residence Inn* 800 Fairview Avenue, 98109	800-331-3131
Meany Tower** 4507 Brooklyn N.E., 98115	800-648-6440
Quality Inn 2224 8th Avenue, 98121	800-221-2222
Ramada Inn [‡] 2140 N. Northgate Way, 98133	800-435-0754 (WA, OR, ID, A 206-365-7000 (
Travelodge (Downtown) 2213 8th Avenue, 98121	800-578-7878
Travelodge (Scattle Ctr.) 200 6th Avenue N., 98109	800-585-7878
Travelodge (University)** 4725 25th N.E., 98105	800-578-787#
University Inn** 4140 Roosevelt Way NE, 98105	. 800-733-3855
University Motel** 4721 12th NE, 98105	206-522-4724
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\$\$\$ = \$7	1-75/night

'A block of rooms has been held at the Holiday Inn Cro Seattle at an excellent rate of \$68 per night (single occur are attending the School's 75th Anniversary festivities is special rate.

\$100 and up/night

*The Ramada Inn also is offering a discount, with rates Mention you will be attending the School's 75th Anniversity to receive the discounted rate.

*Complimentary Shuttle to UW.

**Close to campus.

Bycatch Reduction and Environmental Impact Workshop

Sheraton Downtown, Seattle, Washington September 25 - 27, 1995

Director: Steering Committee

Project Sponsor: Fisheries Management Foundation

Coordinator: Universal Plans, Inc.

Pres.: Mary Sue Lonnevik 2839 - 14th Street West #401

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Proposal date: September 8, 1994

Bycatch, which is the capture of unmarketable or restricted commercial fishing species, is a world economic, environmental and political concern. The discard of bycatch has led to intense political pressure for governmental regulations; limited fishing areas, quotas and seasons; contamination of the fishing grounds, species, and fishing gear; and a decline in the revenues procured by the coastal communities and commercial fishermen. Research has been conducted in the international and domestic sectors to develop bycatch reduction methods and gear devices which will be presented at a Bycatch Reduction and Environmental Impact Workshop held in Seattle, Washington in the fall of 1995. The speakers will provide vital technical information and fishing techniques, in layman's terms, based on the results of recent research on old and new designs of commercial fishing gear and electronics, fish behavior and physiology, habitat and water temperature, which can be applied to the fishing grounds for bycatch reduction.

The objective of this proposal is to provide funds to supplement costs of the Bycatch Reduction Workshop. The economic results will be increased knowledge of the latest international and domestic research and development of bycatch reduction devices and methods which can be applied to the coastal and offshore fisheries. This application will limit the waste of unmarketable species, enhance stock growth, limit habitat contamination, and increase the profitability and marketability of target species.

The majority of individuals from the commercial fishing industry, academia, nonprofit groups and government agencies who attend the Bycatch Reduction Workshop will be from North America. They will be from a variety of fisheries and gear types that have bycatch reduction concerns. The information obtained from the workshop can be applied to many different fisheries on the West, East, Gulf and Alaskan Coasts.

The Bycatch Reduction Workshop will be sponsored by the United States and Canadian commercial fishing industry, academia, governmental agencies, and nonprofit organizations. A Steering Committee will be the director and funds will be managed by the Fisheries Management Foundation.

The Fisheries Management Foundation is a nonprofit foundation organized with the goal of improving economic efficiency and social effectiveness of fisheries management, to evaluate and improve methods of producing and harvesting marine resources and to make fish and other aquatic food available throughout the world.

The Workshop will be coordinated by Universal Plans, Inc. Duties include but are not limited to: fund raising, marketing, advertising, accounting, organizing speakers, program manager, and workshop manager. Universal Plans, Inc. is managed by President, Mary Sue Lonnevik who has been a leader in United States commercial fishing gear design and development since 1979. Mary Sue has coordinated three commercial fishing gear workshops, two in Denmark and one in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. As one of the 500 speakers at the 1988 World Symposium of Fishing Gear in St. John's, Newfoundland, Mary Sue has become familiar with many of the world's leading gear researchers and developers. Along with the knowledge of what is necessary to conduct a productive workshop, she has also provided advertising, marketing and distribution services to her clients. Resume is available upon request.

Funding will be raised from the proceeds of ticket sales, program magazine advertising, and workshop video. Other funding and services will be raised from the following government agencies and industry sources:

National Marine Fisheries Service Sea Grant: Washington, Oregon, Calif. and Alaska Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission 30-40 International and Domestic Speakers University of Washington, Oregon, Calif. and Alaska Commercial Fishing Industry National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The funds provided will be used to supplement the workshop costs. This project does not provide funds for evaluating the final economic, environmental, and political results. A final report will provide a program of the workshop and a list of the attendants along with a financial report of the workshop.

The budget will be divided into fund raising, advertising and promotion, video, ticket distribution, workshop program magazine, workshop speeches, Sheraton expenses, book and speaker accommodations.

The proceeds from the video tapes book and program magazine advertising are budgeted to cover these projects. The proceeds from the tickets will be combined with other grants and granted services to cover the remaining costs of the workshop.

The Bycatch Reduction Workshop will be held at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel in Seattle, Washington on Monday, September 25, 26 & 27 1995. Fish Expo will be held September 27-30 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center next door to the Sheraton. This will enable attendants to schedule their hotel rooms to include the time of the Fish Expo and the Bycatch Reduction Workshop.

Registration will begin at 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, Sept. 24, and the morning of Monday, Sept. 25 from 7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

There will be a 1 hour lunch break to allow attendants to get their own lunch at the Sheraton or the Seattle area. There will also be two coffee breaks.

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COPY FOR YOUR

Steve Pennoyer, Director NMFS, Alaska Region P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802 Lisa Lindeman NOAA General Counsel, Alaska P.O. Box 21109 Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Steve and Lisa:

I enclose for your review modifications to the Council's Policy on Confidentiality of Statistics, originally adopted in 1986. The old policy reflected the data environment and policy setting of the early 1980s and was based on a prototype policy drafted over ten years ago by NMFS, in late 1983. Since then, Council members have been added to the Magnuson Act as potential authorized users of confidential data, the use of personal computers is much more widespread, and Council contractors are used frequently to carry out important studies that further the conservation and management programs of the Council and NMFS. And, finally, NOAA's old Administrative Directive 88-30 of 1982, has been replaced recently by Administrative Order 216-100, which reflects changes in policy and procedures for treatment of confidential data.

I have incorporated these changes in our policy and the result is a strengthening of disclosure rules to enhance protection of confidential data, while at the same time, allowing more flexibility in providing confidential data to Council contractors under the same strict rules that govern actions of NMFS contractors. We now operate in a comprehensive data base environment that has a mixture of state and federal data which needs to be accessed quickly and regularly for analysis and program implementation. The modifications to our policy will go a long way toward enhancing access to data by authorized users, while maintaining the confidential integrity of the data.

I would appreciate your comments by the end of August. I plan on submitting the modified policy for Council review and approval at our upcoming September meeting.

Sincerely,

Clarence Pautzke Executive Director

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Policy on the Confidentiality of Statistics*

PURPOSE

In accordance with Section 303(d) of the Magnuson Act, this policy establishes procedures to ensure that statistics submitted to the Council by federal or state authorities or voluntarily by private persons remain confidential. It also includes measures to restrict Council employee access and prevent conflicts of interest. Policies and procedures for treatment of state and federal statistics must be consistent with relevant federal or state law.

DEFINITIONS

(For purposes of these procedures)

Aggregate or Summary Form: Restructuring confidential data so that the submitter cannot be identified, either from the present release of the restructured data or in combination with preceding or other releases.

Authorized Use: That specific use which is allowable within the constraints imposed on a Council by federal or state statutes, regulations, and directives; or by Council policies and procedures, or commitments made by the Council or Council staff to submitters under data collections sponsored by the Council.

Authorized User: A Council staff member or contractor specified by the Council Executive Director as having a need to use confidential data, who has met other requirements specified in these procedures, is cognizant of these procedures, has agreed to comply with the requirements herein, and has signed a "Statement of Non-disclosure" affirming the user's understanding of Council policies and procedures with respect to confidentiality of statistics, including obligations to comply with federal and state confidentiality laws, regulations, and procedures. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (or designee), may grant "authorized user" status to Council members for conservation and management purposes. Contractors specified to have need to access state or federal confidential data must obtain those data directly from the federal or state entity and comply with the applicable federal, state, and Council laws, regulations, and procedures.

Confidential data: Information, the disclosure of which may be prejudicial or harmful, including data received from state or federal agencies labeled confidential and Council-sponsored data collections where confidentiality was pledged to the submitter.

Conflict of Interest: Access to confidential data that may provide personal gain, reward, or competitive advantage.

<u>Contract/Agreement</u>: All binding forms of mutual commitment under a stated set of conditions to achieve a specific objective.

Data, Information, and Statistics: Used interchangeably; all three may be confidential.

^{*}Originally adopted by the Council in January 1986.

Data Base Administrator: For federally sponsored data gathering, an employee in each NMFS data management center responsible for the direction and development of data management systems. The North Pacific Council's Data Base Administrators for federal data are the NMFS, AFSC and Alaska Region Data Base Administrators. For Council-sponsored data gathering, the Executive Director will serve as data base administrator. For state-sponsored data gathering, the designated state official will be the data base administrator.

Need-to-Know: The request for access is consistent with the use for which the data are obtained.

(Refer to NOAA Directives Administrative Order 216-100 on Confidential Fisheries Statistics for additional definitions.)

POLICY

<u>Disclosure</u>: Confidential data will not be disclosed except to authorized users in accordance with NMFS, Council, and/or State applicable procedures and policies.

Access: All authorized users having access to confidential data shall be informed that the data are confidential and will be required to read, date, and sign a statement of non-disclosure that affirms the user's understanding with respect to confidential data and penalties for unauthorized use and disclosure. When there is a potential for, or possible appearance of, conflict of interest, access will not be permitted. Council members and staff specified by the Executive Director as authorized users shall sign a statement to ensure no conflict of interest.

Operational Responsibilities: The Council Executive Director will serve as the Council's "Data Base Administrator" for purposes of Council-sponsored data collections. The Executive Director will coordinate with NMFS Data Base Administrators for federal confidential data and with designated state officials for state confidential data. The Council Executive Director is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of all confidential data collected by the Council or provided to the Council from other agencies.

PROCEDURES

Obtaining Confidential Data

- 1. <u>From State or Federal Agencies</u>: The Council Executive Director or Council staff member designated as an authorized user, may request confidential data from state or federal agencies to carry out Council responsibilities where direct access to confidential data has not been granted.
- 2. Council-sponsored Data Collection: Data submitted are voluntary. If a pledge of confidentiality is made to the submitter, these data are to be treated as confidential. The Executive Director is responsible for making the determination as to when a pledge of confidentiality may be made. Submitters will be advised, in all cases, orally or in writing, of the purpose of collecting data and uses that may be made of the data, and that submission of the data is voluntary. If a pledge of confidentiality is made, the submitter shall be advised in writing.

If the Council contracts to have data gathered on its behalf, contractors and their employees are subject to the same civil and criminal penalties as any other authorized user. Contractor

personnel will be required to sign a statement of non-disclosure. Confidential data collected under contract are to be transferred on a timely basis to authorized Council staff. No copies of these data can be retained by the contractor beyond the termination date of the agreement. Aggregated data may be retained if approved by the Council Executive Director. A data return clause shall be included in the contract.

Conflict of Interest

Authorized users are prohibited from using confidential data for personal gain, reward, or competitive advantage. If a potential conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest exists, the Executive Director will refer the matter to the NOAA Office of General Counsel, Alaska Region, for determination.

Security

An inventory will be maintained by the Council Executive Director of all confidential data received from state or federal agencies or collected by the Council. The inventory will include a record of distribution and final disposition of each data set. Data will be maintained in a secure fashion, whether in hard copy or electronic form.

Access

- 1. Access Control: Access to confidential data received from state or federal agencies shall may be approved by the Council Executive Director a designated agency official. Access to confidential data collected under Council sponsorship shall be approved by the Council Executive Director in accordance with Council policies and procedures. In determining whether to grant access, the Executive Director shall consider the specific types of data required, relevance of the data to intended uses, whether the access will be continuous, infrequent, or one-time, and whether aggregate data, in lieu of confidential data, will satisfy the data needs.
- 2. <u>Users:</u> Access will be limited to authorized users. Council-authorized users are the Council staff members and contractors specified by the Executive Director as having need to access confidential data to further the mission of the Council. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (or designee), may grant Council members "authorized user" status for conservation and management purposes as prescribed in the Magnuson Act.
 - (a) Identified NPFMC technical staff will have routine access (through office microcomputers or other means) to confidential data.
 - (b) All confidential data will be adequately protected in any electronic files (on or off line storage) in standard files.
 - (c) NPFMC staff with access to confidential data will not release confidential data, data derived from confidential data (e.g., aggregated data), or the results of any analysis of confidential data to anyone until: (i) Confidential data, data derived from confidential data or results of any analysis of confidential data, have been classified as being not confidential by the NMFS, AFSC and Alaska Region data base administrators or designated State official. The timely review and classification of material can be done by long distance computer hookups, or (ii) Confidential data have been approved for release by the data base administrators because of established "need to know" presented by the Council's Executive Director to the

data base administrators. The Council will submit annually to NMFS Alaska Region a copy of their procedures for ensuring the confidentiality of data. The procedures will be evaluated for their effectiveness and changed if necessary. As part of this procedure, an updated statement of nondisclosure will be included for each Council employee, member, and contractor who require access to confidential data.

- 3. <u>Reproduction</u>: Reproduction of any confidential data must be approved by the Executive Director and entered into the data inventory.
- 4. Contractors: Pursuant to an agreement with the Council, Council contractors may be granted "authorized user" status by the Executive Director, in consultation with NMFS Alaska Region and NOAA GC, consistent with this policy, if the use furthers the mission of the Council authorized access to confidential data collected under Council sponsorship with the approval of the Executive Director. Requests for access by a contractor to confidential data that were provided to the Council by a state or federal agency shall be submitted to the designated agency official for approval. Documentation of that approval must be entered into the data inventory. If access is granted, language in the agreement specifically dealing with confidentiality of data shall be required. It will be modeled after Appendix D to NOAA Administrative Order 216-100 and the language will include all the relevant portions of this policy and shall prohibit further disclosure of the data. No data may be retained beyond the termination of the agreement; and any disclosure of data derived from the accessed confidential data must be approved by the Council Executive Director.
- 5. Statement of Non-disclosure: Each user or clerical who handles the data is required to sign a statement (see attachment) which states they understand the confidential nature of the data and the penalties for unauthorized use and disclosure. The statements shall be kept on file by the Executive Director.

Release of Confidential Data

- 1. Requests for Confidential Data: All requests by other than authorized users must be in writing and reviewed by the NOAA Office of General Counsel, Alaska Region. Public These requests will be treated as Freedom of Information Act requests. Release of data will be in accordance with procedures set out in "Access" above.
- 2. <u>Subpoenas for Data</u>: Subpoenas should be submitted immediately to NOAA Office of General Counsel, Alaska Region.
- 3. Requests for Release of Aggregate Data: Requests for aggregate data compiled from confidential data shall may be approved by the Data Base Administrators for the submitting agency or the Executive Director for Council sponsored data collections.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCLOSURE, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND CONFIDENTIALITY PROCEDURES

I have read and understand the Council's policy on Confidentiality of Statistics and other pertinent polices and procedures as identified by the Council Executive Director. I will not disclose any statistics identified as confidential by a state, the National Marine Fisheries Service, or a fishery management council to any person(s) or persons except authorized users in accordance with NMFS, Council and/or state applicable procedures and policies.

I will use any NMFS, Council or state confidential data for authorized purposes only and not for personal gain or competitive advantage. I understand that any potential conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest will be referred to the NOAA Office of General Counsel for determination.

I will follow the North-Pacific Fishery Management Council's Policy on the Confidentiality of Statistics, a copy of which has been given to me.

I am fully aware of the civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized disclosure, misuse, or other violation of the confidentiality of such statistics as provided for in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act and other applicable law.

I understand that I may be subject to criminal and civil penalties under provisions of Titles 5 U.S.C. 552 and 18 U.S.C. 1905, which are the primary Federal statutes prohibiting unauthorized disclosure of confidential data. I also may be subject to civil penalties for improper disclosure of data collected under the Magnuson Act or the MMPA.

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Meeting Dates - 1994, 1995, and Tentative 1996-97

	January (week of)	April (week of)	June (week of)	September (week of)	December (week of)
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1995	9th/Anch	17th/Anch	5th or 19th Dutch Harbor	18th/Seattle	4th/Anch
1996**	8th/Anch	22nd/Portland	17th/Anch or in-state	16th/Sitka	9th/Anch
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AGENDA B-1(f) SEPTEMBER 1994

You are cordially invited to a reception

Hosted by the Washington State fishing industry and

The School of Marine Affairs

honoring the

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Friday, September 30, 1994
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
The Burke Memorial Washington State Museum
University of Washington
17th N.E. & N.E. 45th*
Seattle, Washington

featuring

<u>Planet Ocean</u> Art by Ray Troll Words by Brad Matsen

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Mr. Clarence G. Pautzke
Executive Director
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
605 West 4th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

September 19, 1994

Dear Clarence,

I am writing to request distribution of the enclosed news article in the next Council mailing. If time doesn't permit receipt by the start of the September Council meeting then please include it in the materials provided at the meeting.

I feel it is only fair to honor this request given the fact you distributed the Greenpeace newsletter in a recent Council mailing which had a front page article entitled "North Pacific Fisheries: On the Rocks" in which our company, Arctic Alaska/Tyson Seafood Division is mentioned. There is some false information presented in the article but that is an issue we will direct at Greenpeace. We ask only that if you choose to distribute Greenpeace propaganda through Council mailings then you at least distribute the other side of the story so Council family can decide for themselves the true motives of this international organization.

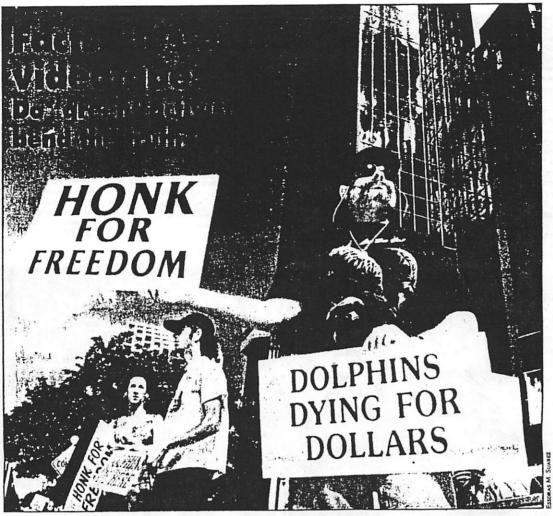
Best Regards,

Dave Benson

Director of Government Affairs

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Tyson Seafood Division



We need broad support — loads of media coverage. So we offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements and make little mention of any doubt we have. We must decide the right balance between being honest and being effective.'

- Stephen Schneider, National Center for Atmospheric Research

By Mick Kronman Field Editor

he images sear our memory, like wounds that won't heal. Dolphins squeezed through the power blocks of nameless tuna seiners. Harp seal pups, their white coats stained blood-red, dragged lifeless across Arctic ice floes. California sea lions strangling on chunks of monofilament gillnet. And, most recently, dolphins again — being harpooned and flensed for longline bait by Venezuelan fishermen.

Each of these dramas has been captured on film and hammered repeatedly into the public psyche. Consequently, the films have helped build political muscle, swelling the ranks and coffers of animal-welfare groups whose annual, six- to nine-figure budgets depend on donations.

The videos have also affected world fisheries. The 1988 "La Budde" tuna/dolphin film, for example, ushered in the dolphin-safe era, forcing most U.S. seiners from the yellowfin-rich eastern Pacific. Greenpeace's harp seal film helped end seal hunts on both sides of the Atlantic. The California sea lion footage fueled a successful antipulation of the yenzuelan coast has led to

calls for a boycott of Venezuelan fish products and oil.

"No doubt about it, videotape is the most powerful weapon we have to fight enemies of the earth," affirms Craig Van Note, executive vice president of Monitor, a Washington D.C.-based consortium of 30-plus animal-rights groups.

But now fishermen and others are fighting back. They say activists have faked films, doctored information and lied to the world to keep the engines of their corporate-style non-profit machines chuming.

Leading the charge is Icelandic filmmaker Magnus Gudmundsson, whose first two efforts — Survival in the High North and Reclaiming Paradise — blame animalrights groups for ruining subsistence cultures with lies about methods and levels of seal and whale harvests.

Groups like Greenpeace, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and the Dolphin Freedom Foundation are the guilty parties, Gudmundsson claims. He calls them wealthy, urban missionaries of a new-age religion, whose pulpits are the media and political forums — venues where fishermen are either unskilled or have little time to dabble.

Fact or Fiction?

Gudmundsson released Survival in the High North in 1989, four years after visiting

Greenland and witnessing how animal rights campaigns had crippled the Inuit economy:

"As an editor for the Scandinavian News Agency, I used to get press releases from these groups," he recalls. "We printed them without checking facts, until I received releases about Icelandic fisheries that I knew were lies. Then I started checking other press statements, and they were full of lies, too. After visiting Greenland, I felt compelled to show the damage caused by this deceit."

Though long (52 min.), one-sided and repetitive. Survival in the High North offers a dramatic look at native societies in Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. It reports — via interviews with fishermen, scientists and locals — how activists have duped world leaders into eliminating whale

and seal harvests, reducing a proud people to a welfare state.

At times, however, G u d m u n d s s o n appears less concerned with bashing the alleged criminals than re-educating their devotees.

"No method of slaughter will ever make slaughter-houses attractive," he says, noting that a n i m a l - r i g h ts groups prey on folks who don't question the origin of hamburger steaks, shoe leather or fish fillets. "In all these cases, animals have been

Russ Rector, director of the Dolphin Freedom Foundation, holds protest signs in front of the Venezuelan Consulate in Miami, Fla. The April 5, 1994, demonstration was called to denounce the killing of dolphins off the Venezuelan coast.

killed so man can live.

"For all his flaws, man is part of the kingdom of nature, too," Gudmundssot implores. "And to use global propagand campaigns against nations like lecland and Greenland — whose relationship with the sea is time-tested, balanced and respectful— is economic terrorism."

In Survival in the High North, several scientists support his position. Though hand-picked, their claims (including this sample) are startling:

- Greenpeace has not been invited to participate in scientific organizations because its members bend the truth;
- Sealing bans in the North Atlantic have caused an overpopulation of marine mammals, threatening vital fish stocks; and
- Most whales are no more intelligent than cows or horses.

Furthermore, claims the film's narrator, eco-activists play fast and loose with the facts, embellishing here, fabricating ther and faking it when necessary, all in the name of winning friends and making money.

For example, says Leif Blaedel, award-winning editor of a Danish environmental magazine, Greenpeace "deliberately used forgeries, including their film of Canadian harp-seal kills. It was good business, since Greenpeace gathered enough donations to spend \$4.5 million on seal campaigns in 1982-83."

Adds Bjorn Oekern, former president of Greenpeace, Norway: "People who believe their donations are used for environmental work are dead wrong. I believed I was working for an ideologically correct group but found that huge amounts of money wen squirreled away in bank accounts that wen used simply to finance jet-set lifestyles."

The night it aired in Iceland, Survival in the High North commanded the highest viewership in that nation's history. "The streets, bars and cinemas were empty." Gudmundsson recalls, "because 95% of the country was glued to their televisions."

Eventually, waves from both films rippled across Northern Europe and beyond, contributing in part, says Gudmundsson, to the resumption of whaling in Norway and similar pending moves in Iceland and Japan. In addition, a new Scandinavian fishermen's union — the High North Alliance — was formed, and Reclaiming Paradise was nominated as Scandinavia's best documentary film of 1992.

Environmentalists Respond

Eventually, says Gudmundsson, his films caused 40,000 Euro-Greenpeace members to quit, a claim disputed by Greenpeace

officials. "It's simply not true," says Cynthia Rust, Greenpeace's West Coast bureau chief, noting no visible decline in the group's 3 million members. "Mr. Gudmundsson seems to have an inflated view of his importance.

"This is textbook stuff," Rust says of both films. "Instead of addressing conservation issues, the 'wist use' types [a reference to a pro-utilization group representing miners, loggers, trappers and fishermen] attack our scruples, our motives and our budgets."



In his documentary, Survival in the High North, filmmaker Magnus Gudmundsson blames animal-rights groups for destroying subsistence cultures with lies about whale and seal harvests. The above frame was taken from that film. Greenpeace and Gudmundsson have even tangled in court over statements made in Survival in the High North. Though both sides claim victory, the result looks like a 50/50 split. The film wasn't banned, as Greenpeace had requested, but four sentences in it were changed. The harp-seal footage was unmasked as a fake, and publicity surrounding the trial helped alter Greenpeace policy.

"We admit that in the early days we weren't as sensitive to indigenous people as we should be," says Rust. "But in recent years we've changed. Last year, in fact, we produced a statement on Indigenous Peoples' Right to Survival and Self-Determination."

Fishermen have done some soul-searching, too. "We believe in using the earth's resources wisely, but there's no excuse for the San Diego-based Fishermen's Coalition. "Animals should be harvested in the most humane manner possible." As proof of fishermen's commitment, Platt cites the reduction in dolphin kills among 13 nations fishing tuna in the eastern Pacific, from 200,000 animals per year in the 1960s to fewer than 4,000 in 1993.

Meanwhile, firefights between animalrights groups and hunters/harvesters are erupting worldwide. Battle lines range from Kenya — where debates over elephant conservation policies rage — to Australia, where greens are under fire for doctoring films of kangaroo hunts.

Controversy in Venezuela

Nowhere are the volleys more fierce than in Venezuela, where authorities claim the leader of Bioma, a powerful South American environmental group, duped fishermen into harpooning and butchering dolphins on film. Here's the story: Bioma's Aldemaro Romero, a respected biologist and veteran animal-rights crusader, visited Venezuela last year to chronicle a widely acknowledged fact—that crews aboard thirty 60' coastal longliners harpoon dolphins for shark bait.

The practice began in the early 1970s, a possible carry-over from Japanese longliners who plied the region until Venezuela began enforcing its 200-mile economic

Authorities say drunken fishermen were conned into harpooning mammals for what they thought was scientific research.

zone. Hard-number mortality counts are few. High-end estimates from the International Whaling Commission hit 7,000 dolphins per year, although the Venezuelan government claims the numbers are much lower. In either case, United Nations statistics suggest the overall health of the region's dolphin stocks isn't threatened.

Still, in Venezuela, it's illegal to kill a single dolphin.

Romero shot his film, and it aired worldwide. It's bloody and difficult to watch. And, according to Venezuelan authorities, it's a fake — the result of drunken fishermen being conned into harpooning and butchering mammals for what they thought was scientific research.

There are several versions of the film—short ones, long ones, ones with no audio, ones with subtitles. Each is edited to match a particular political spin.

In one version, Romero explains to fishermen that the harpooned dolphin, squirming beneath a metal lance, will be used for research. Later, directing the cameraman, Romero says, "That's it, get the blood." At one point, Romero even helps the fisherman by



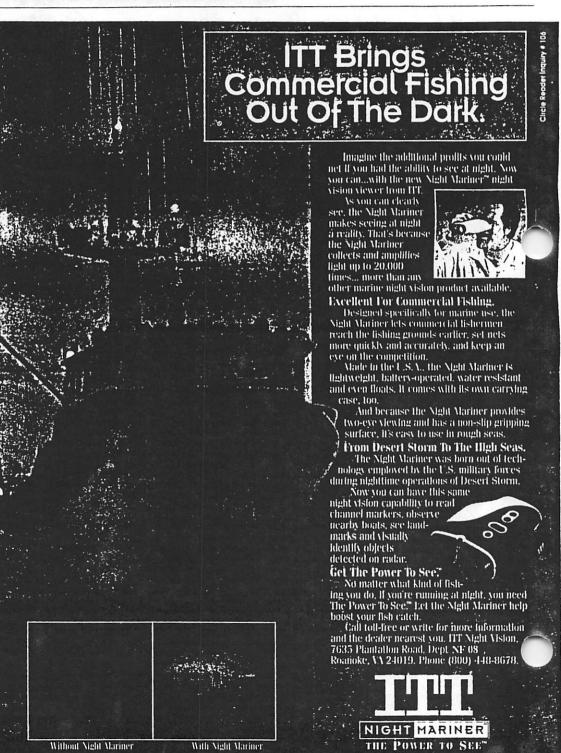
Aldemara Romera. a South American biologist and animal-rights campaigner, waded into a swamp of controversy when he videotaped Venezuelan fishermen butchering dolphins. The gov ernment indicted Romero for fraud, treason and killing a dolphin - which is illegal. To avoid hall and death threats, he fled the country and is now reportedly living near Miami.

handing him a knife to flense the dolphin.

Infuriated Venezuelan officials indicted Romeno, accusing him of fraud, treason and killing a dolphin. After receiving death threat to his family, and aware that Venezuelan jails are infamously uncomfortable (prisoners pheld for months, legally, without be charged). Romero fled the country. He reportedly holed up somewhere near Miami.

From a pay phone, Romero offers his side of the story: "The idea was to provide economic opportunity for fishermen. We wanted to convince them that instead of killing dolphins, they could carry visitors to view the animals at sea, in a designated marine sanctuary. And, yes, we intended to display the dolphin skull in a museum, for public viewing and education.

"What you don't hear in the video," Romero continues, "is what the fishermen told us on the beach before we left that they (Continued on page 84)



Telling the truth

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do kill dolphins for bait, on a regular basis." The fishermen in question, however, sing iles of rum and some gasoline as payment for the trip," explains Marcelino Lugo, in a different tune: "Romero gave us three botan interview with a Caracas newspaper. "He said he would take all the responsibility for killing a dolphin."

that exposing dolphin kills in Venezuela Lugo to Romero: "They came here and preyed upon four stupid fishermen, thinking Adds an intermediary who introduced would bring them funding from the U.S. What it did bring was the unbridled ire of Venezuelan authorilies, many of whom are convinced Romero's film was payback for that country's policy of harvesting dolphin-

"It's curious this film was released one week before we were going to ask the U.S. associated tuna in the eastern Pacific.

rera-Teran, former director general of fishrelease a coincidence, if you must. But I don't believe in coincidence. I believe in eries. (Herrera-Teran was replaced in March, when a new regime took office.) "That embargo has cost our country \$200 phin kill-rates among our seiners in the eastern Pacific are low --- on a par with U.S. seiners. So, call the timing of the film-State Department to lift its embargo on Venezuelan tuna," says Dr. Francisco Hermillion, and it should be lifted, because dolsynchronicity."

ernment isn't looking for Romero, but if they find him, he could spend the next 20 Herrera-Teran says the Venezuelan govyears in jail.

the dolphin-safe movement. "Venezuela's human rights record is deplorable --- almost as bad as its environmental record." Phillips head of Earth Island Institute, architects of labels as "ludicrous" claims that the dolphin "Not surprising," notes David Phillips, video was a setup.

reported 97% of Americans believe more

Consider a 1988 Lou Harris poll that

That number dropped to 82% last year. And

should be done to protect the environment. according to a report in The Economist,

membership in green groups peaked in the

There are signs, however, that average

Americans want solutions, not theater.

opinion has turned against enviro-activists.

green movement is browning, or if public

Overall, it may be too early to tell if the

scandal

"Herrera-Teran is a liar," Phillips says.

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study tissue samples from the dead fish.

ate 1980s but is now falling. "He'll do anything to allow Venezuelan

Even politicians — once loathe to appear ors. When the governor of Wyoming on public land, for example, he didn't invite he once-noble Sierra Club, because, in the "there is no need to invite those who recently held a meeting to discuss grazing words of Interior Secretary Bruce Bubbitt. anything but verdant — are changing colengage in extravagant rhetoric." fresure he'd do whatever is necessary to a demonstration outside the Venezuelan consulate in Miami. The demonstrators fleets to keep killing dolphins. And I'm The "situation" was expected to grow based Dolphin Freedom Foundation hosted silence his opponents. Overall, this is a very even tenser on April 5, when the Florida-

tense situation."

stream environmental groups want to break ranks with their unruly cousins - partly There's also evidence that some mainover politics, partly because there's not enough money to go around.

were reportedly loud and visible, but only 15 showed up to vilify Venezuela for its complicity in the dolphin-for-shark-bait

progressive groups. And the rift is getting "There's definitely tension in the green oped between mainstream groups like the ond highest of the greens] and the more movement," says Earth Island's Phillips. "Dozens of organizations are spread over a wide spectrum, and lately a rift has devel-Vational Wildlife Federation [whose operating budget in 1989 was \$156 million, sec-

Gulf coast to Mobile Bay. In conditions Carolina coast, north to Delaware Bay, south to Florida and westward along the ranging from fresh water to salt water.

as an Alzheimer's-like confusion and loss of memory after inhaling fishkiller toxin Burkholder experienced what she describes while working at an aquarium

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES:

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he Northeastern Pacific ecosystem includes the waters of the Eastern Bernor Sea Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska Together these waters support the largest single species fisher ein the world for Walleye pollock. In 1992, over 2.9 billion pounds of pollock were caught, valued at more than \$320 million. Overall, almost 60 percent of all the fish caught in the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States are caught in the North Pacific.

While the Northeastern Pacific still produces the most economically viable fisheries in the Northern Hemisphere, the region is vulnerable. It could easily degenerate into a situration like that in the North Atlantic, where strict management measures to limit fishing have been put in place because the once abundant fish stocks are all but gone.

SEAFOOD FOR THOUGHT

Leading the factory trawler fleet invasion of the North Pacific is Arctic Alaska Fisheries Corporation, the nation's largest fishing and at sea processing company. Arctic Alaska owns and operates some 38 catcher and freezer/processor vessels, of which at least a dozen are factory trawlers. Arctic Alaska and its subsidiaries have been the subject of a number of highly publicized lawsuits concerning violations of the Clean Water Act, the illegal use of fishing gear, and the sinking of one of its factory trawlers, the Aleutian Enterprise, killing nine persons. Arctic Alaska is also active beyond U.S. waters, with fishing operations in Russia and Indonesia, and fish processing plants in Canada, Russia and China. The firm was recently acquired by Tyson Foods Inc., the poultry giant.

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It is not only the fish that are in danger. The expansion of the pollock fishery in past decades has coincided with significant population declines in marine mammals and seabirds.

Steller sea lions, Northern fur seals and harbor seals, and seabirds such as murres and kittiwakes, are all heavily reliant on pollock as a dietary staple. Steller sea lions have suffered the most severe downtum. In Alaska, the Steller sea lion population has declined by over 80 percent since the mid-1950s, and is presently listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

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Mr. Richard B. Lauber Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council 605 W. 4th Avenue, Room 306 Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Lauber:

For several years we have been conducting annual orientation sessions at Headquarters for new appointees to the Councils covering many basic but important topics in fisheries management essential for new members to know. A copy of the Agenda from last year's meeting is enclosed. We propose another orientation session in Silver Spring on November 1, 2 and 3, 1994.

Please confirm at your earliest convenience who specifically will be attending. While the orientation is intended to brief new appointees, it is open to attendance by appointees who have been unable to attend previous orientation sessions, as well as designated State officials and other voting Council members who have not attended before. We will work with the Regional staffs to provide details on accomodations and travel arrangements as soon as we have a firm headcount. As in previous years, we will assume the cost of travel and per diem.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Schaefer Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management

Enclosure

