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## NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### U. S. COAST GUARD ENFORCEMENT REPORT December 1, 1993 thru March 31, 1994

#### 1. ENFORCEMENT/SAFETY SUMMARY.

##### A. INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES.

1) HIGH SEAS DRIFTNETS. In 1994 the Coast Guard is continuing aircraft and cutter patrols in the North Pacific traditional high seas driftnet areas. Targets of enforcement are vessels operating in violation of the 1993 U.N. Moratorium on large-scale pelagic high seas driftnetting. Areas of greatest patrol focus are waters where anadromous stocks are likely to be present. The 1994 threat of illegal activity is reduced from last year. The reduced threat is based upon reports of gear conversion, foreign buyback programs, and the deterrence from the cooperative enforcement efforts of the parties of the North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission (NPAFC). Those efforts resulted in early season identification and removal from the grounds of vessels preparing to fish last year, culminating in the Coast Guard escort to Shanghai of one vessel, equipped with driftnets and claiming People's Republic of China (PRC) registry. For 1994, the U.S. and the PRC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will further enhance enforcement. The MOU provides for "cooperative visits and verification" to facilitate the boarding process; PRC shipriders will also be assigned to selected CG cutters on driftnet patrol to assist in verifying documents and activity of PRC flagged vessels. The Coast Guard will be working closely with the NMFS and enforcement representatives of the NPAFC to coordinate activities to most effectively counter the driftnet threat.

##### 2) DONUT.

A) The moratorium on fishing in the Central Bering Sea "donut" continues in CY94 as agreed to by the two coastal states (U.S. and Russia) and the four primary fishing countries (Japan, Poland, Republic of Korea, and PRC). Coast Guard patrols in the donut in 1994 have observed neither "scout vessel" activity by these signatories nor fishing activity by other flags.

B) In February 1994 the PRC, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Poland, Russia, and the U.S. agreed on a Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea. The Coast Guard participated as an enforcement advisor in the negotiations. Key monitoring provisions of the Convention include observers, position fixing devices, and boarding authority. These provisions, along with others, will ensure that any eventual pollock fishery in the Central Bering Sea, is well controlled.

## B. DOMESTIC FISHERIES.

### 1) 1994 BSAI/GOA GROUND FISH.

A) POLLOCK A. The Coast Guard coordinated its operations with NMFS Enforcement to ensure a federal presence on the grounds and in selected ports. Coast Guard units conducted at sea boardings checking logs and holds, monitored activity in closed area 518 and rookery no-trawl zones, and assisted NMFS Enforcement in monitoring dockside offloads, as needed. No major violations resulted. The poor roe content generally kept percentages well below the 10 percent stripping standard; having a lower regulatory roe stripping percentage in effect by next year is consistent with the intent of the MFCMA.

B) VIOLATION TRENDS. The Coast Guard notes continued improved trends in compliance rates as observed by at sea patrols. During the December 93 and early 94 major groundfish and crab openings, 293 fishing vessels were boarded; the Coast Guard cited 16, or 5.4%, for fisheries related violations. During the same period last year 201 boardings resulted in 15 citations, or 7.4%. Gear conflicts, as reported to the Coast Guard, were also down this year from last.

2) SABLEFISH/HALIBUT - MAY, JUN 94 OPENERS. As in previous years, the Coast Guard has scheduled extensive cutter and aircraft patrols for both fisheries, including the 72-hour fair start periods. An HU25 Falcon jet from Air Station Astoria will be forward deployed to Air Station Sitka prior to both openings to assist enforcement surveillance off Southeast Alaska.

3) SUMMARY SETTLEMENT. The Coast Guard, in coordination with the NMFS and NOAA GC, is implementing the Alaska Summary Settlement System for units on Alaska Patrol (ALPAT). The system applies for specified offenses listed in the Summary Settlement Schedules approved by the Office of General Counsel (GCAK). One cutter is currently using the system; other units will be added as they are trained in its use; project full implementation by the end of the summer.

C. FISHERIES TRAINING TEAM. This summer the Coast Guard will commission the North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center (NPRFTC) in Kodiak. It is one of 5 centers being established across the U.S. Kodiak was selected for its easy access to Coast Guard units, NMFS, State, and industry representatives. The Center will provide regional-specific fisheries instruction to boarding teams and aircraft crews patrolling the Alaskan region. This will improve the professionalism of Coast Guard enforcement personnel, while providing them greater sensitivity to the needs and concerns of the fishing industry.

The training will be conducted in classroom space at Support Center Kodiak, and onboard cutters and aircraft actually engaged in enforcement missions. NMFS is participating in the development of the curriculum and will be assisting in instruction. Industry representatives will be invited to assist in the initial training of the NPRFTC instructors, and the later training of field enforcement personnel. Instructors will start arriving this summer, beginning training and curriculum development during late summer, with the first field unit training expected to begin in January 95.

D. FISHING VESSEL SAFETY.

1) TRENDS. The improving trend in reduced loss of life noted in CY93 continues. Despite generally poor weather and heavy activity in the Bering Sea crab and groundfish fisheries since December, loss of life in the Alaska commercial fishing industry for CY94 stands at three. In February there were ten vessel sinkings in the Bering Sea; it is noteworthy that 48 of 49 crewmembers survived these sinkings. Between 1 December and 31 March only one of the 293 fishing vessels boarded had its voyage terminated due to major safety violations. Since January 1993, 1505 commercial f/v dockside exams have been conducted in Alaska with 829 decals issued. Coast Guard at-sea boardings are finding vessels generally have the required major survival equipment for the area in which they are operating; we are now stressing drills/training to ensure operators and crews know how to use the equipment.

2) EPIRB REGISTRATION. In 1993 the Seventeenth District worked 251 Search and Rescue (SAR) cases involving EPIRBs. Most of those were false activations. Each case is treated as "the real thing." Having a registered 406 MHz EPIRB facilitates the false/actual determination. SAR resource time is then maximized for when it is really needed. To assist in this effort Coast Guard boarding teams will be strongly encouraging operators to register their EPIRB and assist, if necessary, with the registration.

E. UNDOCUMENTED/INELIGIBLE ALIENS. The Coast Guard and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) are working cooperatively in enforcing crew manning standards and immigrat: ..

laws aboard U.S. commercial fishing industry vessels. In November 1993, the INS established a permanent presence in Dutch Harbor. Coast Guard boarding officers are receiving training in document identification and INS agents are periodically deploying aboard cutters. The Coast Guard's role is to assist in the identification of undocumented/ineligible aliens at sea in conjunction with checking crew manning standards. Information is then passed to INS for their verification and appropriate action with employers. Close to 200 undocumented/ineligible aliens were identified during at sea boardings off Alaska from December through March. The majority of these aliens made up two categories; those who were in the country without authority (undocumented) and those who were here legally, but not permitted to work (ineligible). Most were identified in February aboard processing vessels involved in the Bering Sea groundfish and crab fisheries. The Coast Guard's objective is to continue to develop interagency and industry cooperation to minimize illegal immigration problems in the North Pacific fisheries. INS Alaska Region's "Employment/ Hiring Training Program" is assisting industry in complying with immigration laws.

2. PATROL STATISTICS (1 DEC 93 - 31 MAR 94). High and Medium Endurance cutter patrol effort was up this year over last for the same period; 368 versus 275 days. This has resulted in increased presence on the grounds to both promote compliance and provide a SAR response:

PATROL STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1 DEC 93 - 31 MAR 94.

- A. 7 High Endurance Cutter (HEC) patrolled for 316 days.
- B. 1 Medium Endurance cutters (MEC) patrolled for 52 Days.
- C. 5 Patrol boats patrolled for 76 days.
- D. C-130 aircraft conducted 134 long-range surveillance flights for 970.2 hours.
- E. HU-65 aircraft conducted 30 surveillance flights for 85.4 hours.
- F. Foreign vessels:
  - 06 = Sightings
  - 01 = Boardings
  - 00 = Violations
- G. Domestic vessels:

3150 = Sightings  
293 = Boardings  
16 = Violations (Fishery)  
104 = Violations (Safety)

H. Unknown vessels: 139

I. Vessel sightings by nationality:  
 (May be multiple sightings of one vessel.)

COUNTRY	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
JAPAN	02	00	00	00	02
S. KOREA	00	00	00	00	00
TAIWAN	00	00	00	00	00
CHINA	00	00	00	00	00
CANADA	00	00	00	00	00
POLISH	00	00	00	00	00
RUSSIAN	00	01	00	00	01
PANAMA	00	00	02	01	03
HONDURAN	00	00	00	00	00
OTHER	00	00	00	00	00
U. S.	255	754	1126	1015	3150
UNKNOWN	24	53	37	25	139
TOTAL	281	208	1165	1041	3295

- Encl: (1) List of fishing vessels boarded with no fishery violations.  
 (2) List of fishing vessels boarded with fishery violations.

VESSELS BOARDED WITH NO FISHREY VIOLATIONS

A J	01/29/94	AURIGA	12/06/93
AKULA	03/21/94	AURORA	01/24/94
ALASKA JURIS	01/28/94	BALTIC SEA	03/07/94
ALASKA MIST	02/01/94	BARGE UNI SEA	02/07/94
ALASKA PACKER	03/08/94	BARWELL	01/21/94
ALASKA PACKER	02/04/94	BELAIR	12/06/93
ALASKA RANGER	02/07/94	BERING ENTERPRISE	03/18/94
ALASKA SPIRIT	02/25/94	BERING ENTERPRISE	02/11/94
ALASKA SPIRIT	02/07/94	BERING SEA	01/03/94
ALASKA TROJAN	02/07/94	BETTY J	12/05/93
ALASKA VICTORY	03/08/94	BLUE WAVE	02/02/94
ALASKA WARRIOR	03/08/94	BOUNTIFUL	12/12/93
ALASKAN LEADER	02/21/94	BOUNTY HUNTER	02/18/94
ALASKAN PACIFIC	03/30/94	BRISTOL ENTERPRISE	02/11/94
ALASKAN SHORES	02/23/94	BRITTANY	02/04/94
ALDEBARAN	01/29/94	BROWNS POINT	03/14/94
ALEUT MISTRESS	02/16/94	BROWNS POINT	02/01/94
ALEUTIAN BALLAD	03/10/94	CAITLIN ANN	02/22/94
ALEUTIAN BELLE	03/17/94	CALIFORNIA HORIZON	01/28/94
ALEUTIAN CHALLENGER	03/01/94	CAPE KIWANDA	02/11/94
ALEUTIAN SPEEDWELL	02/08/94	CAPE KIWANDA	12/03/93
ALL ALASKAN	02/04/94	CAPRICE	02/13/94
ALL AMERICAN	02/08/94	CAROLE D	01/30/94
ALOMA	03/30/94	CAROLINA GIRL II	02/19/94
ALSKA	03/01/94	CHELSEA K	02/22/94
AMATULI	12/12/93	CHEVAK	12/06/93
AMBER DAWN	03/11/94	CIRUS	03/30/94
AMERICAN CHAMPION	02/04/94	CLAYMORE SEA	02/04/94
AMERICAN DYNASTY	02/04/94	CLOUD NINE	03/30/94
AMERICAN EMPRESS	02/03/94	COASTAL TRADER	03/08/94
AMERICAN EMPRESS	12/18/93	COHO	03/05/94
AMERICAN ENTERPRISE	03/13/94	COLUMBIA	12/11/94
AMERICAN NO. 1	03/12/94	COMBINE	12/24/94
ANDRONICA	12/04/94	COMMODORE	03/23/94
ARCTIC	12/13/94	CONSTELLATION	03/11/94
ARCTIC DAWN	12/02/94	CURRENT	12/19/94
ARCTIC ENTERPRISE	03/13/94	DAYBREAK	03/00/94
ARCTIC FJORD	12/01/94	DEBRA D	03/08/94
ARCTIC I	03/13/94	DECISION	12/02/94
ARCTIC SEA	01/03/94	DEEP SEA	03/01/94
ARCTIC STAR	12/03/94	DEFENDER	12/03/94
ARCTIC TRAWLER	12/03/94	DESERT STORM	03/13/94
ARCTIC V	03/13/94	DIAMOND HEAD	12/13/94
ARCTIC V	02/13/94	DONA MARTITA	02/11/94
ARCTIC VI	02/13/94	DONA PAULITA	02/20/94
ARCTURUS	01/29/94	DONNA MARIE	02/19/94
ARGOSY	02/22/94	DYNASTY	03/07/94
ART	03/07/94	EAGLE	03/02/94
ARTIC ENTERPRISE	02/13/94	ENDURANCE	03/01/94
ARTIC III	03/12/94	EQUINOX	12/11/94
ARTIC SPRING	03/07/94	ERMAK	03/21/94
ASSURANCE	03/13/94	ESCAPE	03/04/94
ATLANTOS	03/07/94	EXCELLENCE	12/11/94
AUGUSTINE	03/01/94	FAZAN	03/07/94

FLYING CLOUD	01/29/94	MS AMY	01/29/94
FORUM STAR	03/30/94	NAKAT	02/19/94
FRONTIER MARINER	01/04/94	NEW GOLUB	03/07/94
GOLD RUSH	03/23/94	NIGHT WATCH	03/16/94
GOLDEN ALASKA	01/28/94	NIP N TUCK	02/19/94
GOLDEN ALASKA	03/02/94	NORDIC FURY	03/29/94
GOLDEN SABLE	01/29/94	NORDIC STAR	02/22/94
GOLDEN SABLE	12/11/93	NORFJORD	03/30/94
GREAT PACIFIC	02/17/94	NORTH SEA	01/03/94
GREEN HOPE	02/10/94	NORTH STAR	02/13/94
GUN-MAR	03/23/94	NORTHERN GLACIER	03/20/94
HARVESTER ENTERPRISE	03/12/94	NORTHERN GLACIER	02/08/94
HAZEL LORRAINE I	02/06/94	NORTHERN HAWK	02/15/94
HEATHER SEA	02/03/94	NORTHERN JAEGER	03/14/94
HEMLOCK	03/21/94	NORTHERN JAEGER	02/16/94
HIGH SEAS I	02/19/94	NORTHERN SPIRIT	03/09/94
HIGHLAND LIGHT	02/18/94	NORTHLAND	02/04/94
I GOTTA	03/30/94	OCEAN HOPE 1	03/02/94
ICEBERG	03/07/94	OCEAN LEADER	03/02/94
INLET SUNRISE	02/19/94	OCEAN PEACE	02/19/94
ISLAND ENTERPRISE	02/16/94	OCEAN PHOENIX	01/27/94
ISLAND TRADER	02/16/94	OCEAN PHOENIX	02/15/94
JEANNIE X	03/09/94	OCEAN ROVER	02/08/94
JEANOAH	01/20/94	OCEAN ROVER	12/18/93
JODY ANN	01/26/94	OCEAN SPRAY	02/13/94
JODY ANN	12/02/93	OCEANIC	01/28/94
JULI DENISE	02/19/94	OMNISEA	02/04/94
KARIEL	01/29/94	PACIFIC ALLIANCE	02/11/94
KAROLEE	03/30/94	PACIFIC CHALLENGER	02/20/94
KATIE J	01/30/94	PACIFIC EXPLORER	12/14/93
KETA	02/20/94	PACIFIC FURY	03/02/94
KODIAK ENTERPRISE	02/18/94	PACIFIC GLACIER	02/01/94
KOLA	02/23/94	PACIFIC KNIGHT	03/01/94
KUKAK	03/21/94	PACIFIC KNIGHT	03/27/94
KYOKUSHIN	03/03/94	PACIFIC MONARCH	03/29/94
LADY JOANE	03/15/94	PACIFIC RAM	01/25/94
LADY L	03/07/94	PACIFIC STAR	12/03/93
LADY LEE DAWN	03/11/94	PACIFIC VIKING	02/10/94
LAURA	02/16/94	PATHFINDER	02/17/94
LISA MELINDA	02/10/94	PEGASUS	01/29/94
LISOV	02/19/94	PERSEVERANCE	02/10/94
LONE STAR	02/18/94	POKER	03/21/94
LORY	03/30/94	POLAR QUEEN	03/02/94
MAD GAFFER	03/21/94	POSEIDON	02/17/94
MAJESTY	02/11/94	PREDATOR	02/19/94
MARY J	12/05/93	RAINBOW	03/07/94
MELANIE	03/10/94	RAMONA	03/07/94
MELISSA RAE	01/22/94	RAVEN	01/26/94
MEMORIES	12/01/93	REBECCA IRENE	03/10/94
MIDNITE SUN	03/01/94	RED	03/07/94
MISS BLU	01/24/94	REEFER BADGER	03/23/94
MISS BRENDA	03/21/94	RESOLUTE	01/25/94
MISS KIM	03/30/94	ROCINANTE	03/07/94
MISS LEONA	02/17/94	ROSELL	03/30/94

ROYAL ALEUTIAN	02/12/94	U.S. DOMINATOR	12/12/93
ROYAL ATLANTIC	03/29/94	U.S. ENTERPRISE	02/15/94
ROYAL KING	02/05/94	UNIMAK ENTERPRISE	02/02/94
ROYAL SEA	02/18/94	VAERDAL	03/12/94
ROYAL VIKING	12/03/93	VALIANT	02/04/94
RUTHIE J	03/30/94	VAN ELLIOT	02/17/94
SABRINA C	01/22/94	VESTERAALEN	01/28/94
SAGA SEA	12/18/93	VIANNESE	03/30/94
SAVANNAH	03/07/94	VIKING	03/26/94
SCANDIES ROSE	02/19/94	VIKING EXPLORER	01/29/94
SEA ALASKA	03/21/94	WAYWARD WIND	02/19/94
SEA ALASKA	12/02/93	WEST POINT	12/05/93
SEA BARB	01/20/94	WESTERN DAWN	02/09/94
SEA QUEST	03/09/94	WESTERN VIKING	01/03/94
SEA STORM	02/24/94	WESTWARD I	03/30/94
SEA WOLF	03/31/94	WINDJAMMER	03/29/94
SEADAWN	03/11/94	WINDJAMMER	02/18/94
SEAFISHER	02/19/94	YARD ARM KNOT	02/04/94
SEATTLE ENTERPRISE	02/15/94	ZACHARY R	03/01/94
SEATTLE STAR	02/16/94	ZAPAD	02/19/94
SEEKER	02/10/94	ZENITH	02/23/94
SELAH	03/07/94	ZENITH	03/15/94
SLAVA	01/24/94		
SNOPAC	02/03/94		
SNOW KING	02/18/94		
SOLSTICE	02/11/94		
SPARTAN	01/20/94		
SPARTAN	02/21/94		
SPARTAN	12/19/93		
SPECTRE	02/19/94		
SPORTSMAN	02/18/94		
ST MATTHEW	12/02/93		
STARBOUND	03/14/94		
STARBOUND	02/20/94		
STARFISH	02/22/94		
STELLAR SEA	12/06/93		
STELLAR SEA	03/09/94		
STORM PETREL	03/30/94		
STORMY SEA	02/13/94		
SUN DRAGON	02/22/94		
SUNSE	03/30/94		
SWAN	03/30/94		
SWORD	03/30/94		
TANYA ROSE	12/02/93		
T AND T	03/21/94		
T AND T	12/02/94		
TEMPTATION	02/19/94		
TEMPTATION	03/21/94		
TERN	03/16/94		
TIFFANY	01/03/94		
TRADEWIND	03/15/94		
TRAILBLAZER	12/12/93		
TRICIA MARIE	02/10/94		
TROIKA	02/16/94		



VESSELS BOARDED WITH FISHERY VIOLATIONS

ALASKA BEAUTY	03 DEC 93	YOCONA	1 - Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2 - No federal fisheries permit onboard.
ALLIANCE	03 DEC 93	YOCONA	1 - Failure to submit quarterly copies of DFL to NMFS.
AMERICAN EAGLE	25 MAR 94	CGC MUNRO	1 - Improper logging and reporting.
AMERICAN TRIUMPH	05 FEB 94	YOCONA	1 - Failure to log known discards. (2 counts) Summary Settlement issued for \$1,500.
CAPE HORN	20 DEC 93	YOCONA	1 - Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2 - Underlogging discards.
CLIPPER SURPRISE	05 FEB 94	YOCONA	1 - Failure to properly maintain DCPL. 2 - Underlogging halibut discards.
WN	03 DEC 93	YOCONA	1 - Failure to submit copies of DFL to NMFS.
ENDURANCE	16 MAR 94	HAMILTON	1 - Transiting in a rookery no-transit zone.
HARVESTER ENTERPRISE	02 FEB 94	RUSH	1 - Underlogging discards in DCPL.
JUST IN CASE	09 MAR 94	JARVIS	1 - Improper logkeeping.
KARLA FAYE	16 DEC 93	YOCONA	1 - Failure to retain copy of required abstract reports from trip to Russian EEZ.
MARIA N	12 Mar 94	JARVIS	1 - Failure to log all discards. 2 - Underlogging halibut discards.
OLYMPIC	16 DEC 93	YOCONA	1 - Failure to retain copy of required abstract reports from trip to Russian EEZ.
SAGA SEA	05 FEB 94	YOCONA	1 - Failure to log known discards. (6 counts) Summary Settlement for \$4,500.
T JUDE	03 MAR 94	MELLON	1 - Failure to have Marine Mammal Exemption permit.
WILD THING	24 FEB 94	YOCONA	1 - Retention of halibut.



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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 01, 1993 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1994

During the reporting period NMFS and the Coast Guard opened a total of 98 investigations. NMFS initiated 65 investigations.

Further actions were also taken on 195 pending case during the reporting period. 42 investigations were closed as unfounded. Eighteen investigations were closed due to lack of enforcement resources. Nineteen cases were handled with written warnings. Twenty one cases were settled through voluntary abandonment with property valued at \$10,762. Forty four cases were referred to NOAA General Counsel. General Counsel issued 14 Notices of Violation assessing a total of \$70,466 in penalties. An additional 28 Notices of Violation were settled by General Counsel with penalties totalling \$192,233.

NMFS LAW ENFORCEMENT REORGANIZATION

On March 4, 1994 Rolland A. Schmitt, NOAA's Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, announced that Morris M. Pallozzi, NMFS' Director, Office of Enforcement (OoE), had been selected for a Special Project Coordinator position on Mr. Schmitt's staff. [Mr. Pallozzi served as Director, OoE, for over 18 years and has 24 combined years in Federal Service.] Mr. Schmitt also announced that E. Charles Fullerton, Ex-Regional Director of the NMFS Southwest Region, would temporarily fill the OoE Director position until it could be announced and refilled.

In the NMFS Alaska Enforcement Division (AED) David C. Flannagan, Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC), has moved to a new position as a Senior Special Agent. [Mr. Flannagan has served as SAC in the AED for 3 years, and has served for 16 years as a NMFS Special Agent.] Stephen A. Meyer, Deputy Special Agent-in-Charge will serve as Acting SAC until the position can be announced and filled.

IFQ PROGRAM PREPARATIONS

The AED has selected D. Jeffery Passer as an Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge (ASAC) to supervise the IFQ program. Mr. Passer has 6 1/2 years with the NMFS and 10 combined years in Natural Resources Law Enforcement. His immediate concerns will be involved in logistic preparation for bringing on 19 uniformed Fishery Enforcement Officers to work in 10 ports in Alaska and Washington. The ports are:

Dutch Harbor  
Homer  
Cordova  
Sitka  
Ketchikan

Kodiak  
Seward  
Yukatat  
Petersburg  
Bellingham



In addition, Mr. Passer will be working on a comprehensive IFQ enforcement plan which will focus on cooperative work with the various user groups, an education program, and coordinated operational aspects with Federal, State, Local and International enforcement entities.

Preparations are underway for hiring 4 Special Agent fraud investigators to be assigned to the IFQ program. These position are expected to be filled in time to oversee the application process. All 4 investigators will be assigned to Juneau where IFQ documents and quota monitoring is done.

MAJOR FRAUD INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED

Special Agents of the NMFS AED concluded a two year investigation of fraudulent activities involving Emerald Resources Management, Inc., some of their employees, and the F/V Saga Sea. As a result, Emerald Resources has been sentenced to pay a \$350,000. penalty. Corporate Vice President, Per Pevik, was sentenced to 90 days in a community confinement facility, 2 years probation, 200 hours of community service, and a 7,500. fine. The Master and the Mate of the Saga Sea, Frank Vargas and Vincent Crisci, have pled guilty to submitting false statements in violation of the MFCMA. Their sentencing is scheduled for April 20.

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Special Assistant  
U.S. Attorney****FISHING COMPANY OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR  
ALTERING VESSEL LOGBOOK**

Anchorage, Alaska - United States Attorney Robert C. Bundy announced that PER PEVIK was sentenced today to two years probation with a special condition that he serve 90 days in a community confinement facility without work release, 200 hours of community service in a fishing related area and a fine of \$7,500 to be paid out of his own resources. At the time of the offense, PEVIK was the operations manager of Emerald Resource Management, Inc., a Seattle based fishing management company.

PEVIK earlier pled guilty to a felony charge of concealing material information from the National Marine Fisheries Service. PEVIK admitted to altering fishing logbook entries to coverup evidence of incursions by the F/V Saga Sea into an area closed to

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fishing surrounding Round Island, Alaska. The reason for the alterations was to avoid enforcement action for possible incursions into the closed area.

PEVIK's plea and today's sentencing resulted from an extensive two-year investigation by Special Agents of the National Marine Fisheries Service. That investigation has led to three other guilty pleas. Emerald Resources Management pled guilty to the same offense and has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$350,000. Frank Vargas and Vincent Crisci, the Master and Mate of the F/V Saga Sea at the time of the alterations, have pled guilty to submitting false statements in violation of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act for their actions in changing the logbook. Vargas and Crisci are scheduled to be sentenced on April 20, 1994.

In pronouncing sentence, the Honorable H. Russel Holland, noted that regulation of the fishing industry relies on a system of self reporting and that if participants begin to alter vessel logbooks the whole system would be jeopardized. Judge Holland further stated that he wanted to send the message that those who alter fishing logbooks will go to jail.

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