

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members
FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director
DATE: November 30, 1982
SUBJECT: Joint Venture Operations



ACTION REQUIRED

A representative of the Westward Trawlers/Taiyo joint venture will give a recap of their fall operations.

BACKGROUND

In 1982 ten companies participated in joint venture fisheries off Alaska and caught 74,503 mt of groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska and 105,998 mt in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands. This total of 180,501 mt is almost twice the joint venture catch in 1981 and over five times the catch in 1980.

Summary tables of 1982 joint venture requests and catches to date are provided under Agenda Item C-4 for Council review of permit applications for 1983.

Only three companies have operated since the Council's last update at the September meeting. These recent operations are summarized below. Only the Taiwanese joint venture is still operating.

1. Marine Resources Company's Soviet Joint Venture

The yellowfin sole fishery in Bristol Bay used up to six processors and nine U.S. trawlers to catch about 35,300 mt between April 17 and September 22. The catch was about 83% flatfish and 17% cod.

The Atka mackerel fishery near Sequam Pass used one processor and up to five U.S. trawlers to catch about 17,900 mt between May 12 and September 28. The catch was about 75% Atka mackerel and miscellaneous species put into fish meal, 24% cod, and less than 0.5% sablefish.

2. Westward Trawlers/Taiyo Fishery Company

Westward Trawlers' third operation for 1982 was in the Bering Sea and ran from September 26 to November 10 using one processor and up to five U.S. trawlers. A representative of the joint venture will recap their fall operations.

3. Swiftsure/Chong Shing Ocean Enterprise

This Taiwanese joint venture began on November 19 in the Aleutians and is expected to catch 400-500 mt, mainly Pacific cod and pollock, by December 18-21, weather permitting.

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THE WESTWARD TRAWLERS AUTUMN JOINT-
VENTURE POLLOCK FISHERY WITH TAIYO FISHERY
CO. LTD. COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 25th
IN THE BERING SEA IN THE UNIMAK AREA.

THE U.S. FISHING EFFORT WAS INITIATED BY THE
F/V'S HALF MOON BAY, SUNSET BAY, AND MARY LOU.

THEY WERE JOINED BY THE PAT SAN MARIE ON
OCTOBER 2ND AND THE VANGUARD ON OCTOBER 16th.

THE U.S. CATCH WAS DELIVERED TO TAIYO'S
5000 GRT SURIMI-TRAWLER TENYO MARU.

THE FISHERY RAN FOR 45 CALENDAR DAYS, UNTIL
NOVEMBER 9th; 6.7 DAYS WERE LOST TO WEATHER
AND CARGO TRANSFER OPERATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE

AND OTHER SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY THE

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FISHERY CONSTITUTED SOME 38 FISHING DAYS.

6718 MT OF MARKETABLE FISH WERE DELIVERED;

99.1% POLLOCK, 7/10 OF 1% PACIFIC COD, AND 7.4 MT

OF OTHER INCIDENTAL BY-CATCH. LESS THAN 1%

OF THE CATCH WAS SOLD AS MEAL.

WE ARE NOW IN THE PLANNING AND CONTRACTING STAGES FOR 1983 TAIYO/WESTWARD JOINT-VENTURE FISHERIES. WE ANTICIPATE COMMENCING IN SHELIKOF STRAITS ON FEB 1, 1983 AND WILL FOLLOW WITH A BERING SEA SUMMER POLLOCK FISHERY. TAIYO ^{IS UNSWERVING IN THEIR} ~~IS~~ DETERMINATION TO FULFILL

~~THEIR~~ TONNAGE COMMITMENTS ^{MADE} PURSUANT TO

THE JAPAN/U.S. ACCORDS REACHED IN SEATTLE

Present constituted some 20 fishing boats

1818 mt. of mackerel fish were delivered;

25% to Pollock, 210 of 10 Pacific cod, and 1 mt

of other industrial species. Less than 10

of the catch was sold as meal

We are used in the spawning and contracting

stages for 1983 Taro/Westward joint-

venture fisheries. We anticipate commercial

in Shikof Strait on Feb 1983 and will

Follow with a review 2nd summer Pollock

Fishery. Taro's determination to fulfill ^{is unworkable in their}

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THESE THINGS COMMITMENTS, AGREEMENT TO

the Japan U.S. accords reached in Seattle

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