

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Jim H. Branson  
Executive Director

DATE: July 14, 1983

SUBJECT: Joint Venture Operations

**ACTION REQUIRED**

*Mick Stevens of Marine Resources Company and Hugh Reilly of Westward Trawlers will present reports.*

BACKGROUND

In the Gulf of Alaska, joint ventures harvested 133,260 mt of pollock and other species through June 25, 1983. By June 25 in the Bering Sea/ Aleutians, joint ventures harvested 80,059 mt which consisted of 50,933 mt pollock, 18,803 mt flatfish, 5,668 mt Pacific cod, and 4,092 mt Atka mackerel. General summaries are given below.

1. Marine Resources Company - U.S.S.R.  
(1983 request: 104,000 mt)

Pollock operations ran from April 22 to July 8 and caught 15,800 mt (of a 16,000 mt target) using five catchers delivering to one processor, mainly in the Unimak Pass area though the operations went as far north as the Pribilofs.

The yellowfin sole fishery began on February 15 and through July 9 caught 26,800 mt of sole and cod using eight catchers and five processors in the area between Unimak Pass and Dillingham. Operations will continue through August.

The Atka mackerel fishery began on April 17 and through July 9, caught 9,600 mt using one processor, the SULAK, and five catchers in the Seguam Pass area. Operations will continue through August.

2. Universal Seafoods/Nippon Suisan  
(1983 request: 60,000 mt)

The first half of this operation ran from January 22 to March 23 and caught 33,000 mt of pollock from Shelikof Strait using six catchers and three processors.

The second half commenced on June 19 and by July 2 caught over 7,000 mt mainly pollock off Unimak Island using seven catchers and two processors. The operation should run to about September 19 with a target of 40,000 mt.

3. Westward Trawlers/Taiyo Fishery Company  
(1983 request: 45,000 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof Strait ran from February 1 to March 31 and caught 28,597 mt that was 99.8% food grade pollock. Four catchers and two processors were used.

Operations continued on June 19 in the Unimak Pass area using two processors and seven catchers fishing on a 32,500 mt quota, mainly of pollock. A report by Hugh Reilly is available under this tab.

4. Jeff Hendricks and Associates/Hoko Fishing Company  
(1983 request: 26,000 mt)

Pollock operations began in the Unimak Pass area on April 6 and by July 3 caught 25,000 mt of pollock using four catchers and one processor. The quota was extended to 30,000 mt and a further extension may be requested. If fishing remains good, operations should be completed by mid-July. Clint Atkinson has furnished a further summary under this tab.

5. Peter Pan Seafoods/Nichiro Gyogyo  
(1983 request: 11,600 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof Strait ran from January 24 to late March and caught almost the entire quota of 11,600 mt using two catchers and one processor.

6. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Kyokuyo  
(1983 request: 20,000 mt)

Pollock operations took 11,324 mt from Shelikof Strait between February 23 and March 15 using two catchers and one processor. Further operations are summarized in a report by Rick Bliler that should be available under this tab by Council meeting time.

7. Fish Producers Associates/Korea Wonyang Fisheries  
(1983 request: 32,000 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof Strait began on February 12 and caught nearly 31,000 mt by May 21. Minor bottomfish operations in the Segum Pass area raised the total to 31,800 mt by July 9.

8. J.V. Fisheries, Ltd./North Pacific Joint Fishing Committee (ROK)  
(1983 request: 18,000 mt)

The Shelikof Strait fishery caught 17,925 mt pollock from February 23 to March 29 using six catchers and three processors.

A yellowfin sole fishery began on June 12 and through July 7, caught 1,650 mt using one processor in the area from Bristol Bay to Unimak Pass. The goal for the operation is to catch about 1,500 mt more by mid-August.

9. North Pacific Corporation/Marine Enterprise Company (ROK)  
(1983 request: 8,600 mt)

The operation began in Shelikof Strait on March 2, moved to the Bering Sea near Dutch Harbor in mid-April, and is now south of Unimak. The catch has been mostly Pacific Ocean perch and sablefish. The goal is still 8,600 mt by the end of October.

10. Alaska Contact/Highly Enterprise Corp (Taiwan)  
(1983 request: 4,000 mt)

Permits have been approved and fishing will commence on July 19.

11. West German Joint Venture  
(1983 request: 8,360 mt)

No joint ventures are operating yet.

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SUPPLEMENTAL  
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July 14, 1983

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Dear sirs:

For the reference of the members of the Council, we are pleased to provide the following brief progress report on our 1983 United States-Japan joint Alaska pollock fishery for the period April 6 through July 9, 1983:

Japanese Company

Hoko Fishing Company  
No. 2-4, 1-chome, Tsuki-ji  
Chuo-ku  
Tokyo, Japan

Name and Size of the Processing Vessels

Tsuda Maru (April 6 through May 18th) 111 meters  
4,317 gross tons

Chikubu Maru (May 18 to present) 111 meters  
5,460 gross tons

American Company

Jeff Hendricks and Associates  
816 Fourth Street  
Anacortes, Washington 98221

Name and Size of the Vessels and Fishing Dates

M/V Alyeska	198 gross tons	April 6 to present
M/V Arcturus	198 gross tons	April 14 to present
M/V Ocean Dynasty	199 gross tons	April 6 to present
M/V Golden Fleece	188 gross tons	April 6 to April 14
M/V U.S. Dominator	199 gross tons	April 8 to June 16
M/V Great Pacific	199 gross tons	June 16 to present

Type of Gear

Mid-water trawl only

Beginning Date of Fishing (local time)

April 6, 1983

Area of Fishing

Unimak Area

54-30N to 55-30N lat  
164-00W to 166-00W long

Estimated End of Fishing

July 31, 1983

Operating Days (through July 9th)	
Fishing Days	88 days
Cargo Transfer	7 days
Other (unfishable weather, etc.)	<u>0 days</u>
Total	95 days

Composition of Catch	
Alaska Pollock	27,947.9 mt
Cod	239.0 mt
Pacific Ocean Perch	0.0 mt
Sablefish	0.0 mt
Flounders	<u>0.0 mt</u>
Total	28,186.9 mt

Average Catch per Fishing Day 320.3 mt

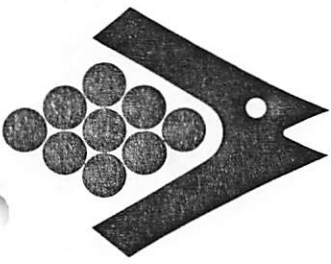
Because of the relatively good catches made so far this year, we have increased our target catch for 1983 from 26,000 mt given in our letter of March 29, 1983 to about 30,000 mt. Furthermore, at the present rate of catch, we should be able to reach this amount on or before July 31st and prior to our original projected completion date of August 5th. The composition of catch still remains at over 99 percent Alaska Pollock.

Sincerely yours,

for. William C. Atkinson  
Clinton E. Atkinson  
Consultant and Advisor  
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July 18, 1983

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North Pacific Fishery  
Management Council  
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RE: 1983 OHTORI MARU Joint Venture

Dear Mr. Branson:

Our three (3) U. S. trawlers, GOLDEN FLEECE, SEA WOLF, and BARBARA LEE, met the OHTORI MARU on June 11th in the Bering Sea anticipating a catch of up to 13,000 metric tons, mostly pollock.

Through July 8th, the combined fleet has caught approximately 7200 tons and, notwithstanding engine breakdowns, and trawl snaggings, the venture is proceeding successfully and OHTORI MARU processing more or less at capacity.

Sincerely,

WHITNEY-FIDALGO SEAFOODS, INC.

  
Rick Blifer

RB:am

cc: Larry Salkield  
Kyokuyo USA, Inc.