

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members

FROM: Jim H. Branson  
Executive Director

DATE: September 14, 1982

SUBJECT: Taiyo/Western Alaska Fisheries, Inc. Joint Venture Permit

*ACTION REQUIRED*

*Information only.*

BACKGROUND

On August 23 we received a draft permit application from Taiyo Fishing Company to conduct a joint venture with Western Alaska Fisheries, Inc. in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Four to six U.S. draggers will be employed to catch 9,500 tons of pollock, 300 tons of Pacific cod, and 200 tons of other species for processing aboard the Japanese surimi trawler TENYO MARU.

Taiyo hoped to begin operations on September 23 and since the Council was not scheduled to meet until late September, I polled the Council members by telephone to ask if they wished to make a recommendation on the permit application before the Council meeting. I was able to contact all voting Council members except Joe Demmert and Keith Specking; those contacted recommended approval of the application before the Council meeting.

The Department of State and NMFS Permits and Regulations Section were notified by telephone on September 1 that the Council recommended approval of the permit application. Written approval was sent to NMFS on September 2. A copy of the permit application is included under this agenda item as C-4(a).

APPLICATION FOR VESSEL PERMITS  
TO RECEIVE UNITED STATES HARVESTED  
FISH FROM VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the provisions of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Government of JAPAN hereby submits this application for permits for vessels under its jurisdiction to receive United States harvested fish from vessels of the United States within the Fishery Conservation Zone of the United States during the year 1982.

Fishing Vessel Identification Forms will be submitted in support of this application. The fisheries, species, and amounts of United States harvested fish desired to be received by vessels of the JAPAN flag are as follows:

Fishery	Species	Total Tonnage Requested For Each Species(MT)
BSA & GOA	POLLOCK	9,500
	PACIFIC COD. &	300
	<del>BY CATCH SPECIES</del>	200
	(PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH, YELLOWFIN SOLE, OTHER FLOUNDERS, _____ ETC.)	
TOTAL		10,000

Detailed descriptions of the methods of operation proposed for each fishery requested are attached and form a part of this application.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) VESSEL NAME: TENYO MARU (2) CALL SIGN: JCEC

(4) VESSEL TYPE: LARGE STERN TRAWLER (3) HULL NMBR: YG1-370

(6) GROSS TONS: 4221 (7) NET TONS: 2794 (5) LENGTH(M): 111

(8) MAX SPEED: 13

(9) OWNERS NAME: Taiyo Fishery Co., Ltd.

1-1-2, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(10) PROCESSING EQUIPMENT: SURIMI PLANT, FISH MEAL PLANT, FISH OIL PLANT, FLASH FREEZER

(11) HOLD CAPACITY (IN CUBIC METERS):

HOLD #1: 1422 HOLD #2: 1142 HOLD #3: 1030 HOLD #4: \_\_\_\_\_

(12) FISHERIES FOR WHICH PERMIT IS REQUESTED:

FISHERY	TARGET SPECIES	GEAR	ACTIVITY		
			CATCH	PROCESS	OTHER
ESA	POLLOCK	BOTTOM TRAWL	X	X	X
	PACIFIC COD		X	X	X
	BY CATCH SPECIES	MID-WATER TRAWL	X	X	X
	(PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH, YELLOWFIN SOLE, OTHER FLOUNDERS, _____ ETC.)	OFF-THE BOTTOM TRAWL			
GOA	POLLOCK	BOTTOM TRAWL	X	X	X
	PACIFIC COD		X	X	X
	BY CATCH SPECIES	MID-WATER TRAWL	X	X	X
	(PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH, OTHER ROCKFISH, OTHER FLOUNDERS, _____ ETC.)	OFF-THE BOTTOM TRAWL PELAGIC TRAWL			

(13) HAS THIS VESSEL EVER FISHED WITHIN THE U.S. FCZ?  
 YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_ (IF YES, LIST PERMIT NUMBER(S) JA-82-0352-A)

(14) ARE FISHING ACTIVITIES REQUESTED IN SUPPORT OF VESSELS OF THE U.S.?  
 (If yes, attach supplemental sheet showing fishery, species quantities, dates, locations and specific activities requested.)  
 YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

(SPECIFICATIONS OF FISHING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF US VESSELS WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH U.S. FISHERMEN)

(1) NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOREIGN VESSELS TO BE EMPLOYED

A STERN TRAWLER M/V "TENYO MARU" WITH THE FOLLOWING  
EQUIPMENT AND NECESSARY CARRIER VESSELS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY
TRAWL FISHING GEARS	1 SET
SURIMI PLANT	1 SET
FISH MEAL PLANT	1 SET
FISH OIL PLANT	1 SET
FILLET MACHINE & HEADER	1 SET
FREEZER	1 SET

(2) NUMBER AND TYPE OF VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM WHICH UNITED STATES HARVESTED FISH WILL BE RECEIVED

4-5 BOTTOM / MID-WATER TRAWLER VESSELS (40-50M) WITH MORE  
THAN 1,000 HP

(3) NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OR COMPANY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES WHO WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL CONTACT WITH OWNERS / OPERATORS OF VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES

Western Alaska Fisheries Inc.

Suite 1210, 1111, 3rd Avenue Bldg.,  
Seattle, Washington 98101, U.S.A.

(4) GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN WHICH VESSELS WILL OPERATE

STATISTIC AREA NOS 51,52 AND 54 ( BERING SEA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS )  
EASTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN STATISTIC AREAS (GULF OF ALASKA) IN  
THE U.S. FCZ.

(5) MONTHS DURING WHICH VESSELS EXPECT TO OPERATE

THE EARLIEST MONTH POSSIBLE IN 1982 AFTER REACHING AGREEMENT WITH OWNERS/OPERATORS OF VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(6) BY SPECIES & QUANTITY, THE PROCESSED PRODUCTS & ULTIMATE EXPECTED MARKET OF UNITED STATES HARVESTED FISH, INCLUDING QUANTITIES WHICH ARE TO BE EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

SPECIES WILL BE PROCESSED GIVEN IN (1) ABOVE.

QUANTITIES OF PRODUCT BY EACH TYPE WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON MARKET CONDITION.

ALL PRODUCT MADE UNDER THIS VENTURE WILL BE AIMED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND MARKETED IN JAPAN.

(7) BY SPECIES QUANTITY OF INCIDENTAL CATCH TO BE RECEIVED INCLUDED IN THE SPECIES LIST IN PAGE 1.

(8) PROCEDURES TO BE EMPLOYED TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF INCIDENTAL CATCH RECEIVED BY FOREIGN VESSELS & THE DISPOSITION OF INCIDENTAL CATCH BY SPECIES.

"TENYO MARU" IS A SURIMI TRAWLER TARGETTING CHIEFLY ON POLLOCK AND WILL NOT OPERATE IN THE AREA WHERE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIGH INCIDENTAL CATCH IS EXPECTED.

WE ALSO WILL INSTRUCT THE U.S. FISHERMEN IN TERMS OF THE FISHING GEARS AND FISHING METHOD TO ENABLE THEM TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF THE INCIDENTAL CATCH TO AS GREAT AN EXTENT AS PRACTICABLE. ALL PROHIBITED SPECIES CAUGHT INCIDENTALLY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE SEA ACCORDING TO FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS \* 611.13.

(9) METHOD OF TRANSFER FROM VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FOREIGN VESSELS

THE CATCHES WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE U.S. FISHING VESSELS TO THE PROCESSING VESSEL BY DETACHABLE CODEND.

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(10) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FISHING OPERATIONS

PROCESSING VESSEL WILL WORK PRIMARILY WITH AMERICAN VESSELS BUT DURING PERIODS OF INSUFFICIENT TRANSFERS BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THIS VENTURE AND ANYTIME AFTER ITS COMPLETION, SHE WILL ENGAGE IN FISHING OPERATIONS FOR HERSELF UNDER HER OWN QUOTA.

(11) BY SPECIES, APPROXIMATE PRICE (U.S. DOLLARS PER M.T.) TO BE PAID

FOR UNITED STATES HARVESTED FISH

THE PRICE FOR EACH SPECIES WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE U.S. FISHERMEN.