

February 1, 1977

Admiral C. A. Richmond, Jr.
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Dear Admiral Richmond:

The North Pacific Council discussed the use of foreign flag fishing vessels as "ships of opportunity," as outlined in your December 15, 1976 memo, during its recently completed meeting in Anchorage.

Some of the possibilities you suggest are already initiated in the observer program based at the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center. The National Weather Service in Alaska has also expressed interest in receiving weather ~~reports~~ from at least the larger units in the fishing fleet off Alaska. There appear to be two basic time requirements in the use of foreign fishing vessels for gathering data outside of the strictly fisheries area. One, as for the Weather Service, requires very timely information, while the other requires reports at longer intervals. Admiral Hayes pointed out at the Council meeting that there could be a serious problem with communication facilities if frequent reports are required, since the existing communication network is already heavily loaded.

The Council is interested in pursuing the subject and has appointed Admiral Hayes as a committee of one to continue investigation of the possibilities, particularly as they may relate to weather reporting. We will keep you advised of any further developments.

Sincerely,

Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

cc: Chairmen, Pacific Council, Western Pacific Council
Admiral Hayes
Lee Alverson

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COMMENTS OF DR. ALVERSON
AT THE
NORTH PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING
ON DECEMBER 3, 1976
CONCERNING
THE OPERATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

"The Scientific and Statistical Committee will take a leadership role in identifying resources and ensuring work is started in terms of management plans. They will identify the key agencies and also the academic institutions and individuals that might participate in the development of the management plans. Once that assignment has been laid out and the people begin to work, there will be a management team chairman who will assume the responsibility of seeing that progress on the plans proceeds in an appropriate manner, and that there is a continuing dialogue between the chairmen of the management teams and the advisory groups, or at least the grass root elements of the particular advisory group. But as the plan is developed, it is ultimately supposed to come back to the executive secretary and to the Scientific and Statistical Committee for comment. After the comments are made, the drafts are returned to the management team for revision. It is the responsibility of the Scientific and Statistical Committee to ensure that the various work commitments outlined by the Council are being met.

"In most instances, however, the work load will be carried by people in the agencies - primarily the Alaska Department of Fish

and Game, and the National Marine Fisheries Service. In addition, the SSC will prepare comments and suggestions or answers to specific questions from the Council in the area of scientific and statistical matters including bio-economic studies. We also believe that the management teams should have the prerogative of calling on technical people from any of the agencies, if they so desire, and also should be able to call on people from the advisory committees or elsewhere in the evolution of first plans. We feel that the SSC has substantial capabilities in the fields of economics and social sciences, that they can provide the Council with consultation and aid in moving from a qualitative view of what you ought to get to quantifying that in terms of the theory underlying the economic aspects and objectives."

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MEMORANDUM

To: *Mr. Eilert* E. Rasmuson, Chairman
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1. This multiple addressee memorandum serves to convey to you a resolution adopted by the SEA USE Council at its Sixteenth Meeting held 9-10 December 1976. This resolution reads:

"Recognizing the developing need for observed data as to the ocean's physical, biological, and chemical parameters which provide a basis for knowledge of ocean conditions and hence the ability to manage and use the ocean's resources, the SEA USE Council urges the appropriate authorities of the United States and Canada, in reaching agreements with foreign nations relative to use of the 200 mile fisheries zone, to arrange for using the capability of the larger foreign flag fishing ships to gather such atmospheric, oceanographic, and biological data as are considered of value for management of the 200 mile fishing zone and for marine weather forecasting and scientific investigations."

2. A copy of this memo is being sent to other pertinent agencies, in both the United States and Canada, for their information. It is hoped that those responsible for management of the 200 mile fishing zone and for marine weather forecasting and -as pertinent- for scientific investigations will give priority attention to working cooperatively to define the specific "atmospheric, oceanographic, and biological data as are considered of value" and to suggest means for best handling the communication of such information.

3. The SEA USE Council would appreciate being kept informed of such steps as may be taken to respond to its resolution.

Sincerely,

C. A. Richmond, Jr.

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Chairman, SEA USE Council

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