

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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(but of the hearing in Kodiak, pending live testimony, and following live testimony at the Advisory Panel meeting, yesterday, the following issues were testified to, and will be testified before the Council, soon)

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Dear Mesdames/Sirs:

I'm here as agent for the Sails, Oars, Arms, Resuscitation Trust. The name was changed in Early January of this year from "Restitution" to "Resuscitation" (SOART.) We represent they who do not exist, yet, participants in no-fuel jig and longline fisheries.

Three areas that I wish to touch upon are:

1. The present capability to tag a hook-caught fish coordinate to the video/audio of that event for the purchaser of it.
2. The northern European success in manufacturing, due primarily to their rule that just less than 50% of their corporations' boards of directors must be rank and file employees.
3. The need for an audit of the taxpayer-guaranteed loans for fishing boats, what money was lost in those deals.

I fished a salmon set gill net site at Cape Ugat from 1976 until the year 2000. We never switched to using the outboard motor to run through the net. There is a different quality to the conversations taking place when a motor is throbbing as compared without that, nay, just the sounds and vibrations of nature. Once, while shooting a video in the picking skiff, I set the camera down believing that I had turned it off, but it was on. The visual is of a small patch of aluminum hull. My parents literally wore out that section of video, the audio of the conversation the only thing that was really there. Today, the audio-video technology keeps improving and getting cheaper and more automated, also being distributed on the web. In a no-fuel longline or jig fishery, the conversation

would be better than that with the thrum of the engine infusing the participants' being. Each singly-landed fish could be tagged with a bar-code-type of tag which would be programmed to turn on the audio-video of what was taking place right when that exact fish was being landed, logically *increasing the price paid for such fish.*

Beware of allocating fish away from a fishery where diesel-powered boats (such as converted trawlers) could be hauling around numerous hand-jig or hand-line longline skiffs/dories, their two-man crews, lessening the harvest of immature fish and/or bycatch as compared with trawl-caught fish.

There is an important book concerning the elimination of U.S. manufacturing compared to the profoundly great success of the northern European countries. In the past thirty years, the growth in total employee compensation has gone up less than ½% in the U.S., while the following countries have had theirs go up thusly: Denmark: 220%, France: 154%, Germany: 194%, and the Netherlands: 192%. Those countries manufacture globally, but they retained their domestic manufacturing. The U.S. invests overseas, but almost always *dismantles* the U.S. factory (instead of selling it.) This is tragic for the U.S. worker as well as the stockholder in the long term. The key factor in the success of those countries is that it has been, since WW II, mandated (law) that just under 50% of the manufacturing corporations' boards of directors ***must be rank and file employees.*** They, therefore, base their decisions on the long term. The book is: **What Went Wrong How the 1% Hijacked the American Middle Class...And What Other Countries Got Right, by George R. Tyler.** A key quote from this book's page 167 is: "The ensuing competition among stakeholders in these boardrooms, rather than intrusive government regulations, is what revolutionized northern European corporate governance and fuels the world's most competitive capitalist economies." To repeat: "rather than intrusive government regulations." We encourage you to advance the interests of the whole of the U.S. by mandating that fish processors' boards of directors must have just under 50% of their directors be from the rank and file employees. Also, it might diminish the need for your attention to those entities in your management chores.

Issue number three: taxpayer-guaranteed loans to build boats. I apologize for not being up to speed on council studies, but I did, just last week, make inquiries about the taxpayer-guaranteed loans for fishing boats and processors. I had been helped, tremendously, by NMFS fisheries economist, an exceptionally hard-working, effective professional. She had no idea of such a program's existence! She kept referring to the vessel buy-back program, and how that was financed by some form of levy on the remaining shareholders, proceeds. It used to be that the bank required a 50% down payment to buy a fishing boat. I know that it is like closing the barn door after the horse is gone, but it is vital to have an audit of what losses have been taken by the taxpayer during this program.

The above is of the hoped-for essence of my pending in-person testimony at Kodiak, Alaska, Saturday, June 11, 2016.

I thank you for your attention, as I remain,

Cordially,

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We live in a racist system. With good reason. The indigenous people of Alaska (immigrants themselves) may have been (or may not have been) a significant factor in the extinction of the woolly mammoth, and may have had a negative impact on the Steller Sea Cow, but they didn't bring it to extinction, which only took a few decades for the original Russian immigrants to Alaska to accomplish.

Artisanal fishing and subsistence-level commercial harvesting need a regulatory vehicle to revive. SOART proposes reverse mortgages for QS/IFQ's to solely be available for the resuscitation of artisanal fisheries, such as no-fuel hook-and-line fishing. What needs to be set up is, also, an estate tax credit whereby the irrevocable trust would solely be allowed to make as beneficiaries, artisanal fisheries, that is, they such as SOART, and they, such as the various Native Alaskan subsistence-commercial-level entities, using no-fuel methodology. The grantor of the trust would receive the tax credits while living, an incentive.

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SOART strives to purchase QS (quota share) for a halibut long-line fishery using no fuel. This plan ***allows for the use of diesel-powered boats*** to tender their non-fuel-using skiffs/dories on the fishing grounds. This set-up would need only slight modifications for jig-fishing.

Support fishing culture & community. Expand the small operations. Create more entry-level jobs. Improve product quality and price. Make better fishing movies. ***Have more fun!***

The website www.soart2.org is now under construction, but the SOART charter can be seen via Facebook > John Jaskoski > About > Agent *which brings up*: npfmc.org > publications > council mailing > March 11, 2014 > 9.

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