


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director 

DATE: July 11, 1980

SUBJECT: Permit applications from new nations wishing to fish off Alaska

*ACTION REQUIRED*

*Recommend approval/disapproval of the subject permit applications.*

BACKGROUND

As of July 11th we have a permit application from a West German trawler, the FRIEDRICH BUSSE, to fish for the allocation recently given to West Germany in the Bering Sea (from the division and reallocation of the fish withdrawn from the Soviet allocation). That trawler, apparently the only one West Germany is going to send, expects to be in operation in the Bering Sea toward the end of August, leaving Germany approximately July 22nd.

There is a possibility that we will have permit applications from Spanish ships at the meeting, hand carried by the Department of State representative. They, too, were given an allocation in the Bering Sea from the ex-Soviet allocation.

To the best of our knowledge, the project with East Germany (German Democratic Republic) has been dropped. They have not been given an allocation off Alaska, and we have not heard any more on the proposal to trade allocations for East German research ship time in the Gulf of Mexico.

The West Germans, through the company Nordstern AG, have agreed to buy some quantities of processed American fish. That information is contained in the letter to the Council from the 13th Regional Corporation dated June 25, 1980, sent to you in the Council mailing dated July 3, 1980. We have not seen a similar proposal from Spain.

NO. GE-80-0010

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM

- (1) VESSEL NAME: FRIEDRICH BUSSE (2) CALL SIGN: DENR  
 (3) VESSEL TYPE: Factory-Stern Trawler (4) LENGTH: 92 M  
 (5) GROSS TONS: 3183 (6) NET TONS: 1368 (7) MAX. SPEED: 15.5  
 (8) OWNER'S NAME: Reederei Friedrich Busse.Hochseefischerei  
Nordstern AG U. CO. KG.  
 ADDRESS: 2850 Bremerhaven-F., AM Seedeich, West Germany  
 (9) PROCESSING EQUIPMENT: Heading, Gutting, Skinning and Filletting-  
Equipment, Fishmeal and Fishoil-Plant  
 (10) FISHERIES FOR WHICH PERMIT IS REQUESTED:

FISHERY	TARGET SPECIES	GEAR	ACTIVITY		
			CATCH	PROCESS	OTHER
<del>BS</del>	Pacific Cod		X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Yellow Fine Sole		X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Turbut		X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Other Flounders	For All	X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Atka Mackerel	Target	X	X	
<del>BS</del> <b>BSA</b>	Pollock	Species	X	X	
<del>AI</del>	Pollock		X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Ocean Perch	Bottom	X	X	
<del>AI</del>	Ocean Perch	and Off	X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Sable Fish	Bottom	X	X	
<del>AI</del>	Sable Fish	and	X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Rockfish	Pelagic-	X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Squid	Trawl	X	X	
<del>BS</del>	Other Species		X	X	

- (11) 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 \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

Mr. Jim H. Branson  
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Germany to Alaska, this presupposes that the vessel will leave prior to the Council meeting and therefore, prior to official notice on the permit. Nordstern is willing to deploy their vessel before they receive official notification of favorable action if they receive a positive preliminary reading on the anticipated Council action. Since the allocation will expire on December 31, 1980, and since the trip to Alaska is long and expensive, I hope that you can understand Nordstern's desire to maximize fishing time while holding risks at an acceptably low level. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The second reason for the reduction of applied-for catch is the fact that the allocated quantities of pollack and Pacific cod, the two currently most marketable species, are less than was requested. Smaller quantities of the other allocated species will also be targeted with the intent to develop a market for them in Europe; however, this must be accomplished in an orderly manner to ensure economic success.

The 13th Regional Corporation supports Nordstern's request for issuance of a vessel permit and urges favorable Council action because we believe that substantial benefits will accrue to the domestic seafood industry. Of primary interest is the marketing aspect of Nordstern's agreement. Nordstern has agreed to purchase the following quantities of Alaska fish products from domestic processors:

<u>Finished Weight</u>		<u>Approx. Round Weight</u>
1,500 tons	Alaska Pollock Blocks	5,000 tons
1,500 tons	True Cod Blocks	4,500 tons
1,000 tons	Herring Butterfly Fillets	2,000 tons
1,000 tons	Herring H & G	1,500 tons
300 tons	Salmon H & G	600 tons
<u>5,300 tons</u>		<u>13,600 tons</u>

The 13th's immediate interest in this is in the sale of salmon, since our harvesting and processing operations do not produce the other products at this time. Other products are being sought by Nordstern in the public markets. To this end, Nordstern has placed an advertisement in the NMFS Pink Sheet, a copy of which is attached. Nevertheless, The 13th does have a strong interest in the other Nordstern marketing activities which will impact our future fisheries development plans.