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Dear Jim:

A panel of the Foreign Permit Review Subcommittee met here in Juneau and has developed the following purpose language and guidelines for review of foreign permit applications:

Purpose:

To allow for expeditious Council review of routine foreign fishing vessel permit applications. Review of non-routine permits would be accomplished by the Foreign Permit Application Review Subcommittee and submitted with recommendations to the Council. Public input in accordance with Section 204(b)(5) of the FCMA will be accomplished by publishing permit applications in the Federal Register in accordance with Section 204(b)(4) of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.

Foreign vessel applications requiring review by the NPFMC Permit Review Committee are:

1. Vessels to be used in support of vessels of a different flag.
2. Vessels with a record of violations and record of gear conflicts.
3. Vessels of a country which does not have a traditional fishery in the area.
4. Vessels planning to employ unusual or unaccustomed types of gear or fishing methods or to target on unaccustomed species.
5. Such other applications deemed non-routine by the Executive Director.



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It is hoped that the public input requirements will be met through the method outlined under Purpose; we have not had this checked out yet with Kim White, who was unable to attend this meeting. It is my understanding that at least one of the other councils uses a system of executive director review of all foreign permit applications.

Members of the Subpanel present were: Commander Giffin, United States Coast Guard; Commander Ellis, United States Coast Guard; and Mr. Ron Naab, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Kindest regards,

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