

April 22, 1977

Mr. Jim Branson, Director
North Pacific Fisheries Council
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Dear Jim:

I am writing to inform you that it is impossible for me to attend the April, May and June meetings of the N.P.F.C.

The next six weeks of this school year are the very busy parts of my teaching requirements. I am involved in a considerable amount of my vessel's participation in trawling, trolling, and navigational field trips.

I am also having a 49 foot fiber glass vessel built in Seattle. The completion date, so far as the shipyard is concerned, is June 1st. This means that I must go to Seattle as of June 1st and outfit the vessel for the coming fishing season.

I am concerned about the fact that I cannot be present, and am suggesting that if the Council feels a like concern perhaps it's best that I offer my resignation as Chairman of the Advisory Panel. This I will do if the Council so desires.

Concerning the resolution of the Advisors in relation to an added study effort by the Council of marketing problems: the main thrust for this resolution came from Keith Specking. He indicated that he would be willing to work with and clarify his intent of the resolution to the Council. I suggest that Keith be contacted about this.

I have been in contact with Mark Hutton and Charles Meacham concerning the reasons for my not being able to be present at Council meetings for a while.

Sincerely,

Jack
Jack B. Cotant