

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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March 2, 1978

Mr. Terry Leitzell
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National Marine Fisheries Service
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Washington, D.C. 20235

Dear Mr. Leitzell:

I have reviewed the four permit applications received from the State Department March 1st and recommend approval of the following:

TW-78-0054	HIGHLY NO. 303
PL-78-0042	COLUMBA
PL-78-0043	CENTAURUS

The fourth permit application received;

KS-78-0081	TAE YANG 12
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cannot be approved by staff under the parameters prescribed by the Council, since they request permission to work with the factory ships in the Gulf of Alaska who have applied to buy fish from American fishermen. I will hold it for the next Council meeting, March 24th, for their consideration at that time.

At the last Council meeting, when considering the permit applications from the two Korean processors involved in the same contemplated "joint venture" the Council deferred consideration until July 1st, 1978. I would expect that they will do the same with this permit application.

Sincerely,

Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

cc: Perry Allen, F31
Ron Naab

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

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February 16, 1978

NAKATSU	_____
FISHER	_____
SIX	_____
FORREST	_____
REYNOLDS	_____
WALLACE	_____

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with Section 204 of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, the Department of State herewith transmits for the action of the North Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council additional applications which relate to your council from the Republic of Korea, the Republic of China and the Polish People's Republic for fisheries to be conducted during 1978, off the coast of the United States.

It should be noted that these are only applications and as such do not represent any agreement by the United States to the fisheries, allocations of fish or numbers of vessels requested by the Republic of Korea, the Republic of China and the Polish People's Republic.

Sincerely,

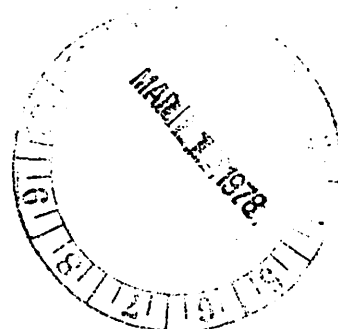
Larry L. Snead
Acting Director
Office of Fisheries Affairs

Enclosures:
As stated.

Mr. Harold E. Lokken, Chairman
North Pacific Regional Fishery
Management Council
Anchorage, Alaska

March 1, 1978

Received today: KS-78-0081
TW-78-0054
PL-78-0042
PL-78-0043



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MAR 1 1978

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM (FOREIGN)

No. KS-78-0081

1. Name of Vessel Tae Yang 12 Visual Identifier (Call Sign) 6LBB
2. Type of Vessel Transport 4. Length 78.66 M
5. Gross Tonnage 1,332 6. Net Tonnage 827 7. Speed (knots) 12.3 Maximum
8. Owner's Name and Address Korea Marine Industry Development Corporation
#55-4, Seodomun-dong, Chung-ku, Seoul, Korea
9. Types of Processing Equipment Cargo capacity: 1,200 M/T
Freezer: 3 Dry Hold: 2 Tanks: 17

10. Fisheries for Which Permit is Requested:

Fishery Plans	Target Species	Gear To Be Used	ACTIVITY		
			Catching	Processing	Other Support
GOA					X (Transport)

11. Are Fishing Activities Requested in Support of Vessels of a Different Flag:

- No Yes (If yes, attach supplemental sheet showing flag of other vessels, fishery, species, quantities, dates, locations and specific activities requested.)

Specific Activities: This vessel will be receiving fish from the BOOK NEUNG and SOO GONG No. 51. BOOK NEUNG and SOO GONG No. 51 have applied for authorization to purchase raw fish from U.S. vessels.

Flag of other vessels: U.S.

Fishery: GOA - Bottom fish fishing

Species: Primary pollock and incidental species including pop, pacific cod, flounders, rockfish and other species.

Quantity: Amount of fish that has been purchased from U.S. vessels and processed by BOOK NEUNG AND SOO GONG No. 51.

Locations: Various location within the U.S. fishery conservation zone in the Gulf of Alaska.

Dates: April 1 - December 31, 1978 which will depend upon culmination of arrangements with U.S. fishermen.

AGENDA #7 *h*
MARCH 1978

KOKUSAI GYOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA

(INTERNATIONAL FISHERY CO., LTD.)

TELEPHONE
TOKYO
(553) 2801

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3-8, 2-CHOME, IRIFUNE-CHO, CHUO-KU,
TOKYO, JAPAN

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TELEX NUMBER
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A. A. B.
INTLFISHCO TOK

March 10, 1978

Mr. Harold E. Lokken, Chairman
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
Suite 32, 333 W. 4th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Lokken,

I am pleased to inform you of the new permit application of Taisan Maru No. 1 for 1978.

Taisan Maru No. 1 wishes to fish both crab pot and snail pot fisheries as indicated on the following non-overlapping schedule,

1. Crab pot from May to August, 1978.
2. Snail pot from September to October, 1978.

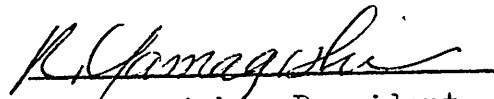
During periods of crab pot, Taisan Maru No. 1 will not be equipped with snail pots or gear. Conversely, during periods of snail pot, Taisan Maru No. 1 will not be equipped with crab pots or gear.

Moreover, I would like to explain one more problem pointed out in your council. GOA BSA other support activity (cargo/transport) must be cancelled and the former application have to be revised like attached renew permit application.

Thank you for your time and effort concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Kokusai Gyogyo k.k.


K. Yamagishi President

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM (FOREIGN)

No. _____

1. Name of Vessel TAISAN MARU NO.1 Visual Identifier (Call Sign) JAXN
3. Type of Vessel LONGLINER/POT 4. Length 55 M.
5. Gross Tonnage 499 M.T. 6. Net Tonnage 261 M.T. 7. Speed (knots) 11 ^{Maximum}
8. Owner's Name and Address KOKUSAI GYOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
2-3-8, IRIFUNE, CHUO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN
9. Types of Processing Equipment FLASH FREEZER, SHELL STRIPPER, COOKER
SNAIL SHELL BREAKER

10. Fisheries for Which Permit is Requested:

Fishery Plans	Target Species	Gear To Be Used	Activity		
			Catching	Processing	Other Support
CRB	TANNER CRAB	TRAPS (POTS)	X	X	
SNA	SNAILS	TRAPS (POTS)	X	X	
GOA BSA	<i>cancel</i>				X X <i>Cancel</i>

11. Are Fishing Activities Requested in Support of Vessels of a Different Flag:

- No Yes (If yes, attach supplemental sheet showing flag of other vessels, fishery, species, quantities, dates, locations and specific activities requested.)

DRAFTPILOT OBSERVER PROGRAM FOR THE
TROLL SALMON FISHERY OFF ALASKA

INTRODUCTION

The North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) is responsible for developing a fisheries management plan for the troll salmon fishery in the offshore waters of Alaska and has designated the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (Department) as the lead agency in the development of this plan. Although there is general agreement between user groups and State and Federal agencies that the native stocks of chinook and coho salmon, on which the fishery historically depended, have declined from previous levels, there is not agreement that sufficient information exists on species composition, abundance, size, maturity, stock origins and incidence of sub-legal chinook salmon by time and area upon which to base certain refinements of the draft management plan for Council waters. Specifically, rejection of time/area closure proposals in a draft plan for the management of the troll salmon fishery in offshore waters by the Council (December 1977) was predicated on this insufficiency, and was followed by a request from the Council for research proposals to obtain more definitive information.

The pilot observer program proposed here is intended to complement other troll salmon research programs in S.E. Alaska (e.g., the Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) Logbook Program, the Department's port sampling program for coded-wire tags, re-evaluation of catch reporting areas, the Department's natural-stock coho and chinook smolt tagging programs, and the National Marine Fisheries Service coho tag and release programs at Little Port Walter) by providing timely, area-specific, biological sampling in the fishery. These coordinated efforts will provide data that can be used directly for the development of a management plan for the troll salmon fishery in Council waters.

PROPOSAL

An on-board observer program is needed to document the troll salmon catch by species, catch per unit effort (CPUE), age, length, weight, maturity and incidence of sub-legal chinook salmon (shakers), by time and statistical area in order to develop an effective management regime.

Because the feasibility and value of a large scale observer program in Council waters is unknown, the initial program will be of limited scope and intensity. The overall objective is to determine whether a large scale program can economically provide information useful for management plan preparation. In particular the logistics of attaining representative observer coverage of the troll effort will be investigated.

Objectives

The specific objectives of this limited pilot observer program are to investigate the feasibility of determining:

1. If species dominance in the catch varies by time and area.
2. If age, length, weight and sex by species varies by time and area.
3. If abundance of mature, immature and sub-legal (shaker) chinook salmon in the catch varies by time and area.
4. If catch composition varies by gear (including bait) type.
5. If stock origin varies by time and area.
6. If the ATA logbook program data can be verified.

Methods

1. The program will be conducted utilizing ^{SP.} Department personnel as observers with participating vessels (10-12) provided by ATA.

Every effort will be made by the Department to hire, as observers, competent research biologists with experience in the troll salmon fishery. ATA will likewise endeavor to secure the participation of more experienced fishermen with reliable vessels.

Fourteen 10-day observer trips will be scheduled for the 1978 fishing season as follows:

- May - 2 (1 Fairweather Grounds (FWG), 1 other offshore or coastal)
- June - 4 (2 FWG, 2 other offshore or coastal)
- July - 4 (2 FWG, 2 other offshore or coastal)
- August - 4 (2 FWG, 2 other offshore or coastal)

To include the early chinook season it is essential that the program start no later than May 15, 1978.

2. Observers will collect:

- a. Lengths and weights of harvested salmon by species, sex, time and area.
- b. Scales from a sample of retained salmon catch.
- c. Environmental data related to harvest by time and area.
- d. Gonad samples from retained chinook salmon in the harvest. Male gonads to be retained intact. Ten eggs to be taken from each female in sample. Sample size dependent on harvest by area but generally will not exceed every 5th fish of each sex.

- e. Data on hours fished by hook type, bait type and number of lines.
 - f. Incidence of marked salmon.
 - g. Data on ATA logbook forms.
3. Laboratory analysis will be performed by Department staff biologists of gonad and scale samples to determine age composition, maturity and stock origin.

Deliverable Products

1. Reports summarizing collected data by time period and area of harvest.
2. A comparison of differences in harvest composition, CPUE and magnitude by time and area.
3. Summary of observed relationships between harvest composition, incidence of shakers, gear type and effort and environmental factors.
4. Comparison of observer logbook data with ATA logbook data.
5. Analysis of feasibility of economically obtaining representative biological and harvest data on the troll salmon fishery through an expanded observer program.

Incurred Costs - Budgetary Requirements

Line 100

<u>Number of Positions</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Man Months</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	Biologist I, Observers	8+12% (benefits)	\$13,000.00
1	Biologist II, Project Coordinator	4+12% (benefits)	<u>7,960.00</u>
		Total	21,060.00

Line 200

Travel for project leader, assistant and observers	2,500.00
Reimbursable vessel expenses @ \$25.00/day ^a - maximum of 14-ten day trips	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total	6,000.00

Line 300

Air charter - 30 hours Cessna 180 @ \$105.00/hour	3,150.00
Servicing of sampling gear	1,000.00
Data analysis	4,000.00
Liability Insurance ^b	<u>---</u>
Total	8,150.00

Line 400

Rain gear, scales, calipers, sample supplies, etc.	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	1,000.00

Line 500

Nil	<u>---</u>
Preliminary Grand Total	<u>\$36,210.00^c</u>

^apaid to vessel operator-includes food for observer, all contingencies

^bUnknown at present

^cDoes not include liability insurance premium costs