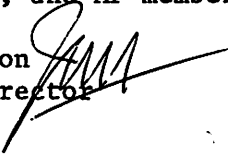


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC, and AP members

FROM: Jim H. Branson 
Executive Director

DATE: May 6, 1987

SUBJECT: Joint Venture Permit Application from Poland

ACTION REQUIRED

Council recommendation on Polish stern trawler permit application.

BACKGROUND

We have received a vessel permit application [item C-7(a)] from Poland for the GOPLO, a Polish trawler/processor, to participate in joint ventures off Alaska during the rest of this year. The vessel will be an addition to the 60 or so Polish trawlers and support vessels already approved last December for joint venture operations off Alaska.

Normally this type of addition to a previously approved joint venture could be approved by me by delegation of authority from the Council. However, I felt it necessary, as indicated in my April 2 letter to Larry Snead [item C-7(b)], to emphasize the Council's concern over unreported catches by Poland from the international waters of the Bering Sea, and held back the permit for your review.

Apparently, Ed Wolfe of the State Department on his recent trip to Poland received their commitment to provide catch figures for the "donut" fishery. Hopefully a report on these arrangements will be available by Council meeting time.

FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFICATION FORM (VIF)

NO: PL-87-0057

- (1) VESSEL NAME: GOPLO (2) CALL SIGN: SNSN
 (3) HULL NO : 1
 (4) VESSEL TYPE: stern trawler (5) LENGTH : 61 m.
 (6) GROSS TONS: 796 (7) NET TONS: 326 (8) MAX SPEED: 14
 (9) OWNERS NAME: Deep Sea Fishing Co. "Odra"
 ADDRESS: Swinoujscie, ul. Jana Sołtana 1
 (10) PROCESSING EQUIPMENT: Plate freezer, filleting machines, fish meal and oil plant
 (11) HOLD CAPACITY (IN CUBIC METERS - BALE CAPACITY ONLY):
 HOLD #1: 232 HOLD #2: - HOLD #3 - HOLD #4: -
 (IF MORE THAN 4 HOLDS, GIVE TOTAL HOLD CAPACITY) _____
 (12) LIST LAST APPLICATION NUMBER PL-80-0057 IF NONE, CHECK X
 (13) ARE FISHING ACTIVITIES REQUESTED IN SUPPORT OF VESSELS OF THE U.S.? YES X NO _____
 (IF YES, ATTACH JOINT VENTURE SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES)
 (14) FISHERIES FOR WHICH PERMIT IS REQUESTED:

ACTIVITY

FISHERY	REQUESTED SPECIES	GEAR	CATCH	PROCESS	OTHER
BSA	Pollock, Pacific Cod	bottom	x	x	
	flat fish, atka,	trawl	x	x	
	rockfish, mackerel,		x	x	
	squid, other		x	x	
WOC	Pacific Whiting,	midwater	x	x	
	Jack mackerel	trawl	x	x	

Additional Information to the Permit Applications
for the Joint Ventures

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1. There will be employed 2-4 large processing vessels at any time.
All processing vessels are stern trawlers.

Any of the large processing vessels which obtained a permit for
processing and fishing can be employed in Joint Venture.

Names of vessels will be mentioned later on after the time
when contracts are agreed.

2. The names of the United States vessels which will deliver
U.S. harvested fish will be known later on, as they are under
contracting.

3. The designated representative will also coordinate these operations

This is: Mr. Grzegorz Stanisławczyk

Amerpol International

107 Washington Street, 2nd floor

New York, N.Y. 10006

4. There will be three U.S. partners:

1. Mrs. Nancy Davis, President

Quest Export Trading Co.

318 North Front, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Phone: /503/ 267-5457

2. Mr. Walter T. Pereyra, President

Pro Fish International, Inc.

657 North 34th Street, Seattle, WA 98103

Phone: /206/ 547-6800; Telex: 320355 pro fish

3. Mr. Paul Gilliland, President

Alaska Pacific International, Ltd.

4019 21st Avenue West, Suite 202

Seattle, WA 98199

Phone: /206/ 284-3474; Telex: 332470 apsea

5. Vessels will operate in WOC.
6. Vessels will operate from May 1, 1987 to October 31, 1987.
7. Pacific whiting will be processed for fillets, h/g fish and fish meal. The products will be distributed on the Polish market. No products of Pacific whiting will reenter the United States.
8. In order to minimize the amount of incidental catch the following measures will be taken:
 - leaving the area when bigger quantities of by-catch would appear
 - fixing the low prices which would not induce fishermen to catch other than target species.
9. The delivery of zippered cod ends will be used as a method of delivering U.S. harvested fish to the processing vessels.
10. Vessels will both catch fish and receive United States harvested fish.
11. Prices are under negotiations.

Tomasz Pintowski

Commercial Attache

New York, October 1, 1986

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April 2, 1987

Larry L. Snead, Director
Office of Fisheries Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Larry:

I am holding the permit application for the Polish stern trawler M/T GOPLO for the next Council meeting, May 20-22. The Council expressed great concern at its March meeting over the extensive fishery for pollock by Poland in international waters in the Bering Sea, i.e., the "donut hole." Ships in that fishery, taking advantage of their permits to fish within the U.S. EEZ, were coming into U.S. waters to conduct support activity for the fishery in international waters.

The Council is quite concerned about the amount of pollock being caught in the donut hole and the lack of reporting by some of the nations engaged in that fishery, particularly Poland, of their catches and other information that are necessary for management of the pollock resources within the U.S. EEZ. They are interested in reviewing the permit process to see whether it should hinge on cooperation by the involved nation in management of transboundary stocks.

I am, therefore, holding the permit for their review and consideration in May since I consider it outside my purview for review and approval as being of "unusual circumstances." You may wish to inform the government of Poland of a possible delay in issuance of this permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim H. Branson".

Jim H. Branson
Executive Director

cc: Alfred Bilik

POLISH SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN THE BERING SEA

The Polish fleet has been conducting directed fishing operations in the "donut hole" this year, as Poland did not receive an allocation in the Bering Sea and Aleutian area. The fleet has conducted support operations in the loading zones near St. Matthew and Unalaska Island and have reported transferring the following amounts of fish products:

Pollock: fillets, without skin/two per fish	13,523.13 mt
fillet, one piece (butterfly) with skin	13.38 mt
fillet, with skin/two per fish	10.71 mt
Tucza: heads, guts, fins, tail, and portions of belly flap removed (Poland)	2,573.72 mt
meal	11,621.12 mt
roe	1,834.67 mt
 Hake: Tucza	 392.08 mt
 Squid: mantles	 16.68 mt
tentacles	2.43 mt
fillets, with skin/two per fish	25.29 mt

Converting these fish products to round weight is difficult as we are not sure if all of the offal from the filleted fish is made into meal or if the carcasses of roe stripped fish are then filleted or made into Tucza. Assuming that all the offal is made into meal and all roe carcasses are processed into fillets, we estimate that 82,514 mt of pollock were required to produce the transferred fish products. Thirty two stern trawlers made 95 transfers in the EEZ in the Bering Sea from January 1 thru April 30.

Polish vessels participated in joint venture fisheries briefly in mid-January and resumed in mid-March. Confidentiality restrictions prevent the release of that catch information, however the vessels engaged in the joint venture fishery also conducted transfer operations in the period reported above.

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