

North Pacific Fishery

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Dear

The development and expansion of fish and shellfish fisheries off Alaska within the U.S. 200 mile fisheries jurisdiction zone by U.S. fisheries is drawing increasing attention by the U.S./Alaska fisheries industry, by Federal and State government agencies, by university research and advisory groups and by U.S. and foreign market and development interests. In order to facilitate development/expansion and management of the great variety of demersal and pelagic fishery resources and to help merchandisers of the seafood products project availability of supplies, it is imperative that as much advance information as possible be obtained of industry plans and requirements for development of the various fisheries.

Development and utilization of the fisheries resources is industries (fishing, processing, transporting, merchandising, financing) responsibility. Federal and State of Alaska agencies, however, are willing to help share in the initial development costs. To what degree and in which areas of activity, will depend on needs voiced by industry.

Management of the resources to be utilized is the primary responsibility of the State and the Federal government. Management planning is accomplished through the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council with industry participation. Management planning, however, must have as much foreknowledge of industry development plans as possible in order that coordination of development and management activities be in phase.

This brings us to the purpose of this letter -- a request for information concerning your company, association, or individual ideas and plans for developing Alaska fishery resources within the next 3-5 years. This includes information regarding the species which you consider should have priority attention and the action(s) needed to stimulate or improve development activities for each target species.

We would appreciate it if you would complete and return the two attached forms, which summarizes this information to:

Walter G. Jones
Chief, Fisheries Development
National Marine Fisheries Service
P.O. Box 1668
Juneau, Alaska 99802

If filling out forms bugs you, drop us a letter with your comments, ideas and suggestions for action needed by industry and government agencies to encourage development of fisheries resources by U.S. fisheries within the 200 mile extended fisheries zone.

Whatever information you provide will be kept confidential if you so desire. In any case, only summary data will be presented to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and advisory committees.

We hope to hear from you by August 19, 1977, if possible, but we are open to your comments at any time.

Sincerely,

Rick Lauber, Chairman
Fisheries Development Steering
Committee, NPFMC Advisory Panel

Alaska Fisheries Development Steering Committee:

Rick Lauber
Ray Lewis
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Which sector of Fisheries Development are you most interested in?

Fishing
Processing
Transportation
Wholesale
Retail

Environment
Consumer
Regulatory
Fisheries Management
Financing

Processing Research
Fishing Research
Economic Research
Consultant
Recreation

Other _____

What do you feel is the major inhibiting factor(s) for development of:

Groundfish species _____

Pelagic species _____

Clams _____

Which fish or shellfish species or fishery do you feel should be targeted on for development activity within the next 3-5 years?

What geographic fisheries area are you most interested in for fisheries development activities?

Which geographic area do you feel has the greatest fisheries development potential?

Do you represent an association or group of individuals or firms? _____

Name of association or group? _____

How many in the association or group? _____

What role do you feel the Federal and State government agencies should have in assisting industry to develop Alaska fishery resources?

Other comments:

ACTIONS NEEDED TO EXPAND ALASKA COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
IN THE EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION ZONE

**ACTIONS REQUIRED

*SPECIES PRIORITY SELECTION	Vessel Financial Assistance	Processing Financial Assistance	Resource Assessment	Gear Research	Production Trial Fishery	Quality Preservation	Processing Technical Assistance	Product Development	Economic Feasibility Analysis	Product Transportation	Market Information and Analysis	Consumer Education	Fishing Communities Assistance	Industry-Government cooperatives develop- ment efforts to reduce economic risk.
Alaska Pollock														
Pacific (Grey) Cod														
Sablefish (blackcod)														
Flatfish														
Pacific Ocean Perch														
Rockfishes														
Atka Mackerel														
Herring														
Capelin														
Shark														
Subtidal clams														
Razor clams														
Sea snails														
Octopus														
Squid														
Tanner crab (bairdi)														
Tanner crab (opilio)														
Other (specify)														

*Please select at least five species which you feel should receive some form of government assistance to expedite development by U.S. fishermen. Indicate priority by number.
#1 = highest priority.

** Indicate (by priority numbering #1 = highest priority) which activities you feel are needed to expedite development of fisheries for each of five (or more) species selected for development. If you feel that two or more activities have equal priority so designate by using the same priority number.