

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

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Executive Director

DATE: March 21, 1985

SUBJECT: Joint Venture Operations

ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Status Report on joint venture activities.
- B. Report on salmon interceptions by joint ventures.

BACKGROUND

A. Status of Joint Ventures

Joint ventures working Shelikof harvested 139,820 mt pollock by March 9, compared to 115,417 mt pollock last year by March 10. The Bering Sea and Aleutians joint venture catch by March 9, 1985 was 8,738 mt of which 5,726 mt was cod. Last year's report shows about 6,067 mt, mainly cod, was harvested from the area by March 10, 1984. Currently there are about 75 U.S. trawlers working in joint ventures off Alaska. A summary of operations is under B-5(a).

B. Salmon Interceptions by Joint Ventures

Under B-5(b) are materials relating to the interception of salmon by joint ventures in the Gulf of Alaska. In 1984 joint ventures incidentally caught 58,900 salmon compared to 4,200 in 1983. Average weight was 5-6 lbs/fish and many were chinook taken around Kodiak. As the memo to the Salmon Team indicates, there were five tagged salmon from Alaska, 30 from Canada, and 25 from Washington and Oregon, taken incidentally in foreign and joint venture trawls in 1984.

If the Council wants to address this problem this year it should do so in May. The Council could opt for emergency time/area closures or a voluntary abstention by industry. More definitive data on specific locations of high incidental catch will be available in May.

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

STATUS REPORT ON JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS OFF ALASKA FOR 1985

March 21, 1985

The total joint venture catch off Alaska through March 9, 1985 as reported by NMFS was 151,160 mt, which included the following species harvests:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Gulf of Alaska</u>	<u>Bering Sea/Aleutians</u>
Pollock	139,820 mt	2,300 mt
Pacific cod	764	5,726
Atka mackerel	0	0
Sablefish	*	0
Rockfish	*	*
Pacific ocean perch	11	*
Flatfish	34	572
Yellowfin sole	--	23
Turbot	--	24
Others	<u>1,793</u>	<u>93</u>
TOTAL	142,422 mt	8,738 mt

*less than 1 mt

There are 29 different joint venture arrangements so far in 1985. Their operations in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska are summarized below.

1. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Ohtori Suisan (Japan)

Operations have commenced but no report was available.

2. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Kykuyo (Japan)

Operations have commenced but no report was available.

3. Westward Trawlers/Taiyo (Japan)

(1985 request: 146,000 mt pollock)

Shelikof operations commenced in February and through March 6, harvested 30,233 mt mainly pollock using 8-9 catchers and 4 processors. Operations moved to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands on March 9 and have harvested 12,000 mt pollock thus far.

4. Alyeska Ocean/Hoko (Japan)

Shelikof operations commenced on February 6 and through March 16, harvested 11,398 mt pollock and 48 mt Pacific cod. Three catchers and one processor were used and the average catch per day was 318 mt, more than last year's catch per day of 284 mt. Around June 1 operations will shift to the Bering Sea/Aleutians.

5. Peter Pan Seafoods/Nichiro Gyogyo (Japan)
(1985 request: 21,000 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced on February 2 and ended March 24 with a catch of 10,000 mt pollock using two catchers and one processor. Operations will next shift to the Bering Sea.

6. Universal Seafoods/Nippon Suisan (Japan)
(1985 request: 181,000 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced January 31 and through March 9 harvested 39,195 mt pollock using 10 catchers and 5 surimi factory trawlers. Operations shifted to the Bering Sea/Aleutians and resumed fishing on March 16 toward the 181,000 mt harvest goal.

7. Alaska Contact/Japan Medium Trawlers (Japan)
(1985 request: 18,400 mt)

Shelikof operations began February 17 and ended March 13 with a catch of 6,000 mt pollock using four catchers and three processors.

8. Cal-Alaska/Marine Enterprise (South Korea)
(1985 request: 9,200 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced March 3 and through March 17 harvested 1,700 mt pollock using one catcher and one processor. Operations have now moved to the Western Gulf and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

9. Alaska Joint Venture Fisheries/Nambug (South Korea)
(1985 request: 10,000 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced February 22 and through March 16 harvested 4,000 mt pollock using two catchers and one processor. Operations will stay in the Gulf of Alaska for pollock.

10. Alaska Joint Venture Fisheries/Daerim (South Korea)
(1985 request: 6,600 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced February 22 and through March 16 harvested 5,000 mt pollock using three catchers and two processors. Operations will now move to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

11. Alaska Joint Venture Fisheries/Samho Moolsan (South Korea)
(1985 request: 25,000 mt)

Their initial operation began January 25 in Unimak Pass and harvested 1,800 mt cod and pollock by February 15 using two catchers and one processor. Shelikof operations began February 20 and through March 16 harvested 9,700 mt pollock using 4-6 catchers and 3 processors. Operations will move next out to the Western Gulf of Alaska and into the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

12. JV Fisheries/Oyang (South Korea)
(1985 request: 13,500 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced February 21 and through March 16 harvested 5,600 mt pollock using 2 catchers and 1-2 factory ships. Plans are to harvest a total of 7-8,000 mt by March 26.

13. Alaska Contact/Hansung (South Korea)
(1985 request: 33,300 mt)

Operations commenced in Shelikof on February 17 and by March 16 harvested 8,100 mt pollock using four catchers and two processors. Operations will continue until 12,000 mt is harvested and then shift to the Bering Sea/Aleutians in a week or so. One processor will continue to target pollock while the other processor will target cod, yellowfin sole and Atka mackerel.

14. ProFish Alaska/Dongwon (South Korea)
(1985 request: 14,000 mt)

Shelikof operations harvested 3,750 mt pollock between February 24 and March 16 using two catchers and one processor. Plans are to stay in the Shelikof area.

15. ProFish Alaska/Daiho (South Korea)
(1985 request: 4,500 mt)

Shelikof operations harvested 1,200 mt of pollock between February 24 and March 16 using one catcher and one processor. Plans are to stay in the Shelikof area.

16. Profish International/Silla (South Korea)
(1985 request: 13,500 mt)

Shelikof operations from February 24 through March 16 harvested 4,400 mt of pollock using two catchers and one processor. Plans are to stay in the Shelikof area.

17. ProFish Alaska/Dongbang (South Korea)
(1985 request: 2,600 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

18. ProFish Alaska/Namyang (South Korea)
(1985 request: 5,200 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

19. Arctic Venture Fisheries/Korea Wonyang (South Korea)
(1985 request: 3,700 mt)

Shelikof operations commenced March 5 using five catchers and three processors. A catch report was not available. Operations may move west out of Shelikof around March 29.

20. Arctic Venture Fisheries/TransOcean (South Korea)
(1985 request: 3,000 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

21. Marine Resources Company (U.S.S.R.)
(1985 request: 200,000 mt)

Codfish operations began February 17 and through March 20 harvested 8,200 mt cod in the Unimak Pass area using 6-18 catchers and 3-12 processors. Operations will switch to flounders on April 1 using 15 processors and 27 catchers.

The Soviet Atka mackerel fishery is planned to start April 10 using 7 catchers and 2 processors.

22. Alaska Contact/Highly Enterprise (Taiwan)
(1985 request: 6,500 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

23. St. George Tanaq/Highly Enterprise (Taiwan)
(1985 request: 9,000 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

24. Alaska Contact/Rybex (Poland)
(1985 request: 40,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began January 23 and through March 16 harvested 6,000 mt of pollock using 1-3 catchers and 1-4 processors. Operations will move to the Bering Sea/Aleutians area within seven to ten days.

25. Quest Export Trading/Rybex (Poland)
(1985 request: 10,000 mt)

Shelikof operations began February 24 and through March 16 harvested 930 mt pollock using one catcher and one processor. Operations will stay in the Shelikof area while there are fishable concentrations and afterward move west.

26. Alaska JV Fisheries/Iceland
(1985 request: 15,000 mt)

Operations have not commenced.

27. ProFish Alaska/Solseca (Portugal)
(1985 request: 10,000 mt)

Operations commenced February 7 and through mid-March harvested 750 mt cod in the Bering Sea/Aleutians area using two catchers and one processor.