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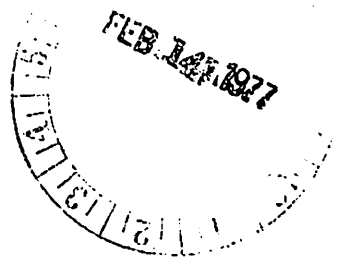
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February 11, 1977

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Mr. Elmer Rasmuson, Chairman  
 North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
 Box 600  
 Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Elmer:

At the February 8-10 MAFAC meeting, we were advised of the following three recent developments with respect to Council-related funding:

1. NMFS now estimates that for FY 1977, approximately \$3.8 million will be required for support of Council-related activities above that originally budgeted (\$2,607,200 for direct Council support, \$120,000 for vessel charter, \$725,000 for State needs, and \$353,000 for the foreign fishing observer program).
2. The NMFS request for a \$3 million supplement to the 1977 budget has been unsuccessful. *never got to*
3. By message to Congress dated January 17, 1977 (cf. attached p. 17), the President has proposed deferral of \$7.5 million for ship construction from the 1977 appropriation for P.L. 94-265.

You will recall that this \$7.5 million is the budget item from which MAFAC and our Regional Councils have strongly recommended NOAA draw to provide the additional support the Councils clearly need. At the September meeting in Washington, D.C., the assembled Council members overwhelmingly recommended that NOAA itself defer building one of the proposed vessels in order to free funds for reprogramming to Council-related needs. At that time we were advised that if NMFS/NOAA decided to do so, this would require Congressional authorization.

Congress can override a Presidential deferral recommendation by Resolution in either House (concurrence of both Houses is not required). If we can document the clear need of our Councils for this augmented funding, I do not believe that the Congress will concur with the President's proposal to defer more than one-third of the total appropriation.

Enclosed is a Resolution which I prepared for MAFAC consideration, but did not put forward since experienced MAFAC members indicated that this could make procedural difficulties for Dr. White (implications of lobbying, etc.). I think its substance could be useful to you, however, for your own actions in behalf of the North Pacific Council. MAFAC did reaffirm its earlier concerns for inadequacy of funding for the Councils, and its questions as to the urgency of vessel construction. The implication was that the Councils (and perhaps PMFC) should take it from there.

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Elmer, I believe that if we do not secure restoration of these funds, the fiscal facts of life will prevent NMFS from meeting our full needs for FY 1977 by means of internal reprogramming alone. Therefore, I believe we should make every effort at securing Congressional assistance to restore the funds.

On the basis of a series of phone calls to Congressional staff members, I am advised that the odds look good for Congressional support of our position, given solid request and reasonable documentation of need from our Councils. Action must be prompt, however, since the Congress must take its action within 60 days of the President's message (thus before about March 20).

Two courses of action appear possible.

1. If our Council meeting takes place as planned on February 17-18, Council action could be taken at that time. (I say "if" since I've heard some comment of possible cancellation for lack of urgent business to carry out.)
2. As Chairman, you could act for the Council--in my view a fully appropriate measure since these matters already have received extensive discussion and substantial agreement.

In order to secure a favorable action by either House of the Congress, I believe that its leaders must be advised of Council views that the \$7.5 million should be restored and that NMFS be authorized (directed?) to reprogram at least half that restored amount for Council support. I believe NMFS should be asked to provide the documentation of need as indicated in my second "whereas". However, I have been advised that in addition our Councils should specify their own unfunded needs and indicate some measure of the problems anticipated if additional funds are not forthcoming.

Key Congressional contacts are the Chairmen and our States' members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees (which probably will initiate the action), the Senate Commerce Committee, and the Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and Environment Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Rosters are attached, along with my note concerning key individuals.

S&S Committee member Don Bevan and Clem Tillion are MAFAC members who participated in the Washington discussions and I therefore am sending them copies of this letter in the event they may wish to offer comments or advice. Also I have sent a copy to Vice Chairman Harold Lokken in view of his Council responsibilities and great interest in these matters.

In order to broaden the support for this action, I am requesting approval of a resolution by PMFC's Executive Committee, and also am asking that my counterpart executive officers of the Gulf and Atlantic Commissions advise the Councils in their areas.

Yours sincerely,

  
John P. Harville, Executive Director

cc Dr. Donald Bevan, S&S Committee member, NPFMC  
Clem Tillion, Alaska Senator  
Harold Lokken, Vice Chairman, NPFMC  
Jim Branson, Executive Director, NPFMC

Enclosures:

President's Jan. 17, 1977  
message to Congress, p. 17  
Resolution to support full  
funding of Regional Council  
Congressional Committee Roster

Text of Resolution developed in Washington, D.C.  
as basis for action to support full funding of  
Regional Fishery Management Council operations

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WHEREAS, the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils established by Congress under the Fishery Management Act of 1976 have moved promptly and vigorously to develop fishery management plans and to undertake other duties specified under P.L. 94-265; and

WHEREAS, effective support for this ambitious Council work schedule, plus increased needs of the foreign fishing observer program according to NMFS/NOAA estimates will require augmentations of some \$3.8 million above the original allocations to those programs for FY 1977; and

WHEREAS, members of the newly appointed Councils, meeting together in Washington, D.C. in September 1976 recommended that NOAA meet these anticipated financial needs by reprogramming funds allocated for construction of one of its research vessels (\$3.25 million) for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the President's message to the Congress of January 17, 1977 (House Doc. No. 95-18, p. 17) proposes deferral of more than one-third of the total funds appropriated by the Congress for implementation of P.L. 94-265 in FY 1977 (\$7.5 million) for construction of two new Class IV fishery research vessels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to assure prompt and vigorous implementation of the intent of Congress as expressed in P.L. 94-265, the Congress is urged to take appropriate action to disagree with the proposed deferral of \$7.5 million from the NOAA budget for FY 1977; further that the Congress authorize reallocation of \$3.8 million from those restored funds to support Council activities, the foreign fishing observer program, and related purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to document the need for this action, the National Marine Fisheries Service and NOAA be requested to provide the Congress promptly with information concerning needs and justifications for reprogramming approximately \$3.8 million in FY 1977 for support of Council activities and the foreign fishing observer program.

## DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of Public Law 93-344

*Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

## OPERATIONS, RESEARCH AND FACILITIES (SHIP CONSTRUCTION) 13X1456

New budget authority (Public Law 94-362).....	<sup>1</sup> \$566, 213, 000
Other budgetary resources.....	62, 781, 270
<b>Total budgetary resources.....</b>	<b>628, 996, 270</b>
Amount to be deferred: Entire year.....	7, 500, 000

<sup>1</sup> Does not include \$55,000 transfer to General Administration, Department of Commerce, for water resources planning activity.

OMB identification code: 13-1450-0-1-306.

Grant program: No.

Type of account or fund: No-year.

Type of budget authority: Appropriation.

## JUSTIFICATION

This deferral of \$7.5 million will delay funding until 1978 for the construction of two new (Class IV) fishery research vessels provided in the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1977 (Public Law 94-362). The funds are available until expended. Construction of the two new research vessels was provided for in order to give the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) additional ship-days to conduct the expanded fisheries resources conservation, assessment, and management efforts required by section 304 of the United States Fisheries Management and Conservation Act of 1976. Public Law 94-265). The deferral is appropriate because this expenditure of funds is not actually needed at this time to provide the additional ship-days.

## ESTIMATED EFFECTS

The construction delay should have no adverse impact on the fisheries resource program in that the need for additional days at sea can be met by five other existing NOAA ships which will be upgraded.

*Outlay effect (estimated in millions of dollars)*

Comparison with President's 1978 budget:	
1. Budget outlay estimate for 1977.....	\$572.7
2. Outlay savings, if any, included in the budget outlay estimate....	3.8
Current outlay estimate for 1977:	
3. Without deferral.....	576.5
4. With deferral.....	572.7
5. Current outlay savings (line 3 minus line 4).....	3.8
Outlay savings for 1978.....	-0.1
Outlay savings for 1979.....	-3.7

94th Congress -- not entirely corrected for 95th Congress -- but Chairmen and re-elected members presumed accurate  
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## CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

For a full listing of Congressional committees (94th Congress, Session) with either direct or indirect responsibility for fish and wildlife and environmental affairs, see NWF Conservation Report No. 5 (February 21, 1975). Meanwhile, listed below are the rosters for those committees with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife matters.

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Jurisdiction over appropriations for all Federal Agencies and Programs.

John L. McClellan, Arkansas, Chairman, 3

#### Democrats

Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.) 4,5,6, 7

John C. Stennis (Miss.) 1,2,4,5,6

~~John O. Pastore (R.I.) 2,5,6~~ retired

Robert C. Byrd (W.Va.) 1,3,4,5,6

Gale W. McGee (Wyo.) 1,3,5

Mike Mansfield (Mont.) 2,3, 7

William Proxmire (Wis.) 1,2,4

Joseph M. Montoya (N.Mex.) 3,4,5

Daniel K. Inouye (Ha.) 1,3, .

Ernest F. Hollings (S.C.) 3,4,5

Birch Bayh (Ind.) 1,2,4,6

Thomas F. Eagleton (Mo.) 1,4,6, 7

Lawton Chiles (Fla.) 1,2,3,4

T. Bennett Johnston, Jr. (La.) 2,5, 7

Walter D. Huddleston (Ky.) 2,5, 7

#### SUBCOMMITTEES

7. State, Judiciary, & Commerce: Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman.  
Agriculture, Environmental, and Consumer Protection, Sen. McGee, Chairman.

2. HUD, Space, Science, Veterans, Sen. Proxmire, Chairman.

3. Interior, Sen. Byrd, Chairman.

4. Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare, Sen. Magnuson, Chairman.

5. Public Works, AEC, Sen. Stennis, Chairman.

6. Transportation, Sen. Bayh, Chairman.

Sen. McClellan, as chairman of the committee, and Sen. Young, as ranking minority member, are *ex officio* members of all subcommittees of which they are not regular members.

#### Republicans

Milton R. Young (N.D.) 1,3,5

Rowan L. Hruska (Neb.) 1,3,5, 7

Clifford P. Case (N.J.) 2,4,5,6

~~Hiram L. Fong (Ha.) 1,2,4,7~~ retired

Edward W. Brooke (Mass.) 2,4, 7

Mark O. Hatfield (Ore.) 1,3,5, 7

Ted Stevens (Alaska) 3,4,6, 7

Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (Md.) 2,6

Henry Bellmon (Okla.) 1,2,3,5

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Jurisdiction includes inland waterways, fisheries and wildlife conservation and solid waste.

Warren G. Magnuson, Washington, Chairman

#### Democrats

John O. Pastore (R.I.) 1,2,3

Alfred Hartke (Ind.) 4

Philip A. Hart (Mich.) 1,3

Howard W. Cannon (Nev.) 4

Russell B. Long (La.) 1,2,3,4

Frank E. Moss (Utah) 1,3

Ernest F. Hollings (S.C.) 2,3,4

Daniel K. Inouye (Ha.) 2,3

#### Republicans

James B. Pearson (Kan.) 1

Robert P. Griffin (Mich.) 2

Ted Stevens (Ala.) 2,3

J. Glenn Beall, Jr. (Md.) 2,3,4,5

Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. (Conn.) 1,3,4

James L. Buckley (N.Y.) 1,3,4

### SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Environment, Sen. Hart, Chairman.

2. Merchant Marine, Sen. Long, Chairman.

3. Oceans and Atmosphere, Sen. Hollings, Chairman.

4. Surface Transportation, Sen. Hartke, Chairman.

5. Special Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Commerce, Sen. Tunney, Chairman.

The chairman and ranking minority member of the full committee are members *ex officio* of all subcommittees.

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

To this Committee is referred legislation relating to public lands generally. It considers grazing, mineral resources, and forest reserves on public land; national parks, monuments, and recreation areas; irrigation and reclamation; wilderness preservation; interstate water compacts; Indian affairs, etc. Also has broad energy jurisdiction.

Henry M. Jackson, Washington, Chairman 1,2,3,4,5

#### Democrats

Frank Church (Idaho) 3,4,5

Lee Metcalf (Mont.) 1,2,4

J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. (La.) 2,3,6

James Abourezk (S.D.) 1,4,5

Floyd K. Haskell (Col.) 1,3,4,5,6

John Glenn (Ohio) 2,4,5,6

Richard B. Stone (Fla.) 2,3,5,6

Dale Bumpers (Ark.) 2,3,4,5

#### Republicans

Paul J. Fannin (Ariz.) 1,2,5,6

Clifford P. Hansen (Wyo.) 2,3,4,5

Mark O. Hatfield (Ore.) 3,4,5

James A. McClure (Idaho) 1,3,4,6

Dewey F. Bartlett (Okla.) 1,2,4,6

### SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Indian Affairs, Sen. Abourezk, Chairman.

2. Minerals, Materials and Fuels, Sen. Metcalf, Chairman.

3. Parks and Recreation, Sen. Johnston, Chairman.

4. Environment and Land Resources, Sen. Haskell, Chairman.

5. Energy Research and Water Resources, Sen. Church, Chairman.

6. Special Subcommittee on Integrated Oil Operations, Sen. Haskell, Chairman.

Sen. Jackson is an *ex officio* member of all subcommittees.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Jurisdiction over appropriations of funds for all Federal Agencies and Programs.

George H. Mahon, Texas, Chairman

#### Democrats

Jamie L. Whitten (Mass.) 1,5

Robert L.F. Sikes (Fla.)

Otto E. Passman (La.) 1,5

Joe L. Evans (Tenn.) 2,5

Edward P. Boland (Mass.) 2,5

William H. Natcher (Ky.) 1,4

Neal Smith (Iowa) 4  
 Robert N. Giaino (Conn.)  
 Joseph P. Addabbo (N.Y.)  
 John J. McFall (Calif.) 6  
 Edward J. Patten (N.J.) 4  
 Lawrence D. Long (Md.) 3  
 Sydney R. Yates (Ill.) 3,6  
 Bob Casey (Texas) 1,4  
 Frank E. Evans (Col.) 1,3  
 David Obey (Wis.) 4  
 Edward R. Roybal (Calif.) 4  
 Louis Stokes (Ohio) 2,4  
 J. Edward Roush (Ind.) 2  
 Gunn McKay (Utah) 3  
 Tom Beville (Ala.) 5  
 Bill Chappell, Jr. (Ala.)  
 Bill D. Burlison (Mo.) 1  
 Bill Alexander (Ark.) 6, 7  
 Edward I. Koch (N.Y.) 6  
 Yvonne Braithwaite Burke (Calif.) 2, 7  
 John P. Murtha (Pa.) 3  
 Bob Traxler (Mich.) 2  
 Robert Duncan (Ore.) 3,6  
 Joseph D. Early (Mass.) 7  
 Max Baucus (Mont.) 1,2

*Republicans*

Elford A. Cederberg (Mich.) 7  
 Robert H. Michel (Ill.) 4  
 Silvio H. Conte (Mass.) 4,6  
 Garner E. Shriver (Kans.) 4  
 Joseph M. McDade (Pa.) 2,3  
 Mark Andrews (N.D.) 1, 7  
~~Pearl L. Talcott (Calif.) 2~~  
 Jack Edwards (Ala.) 6  
 Robert C. McEwen (N.Y.)  
 John T. Meyers (Ind.) 1,5  
 J. Kenneth Robinson (Va.) 1  
 Clarence E. Miller (Ohio) 7  
 Lawrence Coughlin (Pa.)  
 C.W. Bill Young (Fla.) 2  
 Jack F. Kemp (N.Y.)  
 William L. Armstrong (Col.)  
 Ralph S. Regula (Ohio) 3  
 Clair W. Burgener (Calif.) 5

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

1. Agriculture Subcommittee, Rep. Whitten, Chairman.
  2. HUD, Space, Science, EPA and Consumer Subcommittee, Rep. Boland, Chairman.
  3. Interior Subcommittee, Rep. Yates, Chairman.
  4. Labor-Health, Education and Welfare, Rep. Flood, Chairman.
  5. Public Works, Rep. Evans, Chairman.
  6. Transportation, Rep. McFall, Chairman.
- Rep. Mahon is a member of all subcommittees.  
 7 State, Commerce, Judiciary John N Slack, chair.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES**

Jurisdiction includes fisheries and wildlife conservation, including international fisheries agreements, research into wildlife and fisheries matters, refuges, and the National Environmental Protection Act.

John M. Murphy, N.Y.  
 Leonard K. (Mrs. John B.) Sullivan, Missouri, Chairman 1,2,3,4

*Democrats*

Thomas L. Ashley (Ohio) 1,4  
 John D. Dingell (Mich.) 1,2  
 Thomas N. Downing (Va.) 1,4  
 Paul G. Rogers (Fla.) 2,3,4

walter B. Jones (N.C.) 1,3,4  
 Robert L. Leggett (Calif.) 2  
 Mario Biaggi (N.Y.) 1,3  
 Glenn M. Anderson (Calif.) 1,2,4  
 E. de la Garza (Texas) 2,3,4  
 Ralph H. Metcalfe (Ill.) 1,4  
 John B. Breaux (La.) 1,2,4  
 Fred B. Rooney (Pa.) 1,2,3  
 Paul S. Sarbanes (Md.) 1,3  
 Bo Ginn (Ga.) 1,2,4  
 Gerry E. Studds (Mass.) 2,3,4  
 David R. Bowen (Miss.) 2,3  
 Joshua Eilberg (Pa.) 1,3  
 Ron de Lugo (V.I.) 1,2,3  
 Carroll Hubbard, Jr. (Ky.) 2,3  
 Don Bonker (Wash.) 1,2,3  
 Les AuCoin (Ore.) 2,3,4  
 Norman E. D'Amours (N.H.) 1,2,4  
 Jerry M. Patterson (Calif.) 1,2,3  
 Leo C. Zeferetti (N.Y.) 1,2,4  
 James L. Oberstar (Minn.) 1,2,4

*Republicans*

Philip E. Ruppe (Mich.) 1,2,3,4  
 Charles A. Mosher (Ohio) 1,4  
 Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (Calif.) 1,2  
 Gene Snyder (Ky.) 1,3  
 Edwin B. Forsythe (N.J.) 2,4  
 Pierre S. (Pete) du Pont (Del.) 1,3,4  
 David C. Treen (La.) 1,3,4  
 Joel Pritchard (Wash.) 1,2  
 Don Young (Alaska) 1,2,3  
 Robert E. Bauman (Md.) 2,3,4  
 Norman F. Lent (N.Y.) 2,4  
 Matthew J. Rinaldo (N.J.) 2  
 David F. Emery (Maine) 1,2,3

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

1. Merchant Marine, Rep. Downing, Chairman.
  2. Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, Rep. Leggett, Chairman.
  3. Coast Guard and Navigation, Rep. Biaggi, Chairman.
  4. Oceanography, Rep. Murphy, Chairman.
- Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are *ex officio* members of all subcommittees.

To secure override of budget deferral, I suggest letters to:

1. Appropriations Committee Chairmen  
 John McClellan (Senate)  
 George Mahon (House)
2. Appropriations Subcommittee Chairmen (for Commerce, etc.)  
 Ernest Hollings (Senate)  
 John Slack (House)

Since the views of oversight Committees also are influential:

3. Warren Magnuson (Senate Commerce Committee)
4. Bob Leggett (Fisheries Wildlife Conservation and Environment Subcommittee)
5. Plus any Senators or Congressmen from your States who might give support.



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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Washington, D.C. 20235

February 11, 1977

Mr. Elmer Rasmuson  
Chairman, North Pacific Fishery  
Management Council  
P.O. Box 600  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Elmer:

Thank you for your letter of December 27, 1976, outlining the North Pacific Council's funding requirements and your concern that the initial grant for the first half of FY77 would fall so far short of your estimated requirements that you would have to curtail Council activities early in 1977.

As I indicated in Houston on January 11, 1977, we are convinced of the Councils' urgent need for additional funding and are pursuing various approaches to secure this relief. The initial grants are viewed as "start-up" funds until we get a better fix on total funding needs and should not be viewed as a constraint in carrying out your legislated responsibilities.

My suggestion at the Houston meeting still applies; that was to continue to spend funds on operational matters consistent with your needs. This could well mean that you will overspend your plan and expend all or almost all of your present budget well before the end of the FY. I'm convinced we will have appropriate decisions about additional funding well in advance of the time that you expend your presently available funds. I wish we could give you more money right now but our constraints will not permit it, as I explained in some detail in Houston.

We have just heard that the supplemental budget that we requested of \$3 million for Extended Jurisdiction in FY77 has been turned down at OMB. We are exploring other approaches at this time and will get to you and the other Council members as soon as we have any helpful information. We hope to address the matter of availability of funds for contracts in the very near future as well. Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Schoning  
Director



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F31/NEH

January 21, 1977

To: Grants Officer, AD  
From: Robert W. Schoning, Director, NMFS  
Subject: Grant Application from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

The grant application from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has been reviewed. The request is for \$666,000 for the first six months' period of FY 1977 which is \$483,200 more than the \$182,800 budgeted for the North Pacific Council's first six months of operation.

As you are aware, appropriations enacted for the Extended Jurisdiction program contained \$3,111,000 for Regional Council Operations. Of this, \$2,546,800 was distributed among the eight Councils (including the \$182,800 for the North Pacific Council), \$46,000 was allocated for NOAA overhead, and the remainder, \$518,200, was held in reserve for Council use based on documented needs. It was expected that the reserve would be used for scientific and statistical committee and panel expenses. When all Councils' additional requirements are received, the \$518,200 will be allocated. In all probability, the \$518,200 reserve will not fully satisfy all Council financial needs and we are looking into reprogramming and/or a budget supplemental for FY1977.

In the meantime, it is requested that you process this grant for the reduced amount of \$182,800 minus expenditures made on behalf of the Council by the applicable NOAA/NMFS Servicing Unit. Items which are not recorded in the financial reports but are in the pipeline should be subtracted also. The correct organization code and task number are FA0000/88F3MPEJ. The Grant Monitor for the first Regional Council grants will be Richard H. Schaefer, Chief, Fisheries Management Operations Division (F31), telephone, 634-7454.

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As a minimum, the following limitations should be placed on the expenditure of funds.

1. Expenditures of funds are subject to guidelines provided in the Operations Manual, Interim Regulations, and OMB Circular A-110.
2. For the initial period of becoming operational, there is no prior approval needed from NOAA/NEFIS to transfer funds among accounts. Funds were not budgeted for travel associated with the Scientific and Statistical Committees and Advisory Panels. The cost of this travel may be paid from funds budgeted for other items at the Council's discretion. The Councils are reminded to document any transfer of funds between accounts to simplify explanations for future audits, and in submitting future grant proposals.

Enclosure

cc: F, <sup>ADS</sup>~~F31~~, F3, Fx5, F31, FAK

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Introduced: 2/8/77  
Referred: Resources

BY SPECKING, ELIASON, FREEMAN,  
GARDINER, HAUGEN, OSTERBACK  
AND URION

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the International Convention  
6 for the High Seas Fisheries of the North  
7 Pacific Ocean.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the interception of Alaska salmon by the Japanese on the high  
10 seas has long been of concern to the United States and especially to Alaskans;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS this salmon interception resulted in the development in 1952 of  
13 the tripartite International North Pacific Fisheries Convention (INPFC), the  
14 primary purpose of which was to ensure the maximum sustained productivity of  
15 the fishery resources of the North Pacific Ocean, with special emphasis on  
16 protection of salmon of North American origin; and

17 WHEREAS INPFC, while helpful in some respects, has failed to eliminate  
18 the interception of salmon of Alaskan origin inasmuch as, on the average,  
19 four million salmon of Western Alaskan origin have been and are still being  
20 harvested west of the abstention line of 175 degrees West longitude; and

21 WHEREAS INPFC negotiations have protected salmon only partially and the  
22 Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-265) states that the  
23 United States has exclusive management authority for all anadromous species  
24 originating in the United States throughout their migratory range; and

25 WHEREAS P.L. 94-265 clearly provides for the prompt renegotiation of any  
26 fishery treaty in effect within the fishery conservation zone to bring that  
27 treaty into conformance with the provisions of P.L. 94-265; and

28 WHEREAS INPFC does not provide the fishery management mandated by our  
29 recently enacted extended jurisdiction law; and

1       WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature considers it to be of the utmost  
2 importance that INPFC be promptly renegotiated in the interest of the con-  
3 servation of Alaska salmon which presently are vulnerable to the Japanese  
4 high seas salmon net fishery both inside and outside the 200-mile fishery  
5 conservation zone;

6       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the U. S.  
7 Department of State to promptly initiate the renegotiation of the terms of  
8 the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific  
9 Ocean (INPFC); and be it

10       FURTHER RESOLVED that the U. S. Department of State involve to the  
11 maximum extent possible the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the U.  
12 S. Section of INPFC, and the Alaska Board of Fisheries in the development of  
13 the United States position and goals regarding the future of INPFC.

14       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cyrus Vance,  
15 Secretary of the U. S. Department of State, the Honorable Juanita Kreps,  
16 Secretary of the U. S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
17 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.  
18 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; the Honorable  
19 Jay S. Hammond, Governor of Alaska; and to Mr. Elmer Rasmuson, Chairman of  
20 the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention and Chairman of the  
21 North Pacific Fishery Management Council.