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Dear Bob,

At its meeting on May 26th and 27th, the North Pacific Council reviewed 35 foreign permit applications and made the following recommendations.

South Korea: The refrigerator transport O YANG HO #70 requested a permit to operate in the Bering Sea and Aleutian area to transport herring (under contract to a Japanese firm) which would be purchased from U.S. fishermen. The Council approved the issuance of this permit, with the stipulation to be attached to the permit, that they would be transporting only, not processing.

Japan: Twenty-three applications from refrigerator/transport ships:

JINYO MARU	REIYO MARU
JUYO MARU	MIHO MARU
HAKUYO MARU	TOSA MARU
ITOHAM MARU ✓	SANPUKU MARU
DAIEN MARU NO. 18	SANTO MARU
SEIKOU MARU NO. 18	RYUTOKU MARU
KOEI MARU NO. 22	YACHIYO MARU NO. 26
MEI MARU NO. 7	SHINPRIMA MARU
NIPPONHAM MARU NO.1	HOKO MARU NO. 31
RYUSHO-MARU NO. 5	TSURU MARU ✓
KUROSHIO MARU NO. 27	MISHIMA MARU
ISE MARU NO. 8	

The Council recommended approval of these permits with the condition that they be restricted exclusively to supporting Japanese fishing operations. If any of these ships wish to support U.S. operations it would require a revision of their permit and further review by the Council.

The tanner crab pot boat KUROSHIO MARU #27 requesting a supplement to its permit to allow it to fish for snails was approved with the stipulation that they not be allowed to fish for crab and snails at the same time.

The Council recommended approval of the application for the ISE MARU NO. 8 as a replacement in the snail fishery for the RYOYOSHI MARU NO. 18.

USSR: Of the 11 Soviet applications received for review the stern trawlers:

ZVEZDA RYBAKA	NEREIDA
ARMENIA	ARDATOV
VULKAN	MYS BARONOVA
IHTIOLOG	BARBABINSK

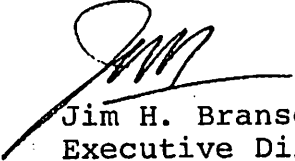
were recommended for approval. Four of the stern trawlers requested permits to operate in the Bering Sea and Aleutian area trawl fishery and two requested permits to operate in the Gulf of Alaska trawl fishery.

On the two applications from Soviet ships requesting permits as research vessels, the stern trawler MYS DALNY and the side trawler ADLER, the Council recommended that permits not be issued unless the research projects to be conducted by these ships were coordinated with United States officials. If they were not, and it is my understanding that these ships have not coordinated their programs with the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center, the ships should be issued standard fishing permits and the ADLER, which had requested crab and shrimp as part of their target catch, should be refused these species, since they are not allowed under any of the preliminary management plans in effect off Alaska.

Two patrol vessels requesting permits, the ZVEZDA RYBAKA and the NARVAL were not considered by the Council since they did not believe patrol ships required permits. In a later telephone conversation with your office, I learned that because some Soviet patrol ships have been supplying food and stores to other fleet vessels that a permit would be required. Although the Council did not recommend on these applications I do not believe they would object if permits were issued to them as patrol vessels with the incidental purpose of supplying food and stores to the Soviet fishing fleet.

The Council received these permits for review the morning of May 26, in fact, one of the Japanese permits was received by telephone the second day of the Council meeting, this gave a very short time for consideration and review. Anything that could be done to speed delivery of permit applications so they can be analyzed prior to a Council meeting would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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