

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC and AF Members
FROM: Jim H. Branson
Executive Director
DATE: May 20, 1983
SUBJECT: Joint Venture Operations

ACTION REQUIRED

Information only.

BACKGROUND

In the Gulf of Alaska, joint ventures harvested 130,681 mt of pollock and 819 mt of other species through May 7, 1983. By May 7 in the Bering Sea/Aleutians, joint ventures harvested 28,673 mt which was 16,022 mt pollock, 7,394 mt flatfish, and 5,257 mt other species. General summaries are given below.

1. Marine Resources Company - U.S.S.R.
(1983 request: 104,000 mt)

Pollock operations began on April 22 and by May 14 caught 3,400 mt using four catchers delivering to one processor in the Unimak Pass area. Operations will continue through mid-July.

The yellowfin sole fishery began on February 15 and by May 14, caught 11,500 mt of sole and cod using nine catchers and six processors in the area between Unimak Pass and Dillingham. Operations will continue through August.

The Atka mackerel fishery began on April 17 and by May 14, caught 3,500 mt using one processor, the SULAK, and four catchers.

2. Universal Seafoods/Nippon Suisan
(1983 request: 60,000 mt)

The first half of this operation ran from January 22 to March 23 and caught 33,000 mt of pollock from Shelikof Strait using six catchers and three processors.

The second half will commence in June in the Bering Sea.

3. Westward Trawlers/Taiyo Fishery Company
(1983 request: 45,000 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof Strait ran from February 1 to March 31 and caught 28,597 mt that was 99.8% food grade pollock. Four catchers and two processors were used.

Operations will continue on June 19 in the Unimak Pass area using two processors and seven catchers fishing on a 32,500 mt quota, mainly of pollock.

4. Jeff Hendricks and Associates/Hoko Fishing Company
(1983 request: 26,000 mt)

Pollock operations began in the Unimak Pass area on April 6 and by May 15 caught 10,630 mt of pollock using four catchers and one processor. Catch rates slowed around May 8 and more time is being spent now in search of fishable concentrations. Operations will continue until August 5.

5. Peter Pan Seafoods/Nichiro Gyogyo
(1983 request: 11,600 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof Strait ran from January 24 to late March and caught almost the entire quota of 11,600 mt using two catchers and one processor.

6. Whitney-Fidalgo Seafoods/Kyokuyo
(1983 request: 20,000 mt)

Pollock operations took 11,324 mt from Shelikof Strait between February 23 and March 15 using two catchers and one processor.

7. Fish Producers Associates/Korea Wonyang Fisheries
(1983 request: 32,000 mt)

Pollock operations in Shelikof Strait began on February 12 and caught nearly 32,000 mt by May 13. Some minor bottomfish operations are now continuing in the Segum, Pass area while the company awaits word from Korea on further plans.

8. J.V. Fisheries, Ltd./North Pacific Joint Fishing Committee (ROK)
(1983 request: 18,000 mt)

The Shelikof Strait fishery caught 17,925 mt pollock from February 23 to March 29 using six catchers and three processors.

A yellowfin sole fishery will begin on June 10 with two catchers and one processor in Bristol Bay. The goal for the operation is about 1,500 mt.

9. North Pacific Corporation/Marine Enterprise Company (ROK)
(1983 request: 8,600 mt)

The operation began in Shelikof Strait on March 2, moved to the Bering Sea near Dutch Harbor in mid-April, and subsequently has gone onto the Shumagins.

Catch to date using one catcher and one processor is about 1,400 mt pollock and 550 mt bottomfish. The operation is planned to continue to the end of November.

10. Alaska Contact/Highly Enterprise Corp (Taiwan)
(1983 request: 4,000 mt)

Not operating because of a holdup in granting the vessel permits. Operations may begin in June.

11. West German Joint Venture
(1983 request: 8,360 mt)

The BUSSE has just returned from Germany but no joint ventures are operating yet.

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Re: Japanese Joint Venture Harvest Levels for the
Period June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983

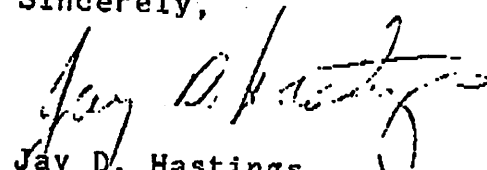
Dear Jim:

Enclosed for the Council's review is a table which summarizes Japanese joint venture activities for the period from June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983. As a result of the joint venture meeting held in Seattle last June, U.S. and Japanese fishermen mutually agreed upon a joint venture target level of 120,000 mt for this period. This target level has been exceeded and the Japanese are now looking forward to future cooperation and continued success in their U.S. joint venture operations.

You may recall that a large portion of the Japanese allocation withheld under the "fish and chips" policy was not released on April 1 as scheduled for reasons unrelated to fisheries. Based upon the success of the Japanese joint venture fisheries, we would like to request the Council's support in our effort to obtain a release of the total remaining Japanese allocation on July 1. A timely release will benefit both the U.S. and Japanese industries for future planning purposes. If the Council is able to support our effort, we would like to suggest a letter to the State Department with copies to the Commerce Department and concerned Congressional delegations.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


Jay D. Hastings
on behalf of the
Japan Fisheries Association

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Period	Company/ Vessel	NISSUI		TAIYO	
June 1, 1982		Haruna	11,408	Zuiyo #3	591
Dec. 31, 1982				Tenyo	6,714
	Subtotal		11,408		7,316
Jan. 1, 1983		Haruna	11,007	Zuiyo #3	11,275
May 31, 1983		Kongo	10,818	Tenyo	17,323
		Koyo	10,638		
	Subtotal		32,463		28,598
	Total		43,871		35,914

- * Estimated catch (completion date May 31)
- ** Original target level 85,000 mt
- *** Original target level 120,000 mt



WESTWARD TRAWLERS, INC.

May 18, 1983

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Mr. Jim H. Branson
 Executive Director
 North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Jim:

As you are no doubt aware, we completed our Shelikof Fishery on March 31st after delivering a total of 28,597 metric tons of fish. Of this total, only 0.2% was sold as meal grade; the balance was sold as food grade. Incidental catch other than pollock was less than 0.1%.

We will resume our operations with Taiyo on June 19th in the Unimak area, in pursuit of a total of 32,500 metric tons. Again, we will be using seven U.S. catcher boats together with two Taiyo processing ships.

We will keep you advised as this fishery progresses.

Yours very truly,

WESTWARD TRAWLERS, INC.

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 President

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Dear sirs:

For the reference of the members of the Council, we are pleased to provide the following brief progress report on our 1983 United States-Japan joint Alaska pollock fishery during the period April 6 to May 18, 1983.

Japanese Company
Hoko Fishing Company
No. 2-4, 1-chome, Tsuki-ji
Chuo-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Name and Size of the Processing Vessel
Tsuda Maru

111 meters
4,317 gross tons

American Company
Jeff Hendricks and Associates
816 Fourth Street
Anacortes, Washington 98221

Names and Sizes of the Vessels and Fishing Dates

M/V Alyeska	198 gross tons	April 6 to present
M/V Arcturus	198 gross tons	April 13 to present
M/V Ocean Dynasty	199 gross tons	April 6 to present
M/V U.S. Dominator	199 gross tons	April 6 to present
M/V Golden Fleece	188 gross tons	April 6 to April 14

Type of Gear

Mid-water trawl only

Beginning Date of Fishing (local time)

April 6, 1983

Area of Fishing

April 6 to present - Unimak

55-00N to 55-26N lat
164-19W to 164-32W long

Projected End of Fishing

August 5, 1983

Operating Days (through May 18 GMT)

Fishing Days	39 days
Cargo Transfer	4 days
Unfishable Weather	<u>0 days</u>
Total	43 days

Composition of Catch

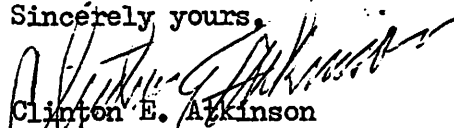
Alaska Pollock	10,907.8 mt
Cod	201.1 mt
Pacific Ocean Perch	0.0 mt
Sablefish	0.0 mt
Flounders	<u>0.0 mt</u>
Total	11,108.9 mt

Average Catch per Fishing Day

284.8 mt/day

As far as we know, the following changes will occur in our fishing operations during the next month: A second processing vessel, the Chikubu Maru, will replace the Tsuda Maru on May 18th; the trawler, Great Pacific, will replace the U. S. Dominator on June 15th; and because of the decrease in the availability of Alaska pollock in the Unimak area during the past week (May 12 to 18), we are presently searching for and plan to shift our fishing operations to a new and more productive area in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


Clinton E. Atkinson
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Dear Jim:

I would like to comment briefly on the Nichiro joint venture for pollock in Shelikof Strait.

This venture started operation on January 24th and concluded on March 30th. Nichiro provided the processor Akebano Maru #72 and the U.S. vessels were the Great Pacific and Oceanic, both 122 footers.

The original target was 10,000MT of which 9,600 were pollock and 400 were other species. The actual catch was 10,972MT of which less than 40 MT were other species.

Both the processor and the fishing vessels performed as advertised and there was minimal lost time due to weather and cargo transfers. All parties were pleased with the operation and considered it successful.

Nichiro does not have any other J.V. scheduled for 1983 but all parties have expressed a desire to participate in a similar J.V. next season perhaps on an expanded basis.

Very truly yours,

PETER PAN SEAFOODS, INC.

Don Rawlinson,
Vice-President