

PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1

EVALUATE EFFECTS OF LIMITED ENTRY

WHEREAS, the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 suggests the use of limited entry as a management tool; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that one State in developing a limited entry plan not discriminate against another State's fishermen; and

WHEREAS, there have been statements that limited entry will result in more equitable distribution of benefits both to the fishermen and concerned public, and it has been expressed that limited entry is desirable to produce economic efficiency; and

WHEREAS, considerable apprehension and doubts exist as to the desirability of limited entry; and

WHEREAS, conflicting opinion exists as to the success of existing limited entry programs; and

WHEREAS, some States are considering limited entry for certain fisheries;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission requests that the federal government fund a study to be guided by the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission and the Regional Fishery Management Councils to be undertaken by the States to determine the total effects of a limited entry fishery. The study should determine but not be limited to social gains or losses from decreased employment, potential for development of monopolies, resulting redeployment of fishing gear and fishermen and other factors that may have a bearing on the advisability of limiting entry to marine fisheries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the study be published and reviewed by the public.

Adopted at Renton, Washington,
November 18, 1976 by unanimous
approval of the five Compact States,
Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2

CONTROL RELOCATION OF VESSELS SOLD UNDER GEAR REDUCTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Department of Fisheries is conducting a Gear Reduction Program by purchasing fishing vessels, their gear and equipment from their owners for the purpose of taking these vessels out of the Washington fishery; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Department of Fisheries Gear Reduction Program is financed with federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the vessels purchased through the Gear Reduction Program are sold at public auction and may enter the fisheries of other States; and

WHEREAS, these vessels, because of their low cost at auction, have already entered the fisheries of other States and they may continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, there are a sufficient number of fishing vessels in the States of Alaska, Oregon and California to adequately harvest those fully utilized species of fish; and

WHEREAS, the fishing vessels bought and sold through a Gear Reduction Program are neither new nor modern, but typically are old and obsolete and thereby will not upgrade the fishing fleets of other States; and

WHEREAS, the States of Alaska, Oregon and California cannot specifically prohibit vessels sold as a result of a gear reduction program of another State from entering their fisheries;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission urges the Pacific and North Pacific Fishery Management Councils and/or the individual States to consider and where appropriate restrict the relocation of fishing vessels sold as a result of a gear reduction program.

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PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 9

FISH HOLD INSPECTION AND VALIDATION PRIOR TO SEASON OPENING

WHEREAS, some fish and shellfish from the four Pacific Coast States and the Province of British Columbia recognize no boundaries; and

WHEREAS, season opening dates, and size regulations, vessel capability, and programs of fish hold inspection and validation differ between the various management jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, some fishermen use these differences unfairly and illegally to take fish and shellfish prior to their State's or Province's legal opening date for these species, causing an economic loss of the resource and a direct loss to ethical fishermen;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission calls upon the appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, and the responsible fishery agencies of the four Pacific Coast States to bring about a unified, workable, and enforceable fish hold inspection and validation program which will not encumber unfairly the honest commercial fishermen, but will bring a halt to the rapidly increasing preseason fishing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission requests the United States government to enter into discussions with the Canadian government regarding possible like regulations in that country.

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