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NR 415( 28 AUG 1947 )

Conference on Fishing Rights Reform

8 AUG 1947

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- 1. Request concurrence and comment on the attached memorandum for record, subject, "Conference on Fishing Rights Reform".

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Memo for Record, 15 Aug 47

2. From: CS To: NR/FI Date: 8 September, 1947. H.G.S. CW/FRH/CCE/mm

Offer no objection; concur in principle.

1 Incl: n/e

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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
Natural Resources Section

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15 August 1947

NR 415 (15 August 1947)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

SUBJECT : Conference on Fishing Rights Reform

PRESENT : Messrs. C.G.Tilton, M.E.Nolan, GS; H. Wohl, ESS/AC  
E.M.Reed and A.T.Middleton, ESS/FI; W.C. Herrington  
and H.W.Yee, NR/FI.

DISCUSSION: A brief summary of the history and present laws governing Coastal Fishing Rights in Japan was presented by Fisheries Division, Natural Resources Section. This was followed by a general discussion of the objectives of the proposed reform bill and the work previously done by various Section of SCAP and the Japanese. The following points were agreed upon by all present.

1. Fishing Rights will have a real value and be subject to transfer with certain limitations, therefore the law should provide that when the Rights are taken away from the present holders compensation will be made but at a value not to exceed that received for the franchise from the new holders under the revised law.
2. Fishing Rights franchise will be subject to sale but the law must provide that such sale will be made only to purchasers who meet all eligibility requirements for holding a Right and who will operate the Right themselves.
3. Fishing Rights will be subject to mortgage, but the law must provide for a maximum interest rate in case of loans using Right franchises as security and further provide that in case of default the mortgagor must operate the Right himself or dispose of it to a qualified purchaser in a specified length of time.
4. Sub-leasing of Fishing Rights will not be permitted, however in case of sickness or other special circumstances he may with approval of the issuing body, arrange for temporary operation of his Right by another person for a stipulated period.
5. A group of Rights may be obtained by a local cooperative, partnership or association, but the group should not include more rights than can be operated by the membership of the Cooperative, partnership or Association. No sub-leasing will be permitted.

6. There should be a priority schedule set up in the bill which would give preference to individuals, partnerships, cooperatives, joint ownerships, joint tenancy groups and corporate bodies. The order of priority was not settled. Within these groups there should be priorities based on prior use, proximity of residence to the right, and ability to operate the Right efficiently.

7. Rights should be leased only to individuals or bodies who will operate Rights themselves.

8. Concurrence: GS  
ESS/AC  
ESS/PI

/s/t/ HARRY W. YOE  
Head, Economic Branch  
Fisheries Division

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Subject: Proposed Reorganization of the Bureau of Fisheries

Note No.:

From: GS

To: NR/FI

Date: 2 Sept 47

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Government Section concurs in the action proposed in Check Note No. 1.

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Col. Darnell <sup>+ Kato</sup> because 27 Sept -  
date of action passed.  
Roy S. Scope.  
5 Sept. 47.

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File No: NR 410(26 AUG 1947) Subject: Proposed Reorganization of the Bureau of Fisheries

Note  
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From: NR/Fi

To: GS

Date: 26 AUG 1947

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1. Members of the Fisheries Commission, House of Representatives, called on Fisheries Division to discuss proposed reorganization of the Bureau of Fisheries. The principal changes contemplated include the transfer of certain responsibilities bearing on the construction, repair, and inspection of fishing boats from the Civil Transportation Ministry to the proposed Fisheries Board, and responsibility for the production and distribution of fish nets and cordage from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to the Fisheries Board. Civil Transportation Section, SCAP, previously had contacted Fisheries Division and registered their opposition to such a transfer of responsibilities from Civil Transportation Ministry; and Textile Division, ESS, had registered objections to transfer of responsibility for production of fish netting.

2. The principal arguments presented in writing and verbally by the Japanese for such a concentration of responsibilities in the Fisheries Board, were that present procedures required the fishermen to work through two ministries, involving red tape and much loss of time, and that requirements for fisheries as determined by the Bureau of Fisheries frequently were reduced, changed, or dropped by the officials of the two other ministries. They also stressed the fact that the other ministries were not qualified to pass on the requirements for fishing operations.

3. It was pointed out to the Japanese representatives that the SCAP sections primarily responsible for boat construction and textile production were opposed to transfer of responsibility for such operations to the Fisheries Board and that Fisheries Division concurred with their position insofar as giving the new Fisheries Board authority to supervise shipyard operations and textile mill operations. It was suggested that they consider the following modifications in their reorganization plans:

In matters related to fishing boats:

a. The Fisheries Board would prepare plans and estimates for boatbuilding programs, together with the material requirements.

b. This program would be submitted to Economic Stabilization Board to determine what allotment of materials could be obtained for this purpose.

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c. Fishermen would submit their applications for boatbuilding to the Fisheries Board, which would have full authority for the approval of such building within the limits of the materials available.

d. Civil Transportation Ministry would continue, as at present, to supervise shipyard operations, constructing fishing boats according to the plans and specifications proposed by the fishermen and approved by the Fisheries Board.

e. Civil Transportation Ministry would have responsibility for specifications, ship operations, and equipment, affecting safety. The Fisheries Board would have the responsibility for all other types of inspection.

In matters related to production of nets and cordage:

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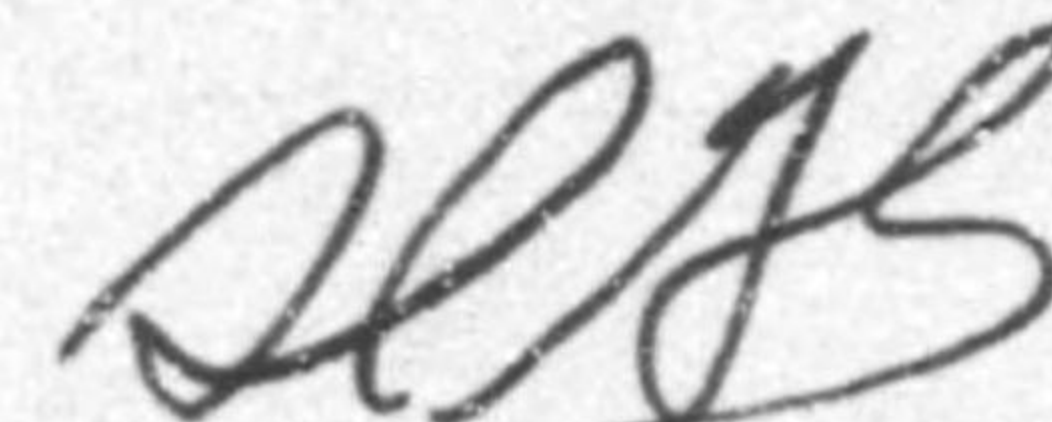
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c. Within the limits of materials available, the Fisheries Board would prepare plans for the annual requirements in regard to quantities and specifications.

d. Production of nets and cordage would be carried out in the textile mills under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry according to the specifications submitted by the Fisheries Board. Distribution would be made according to the allotments set up by the Fisheries Board.

4. It was stated that Fisheries Division believed that this reorganization would give the fishermen the desired additional attention to their requirements and would eliminate much of the present red tape and duplication of effort. It would also avoid the division of responsibility for supervision of shipyard and textile mill operations inherent in the Japanese proposals and opposed by SCAP sections and other Japanese ministries.

5. The Japanese representatives indicated that they found these suggestions acceptable. Fisheries Division then advised them that the proposals would be taken up with the other SCAP sections to determine whether approval would be given to this type of organization. The Japanese representatives will call on Fisheries Division on 27 August for a final discussion of this matter.



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