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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO THE DELEGATIONS OF THE TENTH
CENTRAL BERING SEA POLLOCK CONFERENCE

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September 1, 2005

Re: Korean Proposal on the Terms and Conditions for Trial Fishing for Pollock
in 2006

I, as head of the Korean delegation to the Tenth Central Bering Sea Pollock Conference, would like to submit the attached proposal on trial fishing in 2006 so that this issue will be discussed at the Annual Conference and Scientific and Technical Committee. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

"Attachment"

Korean Proposal on the Terms and Conditions for Trial Fishing for Pollock in 2006

1. Modification of measures for trial fishing

In accordance with the Convention Article X, para 4 providing that “the terms and conditions for trial fishing shall be established by the Annual Conference,” Korea proposes to add following para (underlined bold) to Measures for Trial Fishing adopted pursuant to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea, adopted at the 9th Annual Conference in 2004.

*“No more than 2 vessels from each Party to the Convention at any time may conduct trial fishing for pollock in the Convention Area. **Each Party can transfer its trial fishing rights to other Party.** Information on the vessels that will engage in the trial fishing will be provided to all parties at least two weeks prior to commencement of trial fishing. Such information will include vessel name, vessel type, vessels' international radio call sign(IRCS), vessel's satellite transmitter number, and the area and time of the trial fishing. Parties conducting trial fishing will notify the other Parties regarding the schedule of such trial fishing with sufficient notice to facilitate the embarkation and disembarkation of observers. Vessels engaged in trial fishing will have scientific observers of the flag-State on board and will accept at least one Scientific Observer of other Parties to the Convention, with the cost being paid by the requesting Party in accordance with arrangements to be made between the flag State of the vessel and the other Parties. All provisions of the Convention and all measures adopted by the annual conference regarding boarding and inspections, vessel monitoring systems, entry and transshipment notifications, safe boarding ladder standards, and shipboard logs and records will govern such trial fishing. Prior to the **11th** Annual Conference, Parties conducting trial fishing will submit to the other Parties a report of the trial fishing which provides the type of catch and distribution data as specified in the Central Bering Sea Observer Program Manual.”*

2. Background

Trial fishing in the Central Bering Sea was conducted two times by two Korean fishing vessels in 2000 and 2003 respectively. However, the trial fishing failed to collect detailed information because only two fishing vessels were not enough to detect fish stocks in the vast Central Bering Sea. Based on expert opinion recommending that more fishing vessels are needed for effective trial fishing, Korea proposed to conduct trial fishing with 5 fishing vessels at the 9th Annual Conference. As a result, the Conference agreed to submit a detailed trial fishing plan and rationale for using additional vessels in advance of the this Annual Conference. The U.S also agreed that the annual conference would review the recommendations of the Scientific and Technical Committee concerning the Korean trial fishing plan.

3. Need for using additional vessels

The Central Bering Sea is vast and the sonar used by most fishing vessels may only cover 700 - 1,000m wide. Therefore, only two fishing vessels could not keep track of fish stocks in the vast area and thus failed to collect valuable data. For effective trial fishing, the number of commercial trial fishing vessels should be increased to the utmost.

Korea plans to dispatch 4 trial fishing vessels (see Attachment). Vessels engaged in trial fishing will assess fish stocks at average speed of 7~8kt, in a 5-mile wide in 2006. Fishing method is to keep track of fish stocks with scientific echo-sounder such as sonar, taking into account water temperature and the divergence of planktons, and the net will be thrown when fish stocks are detected. The vessels should observe conservation measures adopted by the Convention. Collected data will be submitted to the next the Scientific and Technical Committee and Annual Conference.

As we are well aware, all Parties have implemented faithfully the Moratorium which have ceased fishing operations temporally for pollock in the open sea since 1993. All parties have been actively participating in concerted efforts to protect and manage the pollock resources in the Bering Sea, wishing that pollock resources will recover to sustainable level.

Even though 12 years have passed since the moratorium, however, the resources of the Central Bering Sea do not seem to recover, while the pollock resources in the waters of coastal states in the Bering Sea are recovering. The Korean fishermen have doubt about this situation. Therefore, this trial fishing may greatly contribute to conservation and management of the Pollock resources in the Central Bering Sea with valuable data collection as well as providing credibility to fishermen.

4. Trial Fishing Plan for 2006

See attachment.

Trial Fishing Plan for 2006

1. The Purposes of Trial Fishing

- To analyze the geographical distribution of Pollock in the Central Bering Sea.
- To estimate total weight and number of fish of Pollock and other fishes
- To collect biological data of Pollock and other fishes (length, sex, body, weight, maturity)

2. Fishing Company

Name of Company	Address	Tel/Fax
Keukdong Fisheries Co.,Ltd	45, Okeum-Dong, SongPa-Ku, Seoul, Korea	82+2+3402+0919 / 82+2+3402+0966
Nambuk Fisheries Co.,Ltd	654, Nambumin-Dong, Seo-Ku, Busan, Korea	82+51+467+1551 / 82+51+243+4211
HanSung Enterprise Co.,Ltd	71, Daekyo-Dong 1Ga, YoungDo-Ku, Busan, Korea	82+51+410+7100 / 82+2+732+5300
Oyang Corporation	76-3, Taepyung-Ro 1Ga, Joong-Ku, Seoul, Korea	82+2+3277+1600 / 82+2+313+8079

3. Descriptions of Trial Fishing Vessel

3-1. Keukdong Fisheries Co.,Ltd

Name of Vessel	Type	G/T	Call Sign
CLOVER Ho	Stern Trawler	997.02	6.S.W.N
Main Dimension			INMARSAT-C No.
Length	Breadth	Depth	
63.18	11.40	5.10	

3-2. Nambuk Fisheries Co.,Ltd

Name of Vessel	Type	G/T	Call Sign
Nambuk Ho	Stern Trawler	5,549.02	6.M.X.T
Main Dimension			INMARSAT-C No.
Length	Breadth	Depth	
104.30	17.80	11.00	

3-3. Han Sung Enterprise Co.,Ltd

Name of Vessel	Type	G/T	Call Sign
Joon Sung Ho	Stern Trawler	2,866	6.L.S.U
Main Dimension			INMARSAT-C No.
Length	Breadth	Depth	
84.91	15.00	9.55	444095484

3-4. Oyang Corporation

Name of Vessel	Type	G/T	Call Sign
2 Oyang Ho	Stern Trawler	3,527.33	6.M.M.E
Main Dimension			INMARSAT-C No.
Length	Breadth	Depth	
88.94	15.00	9.80	444047612

4. Research Area and Cruise Plan

Research area covers the contracting waters delimited by the Convention. Vessels engaged in trial fishing should observe conservation measures adopted by the Convention. Trial fishing will be conducted for two months in Autumn with exception of movement of vessel between port and fishing ground.

Vessel	Cruise Plan
CLOVER Ho	Vessels engaged in trial fishing will assess fish stocks at average speed of 7~8kt, in a 5-mile in width. Fishing method is to keep track of fish stocks with scientific echo-sounder such as sonar, taking into account water temperature and the divergence of planktons, and the net will be thrown when fish stocks are detected.
NAMBUK Ho	
JOON SUNG Ho	
OYANG Ho	

5. Observer

One observer from Korea will be on board each vessel. One observer from other parties will be welcome on board in accordance with the terms and conditions on trial fishing on pollock in 2006. Cost for observer should be paid by the requesting party.

6. Report

The results of trial fishing will be submitted to the next the Scientific and Technical Committee, and Annual Conference and informed to other Parties, including the type of catch and distribution data as specified in the Central Bering Sea Observer Program Manual.