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Attention: Marilyn Coleman, Room 6-403, Group 7826

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Hi Marilyn.

In response to your request for more information, I am providing this letter as an overall explanation as well as the answers to your questions.

I have been a commercial fisherman, focusing almost exclusively on troll-caught albacore tuna. Since 2004, at my personal expense, I have attended the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission meetings each year and sometimes more frequently when I have been able to afford it. I have done so in order to register complaints about illegal driftnet fishing in hopes of mitigating a favorable outcome for our albacore tuna fisheries which have been and are still being exploited. I am explaining this because my activities have been ongoing long before I have formed this organization in hopes of getting some help with the expenses and gaining a more powerful voice.

Here are the answers to the questions that I have been asked:

A. What specific activities do you conduct?

Our primary activities are attending fisheries meetings as representatives of our fishery. Since this is a new organization and I am practically the sole operator, our current activities are quite limited. We had our formation meeting in May of 2019 this year and have an annual meeting of members planned for next spring.

In June of 2019, I attended the Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting in San Die-

go, CA. Either myself or one of the other fishermen will be attending the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (Northern Committee) meeting in September, 2019 in Portland, OR.

The goal of our organization (as financial resources allow us) is to have a representative of the PATAI in attendance at every possible regional and international fisheries meeting that has any impact upon our own fishery.

B. Who participates in the activities?

All members that are able to attend will be in attendance at our annual meeting. At least one representative will be in attendance to the various fisheries governing agencies' meetings as able. When finances allow, we will have more than one person in attendance. This is helpful for having representatives in various sub-committee meetings.

C. Where do you conduct the activities?

Our annual meeting is hosted typically at some hotel conference room in a convenient locality for our members. Currently, most of our members are in Washington and BC, so annual meetings will be held in Port Angeles or Victoria.

The locations of the international and regional meetings we attend vary from year to year. They have been in the past at the following localities: Tokyo, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, American Samoa, Honolulu, San Diego

D. When or how often do the activities occur?

Our annual meetings are held annually. :-)

Regional meetings are held 4 times each year. International meetings are held 3 to 4 times each year.

E. What fees, if any, are charged and how do you determine them?

Members' dues are \$200 per year per vessel, \$100 per captain and \$25 per crew member. These fees have been approved by our members. If they are to be changed, it will be by voice of our members.

F. **What percentage of your time and resources do you spend on the activities?**

Our sole purpose is to attend the regional and international meets as frequently as possible. No one in our organization is paid. We use nearly 100% of our funds to enable our representatives to attend meetings to represent our fishery. We hope to pay their registration fee, their lodging and travel costs and provide a modest allowance for meals and such. (Note that we are NOT currently doing this because the funds are not yet available).

REVENUE AND EXPENSE HISTORY

We have about \$5,000 in our bank account as of the writing of this letter and have not deducted any expenses yet. I have personally paid all expense to date and our website development company has not charged us.

At our next annual meeting, if we have the funds and the membership agrees, I may be reimbursed for my expenses and we may pay our website developer some as well. (Note that the website developer has become a friend and shares a passion for small business so is not leaning on us for payment.) The amount would reimbursed, paid will depend upon the vote of our members.

Things that might be reimbursed or paid (and then would be an expense PAID) would include the following:

- \$350 for setup of non profit
- \$2,000 to print and mail formation invitation letters
- \$1,500 for building website
- \$1,000 paid to a private contractor for research and office assistance
- \$1,200 for San Diego region meeting expenses (air fare and hotel) 3 days
- Total expenses or expense due: \$6,050

My Best Guess Projection for Future Revenue

2020: \$10,000

2021: \$15,000

2022: \$15,000

MEMBER BUSINESSES

We have five categories listed as possible business sponsorships: preservers, protectors, promoters, providers and producers.

We don't yet have any member businesses. The ones you see on the website now are placeholders as examples. No revenue has been exchanged for these. We hope in the future we can raise some funds via business sponsors.

Respectfully submitted,

John Harder

President

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