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INTERIOR OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN UNITED STATES-JAPAN TUNA CONFERENCE IN TOKYO, OCTOBER 9-13

Frank P. Briggs, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Philip H. Trezise, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, will be co-chairmen of the United States delegation to the 5-day United States-Japan Tuna Conference convening in Tokyo, Japan, October 9, 1962, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The conference will be an official intergovernmental meeting of experts on essentially technical matters to exchange information and views on certain aspects of the conservation, production, processing, and marketing of tuna by the United States and Japan. Greater understanding and mutual benefits are expected from this bilateral exchange and discussion of current information on such matters as tuna fisheries, trends in tuna production, conservation and utilization of tuna resources, market trends, and expanded international trade of tuna.

The Tokyo meeting was first suggested last May 16 by Ichiro Kono, Japan's Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry, when he visited the United States and met Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. A similar conference was held in Tokyo in September 1959. Tuna fishery operations since have expanded even more around the globe, and because Japan and the United States are the two most prominent tuna-producing nations in the world, Minister Kono proposed that another conference on tuna would be most appropriate and helpful. Secretary Udall indicated to Minister Kono that the Department of the Interior would generally be interested in such a meeting. Plans for the conference have since been developed by both countries.

Members of the United States delegation are:

Arthur Z. Gardiner, Minister for Economic Affairs, The American Embassy, Tokyo; Fred E. Taylor, Deputy Special Assistant for Fisheries

and Wildlife to the Under Secretary of State; Arnie J. Suomela, Fisheries Attache, The American Embassy, Tokyo; Donald L. McKernan, Director, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and John A. Holston, Donald Y. Aska, Arthur M. Sandberg, Donald R. Johnson, and Lorry Nakatsu, staff specialists of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

Industry advisers who will attend the conference are:

Lester W. Balinger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Cannery Workers and Fishermen's Union, San Diego, Calif.; John B. Calise, Secretary and Business Agent of the Seine and Line Fishermen's Union, AFL-CIO, San Pedro, Calif.; Charles R. Carry, Executive Director of the California Fish Cannery Association, Terminal Island, Calif.; Wilbert M. Chapman, Director, Division of Resources, Van Camp Sea Food Company, Long Beach, Calif.; Clifton D. Day, Manager, Sea Food Division, California Packing Corporation, San Francisco, Calif.;

August J. Felando, General Manager, American Tunaboat Association, San Diego, Calif.; John M. Gizdavich, Vice President, Bumble Bee Seafoods, Inc., Astoria, Ore.; Max J. Gorby, President, California Marine Curing and Packing Company, Terminal Island, Calif.; Donald P. Loker, Executive Vice President, Star-Kist Foods, Inc., Terminal Island, Calif.; Anthony Nizetich, General Manager of the Fishermen's Cooperative Association, San Pedro, Calif.; and John J. Royal, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fishermen's Union Local 33, ILWU, San Pedro, Calif.

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