



The statement of no objection to seize was received from the Secretary of State at 1250 local time, 9 September 1980, and the SHOSHIN MARU NO. 21 was seized. A custody crew consisting of ENS K. Louttit, ENS A. Callwood, ST1 J. Hostetter, RMI D. Hodgkinson, MK2 M. Gohman, and QM2 Crampton was put aboard, and the 800 mile trip to Kodiak began. MUNRO escorted the SHOSHIN MARU NO. 21 for the first night, then resumed her fisheries patrol.



The Japanese crew continued to operate their vessel, under the supervision of the custody crew. Despite the fact that the vessel and her company would lose thousands of dollars due to lost time to fish, confiscation of the fish aboard and a fine of perhaps \$200,000, good relations were maintained between the custody crew and the Japanese. The Japanese fully respected the responsibility of the Coast Guard to enforce the U.S. Federal Law at sea.

On Saturday, 13 September the SHOSHIN MARU NO. 21 arrived in Kodiak. The vessel was turned over to the U.S. Marshal, and ENS Callwood and Louttit flew to Anchorage to present the case to a Coast Guard lawyer and the District Attorney. Settlement of the case, whether in or out of court will take months, but the crew of MUNRO is confident that it did what it set out to do, enforce the Fisheries Conservation Management Act.

