

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 20-85

Assignment of Vessel Royal No. 1

I. Background: In November, 1984, the F/V Royal No. 1 was arrested in Kayangel for illegal fishing. At the time of her arrest, there were approximately 2000 lbs of clam muscle on board the vessel, which had apparently been harvested in the waters of the Republic of Palau. The vessel had not applied for nor received an entry permit authorizing her to be in the waters in Palau. The vessel also had no authorization to fish in the waters of Palau.

Based upon the illegal entry and upon the illegal fishing, the government filed suit in the Supreme Court to forfeit the vessel to the Republic. At the trial of that case, the Court found that the vessel had illegally entered the Republic, and also had engaged in illegal fishing, and ordered the vessel forfeited to the Republic of Palau.

The Republic is presently engaged in planning for the implementation of maritime fisheries patrol, to protect our borders and our natural resources. It may become necessary to utilize the Royal No. 1 in such patrol activities. However, it appears that it will be approximately six months before such patrol activities are underway. It further appears that good use can be made of the Royal No. 1 during this six months time as a fishing vessel, interest in such use having been expressed by both the PFFA and the State of Kayangel.

II. Action: I hereby direct that the F/V Royal No. 1 be registered in the Republic of Palau, with title thereto in the National Government, and that the vessel be assigned to the Ministry of National Resources.

The Ministry of National Resources is directed to assign or utilize said vessel as it deems appropriate until January 31, 1986. At that time, a decision will be made to either make the assignment to the Ministry of National Resources permanent, or to reassign the vessel.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1985.

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Haruo I. Remeliik
President of the Republic of Palau