

30. FOUNDATION FOR AIRBORNE RELIEF SEEKING TO OBTAIN LEASE OF PLATFORM "HARRY" NOW OWNED BY PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY, SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL; SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - W 9561, PRC 2207.1.

Assemblyman W. Don MacGillivray appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Foundation for Airborne Relief to explain the project in which they are involved. The Foundation is seeking to acquire Phillips Petroleum Company's Platform "Harry" in the Santa Barbara Channel, one-half mile offshore at Point Conception for use in development of food from the sea. This platform is deemed ideal as a research area for this particular project. Assemblyman MacGillivray then introduced Mr. Peter F. Burum, an attorney for the Foundation for Airborne Relief, and Mr. Karl W. Selander, their executive vice-president.

Mr. Burum explained to the Commission the past programs of the Foundation and their anticipated project of studying the ocean as a food resource. In addition, they plan to develop equipment that could be used in event of disasters. Platform "Harry" is the facility which would enable them to accomplish their program. Mr. Burum indicated that Phillips Petroleum Company is in agreement with the proposal, subject to the approval of the State Lands Commission.

The Executive Officer reported to the Commission that the Division would work with the Foundation for Airborne Relief and Phillips Petroleum Company and present a more specific recommendation to the Commission at the next regular meeting.

Mr. J. William Russell, Jr., Production Superintendent, Phillips Petroleum Company, reported on the progress of abandoning the wells, stating that 24 wells have been plugged and they are now removing the risers. It is anticipated that 30 to 45 more days will be required to complete this phase. Mr. Russell indicated that at that time more will be known about the proposed project and that Phillips Petroleum Company will be in a position to know whether to hold off removing the platform from the ocean floor, which is a 6 to 9 month project. It was his estimate that complete removal could not be accomplished before the end of 1973.