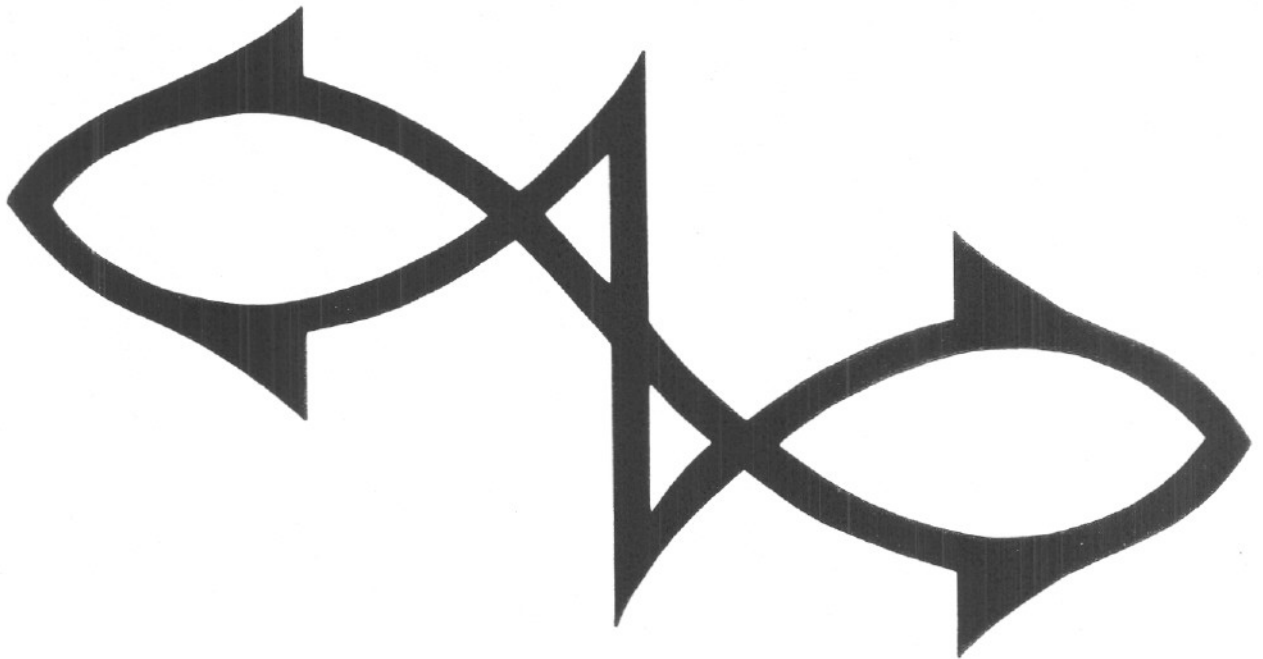


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Opening Statement

STATEMENT

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

As Chairman of the National Council of Marine Resources and Engineering Development, I extend congratulations to the Law of the Sea Institute, of the University of Rhode Island, for directing the attention of many ocean experts from home and abroad to recommendations of the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering and Resources. Your timely review of the Commission's Report will be of considerable value to me, the Council, and its member agencies as we chart the future of our national effort. Only by taking into account the views of the entire marine science community will we be able to set a course that is responsive to both our national need and our growing capability to use the seas more effectively. My best wishes for a successful conference. I look forward to receiving a report.