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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: fishing activity of nonresident,
migrated permits

At the House Special Committee on Fisheries hearing on House Concurrent Resolution 18 on Thursday the 9th of February 2012 Representative Herron expressed interest in knowing about the level of fishing activity of limited entry permits that have migrated Outside.

Please find attached two tables prepared by CFEC's Research & Planning staff. Members of the Fisheries Committee were provided with copies of the Executive Summary of the report entitled 'Changes in the Distribution of Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Entry Permits, 1975 – 2010' in advance of the hearing on HCR 18. In the Executive Summary on Table 2 on page 5 statistics about migration of permits show the historical incidence of permit migration. CFEC staff have in the attached tables set out side-by-side the total number of permits held by nonresidents, the number of nonresidents attributed to migration, the number of nonresident, migrated permits fished in a given year, and the total number of nonresident permits fished in the year. The first table considers all limited entry permits held by nonresidents, while the second table considers only Bristol Bay salmon drift and set gillnet permits.

We hope this information is helpful to the Fisheries Committee as it continues its work on HCR 18. Please let me know if we may provide any further information in response to the issue raised by Representative Herron. Thank you.

**The Number of Alaska Limited Entry Permits Held by Nonresidents
With the Number of Permits Attributed to Migration**

| Year | Total Permits Held by Nonresidents | Nonresident Permits Attributed to Migration | Nonresident & Migrated Permits Fished in the Year | Total Nonresident Permits Fished in the Year |
|-------------|---|--|--|---|
| 1975 | 1,955 | 0 | 0 | 1,358 |
| 1976 | 2,063 | 24 | 15 | 1,704 |
| 1977 | 2,139 | 72 | 54 | 1,750 |
| 1978 | 2,258 | 156 | 136 | 2,014 |
| 1979 | 2,308 | 184 | 158 | 2,068 |
| 1980 | 2,331 | 195 | 153 | 2,086 |
| 1981 | 2,342 | 214 | 180 | 2,151 |
| 1982 | 2,416 | 227 | 202 | 2,241 |
| 1983 | 2,500 | 224 | 198 | 2,244 |
| 1984 | 2,565 | 253 | 204 | 2,288 |
| 1985 | 2,568 | 267 | 227 | 2,304 |
| 1986 | 2,583 | 302 | 257 | 2,330 |
| 1987 | 2,612 | 334 | 273 | 2,354 |
| 1988 | 2,710 | 373 | 314 | 2,458 |
| 1989 | 2,777 | 437 | 302 | 2,179 |
| 1990 | 2,878 | 467 | 381 | 2,540 |
| 1991 | 2,912 | 497 | 408 | 2,598 |
| 1992 | 2,960 | 497 | 401 | 2,576 |
| 1993 | 2,987 | 530 | 407 | 2,564 |
| 1994 | 3,021 | 540 | 402 | 2,551 |
| 1995 | 3,050 | 557 | 419 | 2,596 |
| 1996 | 3,119 | 559 | 391 | 2,545 |
| 1997 | 3,144 | 566 | 419 | 2,590 |
| 1998 | 3,194 | 566 | 390 | 2,501 |
| 1999 | 3,193 | 575 | 381 | 2,430 |
| 2000 | 3,217 | 605 | 389 | 2,426 |
| 2001 | 3,348 | 614 | 368 | 2,251 |
| 2002 | 3,393 | 632 | 312 | 1,870 |
| 2003 | 3,367 | 622 | 333 | 2,001 |
| 2004 | 3,348 | 623 | 340 | 2,028 |
| 2005 | 3,373 | 600 | 351 | 2,133 |
| 2006 | 3,365 | 590 | 312 | 2,031 |
| 2007 | 3,375 | 593 | 328 | 2,096 |
| 2008 | 3,336 | 563 | 322 | 2,116 |
| 2009 | 3,396 | 603 | 351 | 2,195 |
| 2010 | 3,347 | 560 | 315 | 2,178 |

Notes:

These figures are derived from CFEC permit transfer and permit renewal data.

Permit counts represent an end-of-year snapshot. Only Alaska limited entry permits are counted.

Migration represents the change from Alaska residency to residency outside of Alaska.

Migrated permits are based upon the most recent action on the permit. A "migrated" permit retains that status until it is transferred or migrates elsewhere.

"Permits fished" are permits used to record at least one commercial landing in the year, and may have been made by someone else other than the end-of-year permit holder.

**The Number of Bristol Bay Salmon Drift and Set Gillnet Limited Entry Permits Held by
Nonresidents With the Number of Permits Attributed to Migration**

| Year | Total Permits Held by Nonresidents | Nonresident Permits Attributed to Migration | Nonresident & Migrated Permits Fished in the Year | Total Nonresident Permits Fished in the Year |
|-------------|---|--|--|---|
| 1975 | 773 | 0 | 0 | 537 |
| 1976 | 843 | 4 | 2 | 714 |
| 1977 | 872 | 16 | 10 | 705 |
| 1978 | 912 | 24 | 19 | 823 |
| 1979 | 934 | 36 | 29 | 889 |
| 1980 | 951 | 44 | 38 | 926 |
| 1981 | 967 | 48 | 44 | 945 |
| 1982 | 986 | 54 | 50 | 966 |
| 1983 | 963 | 53 | 51 | 951 |
| 1984 | 988 | 61 | 59 | 979 |
| 1985 | 989 | 57 | 54 | 972 |
| 1986 | 991 | 63 | 60 | 971 |
| 1987 | 1,008 | 64 | 62 | 994 |
| 1988 | 1,028 | 71 | 70 | 1,022 |
| 1989 | 1,059 | 90 | 88 | 1,048 |
| 1990 | 1,074 | 103 | 101 | 1,062 |
| 1991 | 1,103 | 116 | 112 | 1,086 |
| 1992 | 1,129 | 117 | 114 | 1,117 |
| 1993 | 1,153 | 129 | 126 | 1,138 |
| 1994 | 1,166 | 129 | 124 | 1,144 |
| 1995 | 1,171 | 127 | 127 | 1,156 |
| 1996 | 1,183 | 129 | 127 | 1,161 |
| 1997 | 1,195 | 133 | 129 | 1,165 |
| 1998 | 1,200 | 129 | 123 | 1,162 |
| 1999 | 1,224 | 131 | 127 | 1,181 |
| 2000 | 1,224 | 138 | 132 | 1,175 |
| 2001 | 1,208 | 133 | 115 | 1,006 |
| 2002 | 1,227 | 134 | 96 | 815 |
| 2003 | 1,243 | 133 | 119 | 966 |
| 2004 | 1,253 | 149 | 128 | 995 |
| 2005 | 1,279 | 151 | 133 | 1,027 |
| 2006 | 1,287 | 150 | 128 | 1,053 |
| 2007 | 1,300 | 154 | 130 | 1,050 |
| 2008 | 1,303 | 142 | 121 | 1,052 |
| 2009 | 1,331 | 151 | 132 | 1,075 |
| 2010 | 1,326 | 135 | 121 | 1,096 |

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