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The following is a letter of legislative intent from the Special Senate Committee on Fisheries on SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126 amended by the Senate:

" March 31, 1973

The Honorable Terry Miller
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. President:

During the meetings and deliberations of the Special Senate Committee on Fisheries regarding Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill 126, the need for an indication of legislative intent became evident. There are certain provisions which this Committee felt would be appropriate, but more satisfactorily accomplished by regulations adopted by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Commission rather than by statute.

The Special Senate Committee on Fisheries strongly feels that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission should place its highest priority on regulating entry into those fisheries designated as "severely impaired". This Committee also wishes to indicate that in determining "significant hardship", the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission give serious consideration to those persons for whom continuance in the fishery provides a necessary part of their annual livelihood even though it may represent a relatively small portion of their actual income, or provide occupation for only a few weeks a year.

The Special Senate Committee on Fisheries has indicated that "present ability to participate in the fishery" is to be used to determine that an individual is actually prepared to be an active fisherman and that he is not merely a speculator in entry permits. In addition, this Committee recommends to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission that in making its annual report to the Legislature, serious consideration be given to the social and economic aspects of the transfer of entry permits.

Finally, this Committee feels that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission should provide for those persons who, because of active military service, have been unable to continue their participation in a fishery.

Respectfully,



W.I. Palmer, Chairman
Special Senate Committee on Fisheries "