

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

January 22, 2001
5:02 p.m.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND OVERVIEW BY COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
ENTRY COMMISSION

TAPES

01-1, SIDES A & B

CALL TO ORDER

REPRESENTATIVE PEGGY WILSON, Co-Chair, convened the House
Special Committee on Fisheries meeting at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Committee members present were Representatives Stevens, Wilson,
Dyson, Coghill, Kapsner, and Kerttula.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

CO-CHAIR WILSON introduced the House Records Secretary and
committee aides for the co-chairs of the House Special Committee
on Fisheries. She stated that Representative Stevens and she
would take turns chairing the meetings.

CO-CHAIR WILSON reviewed committee rules and procedures.

MARY McDOWELL, Commissioner for Commercial Fisheries Entry
Commission (also known as CFEC or Limited Entry Commission)
presented an overview on the Limited Entry Commission. She
included a history of the program, functions of the agency, and
current issues. She also responded to questions asked by
committee members.

Committee members commented on topics of interest for the House
Special Committee on Fisheries.

REPRESENTATIVE DYSON stated his interest in "what we don't know"
about fish resources in Alaska, transported or exotic species,
and exploitation of the test fisheries.

CO-CHAIR STEVENS commented on overall research in Alaska, in particular the sea lion issue.

REPRESENTATIVE KERTULLA expressed her interest in having presentations on the Carlson issue and new shellfish regulations in Southeast Alaska. She also stated that she wanted to learn about future developments with the Frankenfish.

REPRESENTATIVE KAPSNER requested hearing from the Board of Fisheries, and finding out what research is being done to find out why there are continuous fish disasters in the Artic Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) Area

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Friday, January 26, there will be a fisheries caucus at 12:00 p.m. in the Butrovich Room. On Friday, January 26, at 1:00 p.m. there will be a joint meeting with the House Resources Standing Committee for an overview of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Monday, January 29, there will be a general discussion of the Steller sea lion issue.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

CO-CHAIR WILSON adjourned the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting at 5:50 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was recorded and handwritten log notes were taken. A copy of the tape(s) and log notes may be obtained by contacting the House Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2214, and after adjournment of the second session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature this information may be obtained by contacting the Legislative Reference Library at (907) 465-3808.