

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

January 29, 2001

5:05 p.m.

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE STELLER SEA LION ISSUE

**TAPES**

01-4, SIDES A & B

**CALL TO ORDER**

REPRESENTATIVE GARY STEVENS, Co-Chair, House Special Committee on Fisheries, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Committee members present were Representatives Stevens, Wilson, Scalzi, Dyson, Coghill, Kapsner, and Kerttula. Also present were Senator Austerman and Representative Fate.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

DR. BALSIGNER, Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, presented an overview of the issues surrounding sea lions and National Marine Fisheries actions pertaining to these issues. He also responded to questions asked by committee members.

KEVIN DUFFY, Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and a member of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC), reported on the management council meeting in December 2000 and responded to questions from committee members.

DR. ANDREW TRITES, Director, Marine Mammal Research Unit, Fisheries Center, University of British Columbia, presented sea lion research augmented by a slide presentation. He responded to questions from committee members.

GORDON KRUSE, Chair, Governor's Alaska Steller Sea Lion Restoration Team, stated the purpose of the restoration team and gave a synopsis of issues they are dealing with. He answered questions from committee members.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On February 5, HB 61, Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Grants, will be heard. There will also be a presentation on the condition of the Tongass National Forest roads and culverts in reference to fish and game.

On February 12 at 3:00 p.m. there will be tour of the DIPAC hatchery facility.

On February 12 at 5:00, HB 63, Electronic Fish & Game Licensure, will be heard. There will also be an update on the recent Board of Fisheries meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

CO-CHAIR STEVENS adjourned the meeting of the House Special Committee on Fisheries at 6:35 p.m.

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