

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 14, 2001

1:10 p.m.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: FEDERAL CO-MANAGEMENT

TAPES

01-11, SIDES A & B

01-12, SIDE A

CALL TO ORDER

REPRESENTATIVE BEVERLY MASEK, Co-Chair, called the House Resources Standing Committee to order at 1:10 p.m.

PRESENT

Committee members present were Representatives Masek, Scalzi, Fate, Green, Chenault, Stevens, Kapsner, and Kerttula.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

TOM BOYD, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, described to the committee the structure of the Office of Subsistence and the history of federal and state judicial disputes. He stressed that the Federal arm is seeking to work with the state body and with the Native corporations. A copy of his entire presentation was provided in committee packets.

FRANK RUE, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), gave a presentation to the committee that focused on dual management. He stressed that the goal of the department is to protect the resources and the users of the resources, and to regain state management of Alaska's resources.

LAURA BOTTGER, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Section, Civil Division (Anchorage), Department of Law, testified via teleconference. When asked about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' definition of "navigable waters," she clarified that it is difficult to say when a case would be ripe for litigation.

RON SOMERVILLE, Consultant to the Senate/House Majority, who had been asked to look at the co-management issue, presented his finding that the federal arm has managed Alaska's resources in an intrusive manner. Mr. Somerville said he has numerous examples of his findings for overlapping programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no committee announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee thanked its presenters and decided that it would like to hear another overview at some point from the office of the Attorney General.

ADJOURNMENT

CO-CHAIR MASEK adjourned the House Resources Standing Committee meeting at 3:25 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.