

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

April 27, 2017

10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
Representative Zach Fansler
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Representative Geran Tarr

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Mike Chenault
Representative David Eastman
Representative Mark Neuman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

"An Act relating to the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSHB 14(FSH) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 14

SHORT TITLE: LEG. APPROVAL OF BRISTOL BAY SULFIDE MINE

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOSEPHSON

01/18/17	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/9/17
01/18/17	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/18/17	(H)	FSH, RES
01/31/17	(H)	FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
01/31/17	(H)	Heard & Held
01/31/17	(H)	MINUTE(FSH)
04/27/17	(H)	FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120

WITNESS REGISTER

REPRESENTATIVE ANDY JOSEPHSON

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Offered to respond to questions during the hearing on HB 14.

KATI CAPOZZI, Communication Manager
Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC)
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified with opposition for HB 14.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR LOUISE STUTES called the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Representatives Stutes, Kreiss-Tomkins, and Fansler were present at the call to order. Representatives Tarr arrived as the meeting was in progress.

HB 14-LEG. APPROVAL OF BRISTOL BAY SULFIDE MINE

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CHAIR STUTES announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 14, "An Act relating to the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve; and providing for an effective date."

[Before the committee was the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 14, Version 30-LS0161\D, Shutts/Bullard, 1/27/17, which was adopted as the work draft on 1/31/17.]

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REPRESENTATIVE ANDY JOSEPHSON, Alaska State Legislature, offered to take questions should any arise.

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CHAIR STUTES opened public testimony.

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KATI CAPOZZI, Communication Manager, Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC), stated opposition for HB 14, and said it creates uncertainty for current and future projects. She stressed that Alaska has a rigorous permit process in place. Developers may view passage of the bill as a sign of unstableness and unpredictability; thus, serving to hinder developer's interests for pursuing projects within the state.

In previous testimony, she reminded, it has been brought that the Bristol Bay Forever Initiative is unconstitutional, as it violates the separation of powers. Finally, she underscored the importance for supporting economic resource development in the state and urged that HB 14 be rejected.

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CHAIR STUTES solicited further testimony and, seeing none, closed public testimony.

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REPRESENTATIVE FANSLER moved to report the proposed CS for HB 14, Version 30-LS0161\D, Shutts/Bullard, 1/27/17 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 24(FSH) was reported from the House Special Committee on Fisheries.

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CHAIR STUTES thanked the participants and bill sponsor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.