

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study of marketing of fish
6 from southcentral Alaska in markets of the
7 midwestern United States.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
9 ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, although large numbers of workers are idle in Alaska
11 and throughout the United States, the consumers of this country
12 have consistently maintained large fishing industries abroad by
13 the purchase of large quantities of imported fish, which were
14 valued during the year 1960 at over \$360,000,000; and

15 WHEREAS, development of the great fisheries resources of
16 Alaska have hitherto been inhibited by transportation difficulties
17 resulting from Alaska's geographic position; and

18 WHEREAS, it now appears that transportation of fish by truck
19 direct from ports and transshipment points in southcentral Alaska
20 to large markets in the midwestern United States is becoming
21 economically feasible; and

22 WHEREAS, the opening of such a direct market would not only
23 benefit the consumers in midwestern markets, provide fuller em-
24 ployment and fairer returns to the fishermen in Alaska, and en-
25 courage the growth of transportation and supporting industries
26 but would encourage the development of the latent fishery resources
27 of Alaska which are now about to be exploited by foreign fleets;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the development of these new markets will require

SR #53

1 the building of new cold storage installations, the purchase of
2 new equipment, and other large investments; and

3 WHEREAS, a capital investment by private investors can only
4 be made on the basis of good market and transportation information;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Area Redevelopment Administration of the United
7 States Department of Commerce has a program of technical assist-
8 ance which would provide for the gathering of the accurate and un-
9 biased information which is needed by the state and potential
10 investors;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second
12 Session assembled that the Governor is respectfully requested to
13 direct the Division of State Planning in the Office of the Gover-
14 nor to prepare a proposal for a feasibility study of the marketing
15 of fish from the southcentral areas of Alaska in the markets of
16 the midwestern United States by the Area Redevelopment Administra-
17 tion under a technical assistance grant; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested
19 to direct the Division of Tourism and Economic Development of the
20 Department of Commerce to give the Division of State Planning such
21 assistance as it requires in the preparation of this proposal; and
22 be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed
24 to the Honorable Walter Kirkness, Commissioner of Fish and Game;
25 the Honorable Harry L. Rietze, Regional Director of the Bureau of
26 Commercial Fisheries of the Department of the Interior; and the
27 Alaska Delegation in Congress.
28
29