

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9(FSH)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

**Offered: 3/17/93**

**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMAN, Ulmer**

**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 **Relating to state management of the Western Alaska Community Development**  
2 **Quota Program and state fisheries development policy.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is  
5 a fisheries development program involving the federal Department of Commerce, the North  
6 Pacific Fishery Management Council, the State of Alaska, and 55 Bering Sea coast, Aleutian  
7 Islands, and Pribilof Islands communities; and

8 **WHEREAS** the CDQ program has set aside 7.5 percent of the available Bering Sea  
9 pollock quota during 1992 through 1995 for Bering Sea coast, Aleutian Islands, and Pribilof  
10 Islands communities; and

11 **WHEREAS** the amount of pollock available for harvest under the CDQ program is  
12 more than 100,000 metric tons per year and has an estimated valued of \$20,000,000; and

13 **WHEREAS** the CDQ program allocates the available harvest of pollock among  
14 eligible communities, local fishermen's organizations, and local economic development  
15 organizations who in turn reinvest the proceeds from the harvest and processing of the pollock  
16 in additional local fisheries development projects; and

1           **WHEREAS** the CDQ program is important to the economic development of Bering  
2 Sea coast, Aleutian Islands, and Pribilof Islands communities; and

3           **WHEREAS** the operation of the CDQ program is governed by federal and state  
4 regulations that prescribe the goals and objectives of the program, the communities and other  
5 groups that are eligible to participate in the program, application and review procedures, quota  
6 allocation procedures, and reporting and performance requirements; and

7           **WHEREAS** the North Pacific Fishery Management Council established the CDQ  
8 program as a component of the inshore/offshore allocation of Bering Sea pollock; and

9           **WHEREAS** the Secretary of Commerce approved the CDQ program, thereby initiating  
10 one of the most extensive economic development efforts ever to occur in the poorest regions  
11 of Alaska; and

12           **WHEREAS** the CDQ program represents an unparalleled opportunity for long-term  
13 stable economic development for the communities of the Bering Sea coast, Aleutian Islands,  
14 and Pribilof Islands; and

15           **WHEREAS** the Governor of Alaska is designated by the North Pacific Fishery  
16 Management Council to recommend allocations of CDQ resources among eligible  
17 communities; and

18           **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska plays a significant role in the operation of the CDQ  
19 program because the Governor is responsible for requesting, accepting, and reviewing  
20 proposals from eligible communities and organizations that seek a community development  
21 quota allocation and for making recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as to  
22 which applicants should receive a quota allocation and as to how much each applicant should  
23 receive; the Secretary of Commerce accepted and approved all recommendations made by  
24 Governor Hickel for allocation of the 1992 - 1993 pollock community development quota; and

25           **WHEREAS** the CDQ program needs strong leadership and coordinated support from  
26 the State of Alaska to be successful; and

27           **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska does not have a fisheries development policy to guide  
28 either community fisheries development or the Governor's allocative decision-making process  
29 for the CDQ program;

30           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully  
31 requested to continue support for the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ)  
32 Program and related fisheries development programs by

1           (1) devoting full-time staff to coordinate the state's participation in the CDQ  
2 program, to serve as technical advisors to and liaisons with CDQ program participants, to  
3 work with all state agencies involved in the CDQ program, and to work closely with the  
4 federal Department of Commerce and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council;

5           (2) fairly applying state and federal CDQ program regulations to ensure  
6 accomplishment of all the objectives of the program and to ensure continued support for the  
7 program among participants and state and federal agencies;

8           (3) assuring that state residents have access to the fisheries resources in or off  
9 Alaska and that residents have the opportunity to engage in commercial fishing activities in  
10 the area where they live; and

11           (4) initiating a review of past fishery development policy proposals and  
12 formulating and adopting a state fisheries development policy, that includes the CDQ program,  
13 to guide the long-range development of the state's fisheries resources, to take maximum  
14 advantage of the short-term fisheries development opportunities currently available, and to  
15 minimize the effect of any short-term dislocations in the fishing industry of the state.