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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: FINANCE

2/23/78

Date: _____

Mr. President:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had CSRD 773 (Fin) special appropriation to Dept. of Fish & Game, division of commercial fisheries

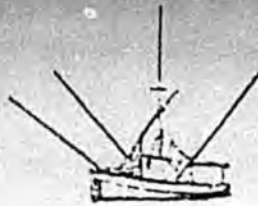
under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee reports it back as follows)

- recommends it do pass recommends it do not pass
- recommends it do pass with attached amendment(s)
- recommends it be replaced with CS for _____
- and _____ new title same title
- AND attaches a Letter of Intent New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- and recommends it be referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Chairman



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January 27, 1978

The Honorable Mike Miller
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Dear Representative Miller;

The Alaska Trollers Association Logbook Program, now entering its third year, has been deemed an important and needed undertaking by fishermen, resource managers and ocean scientists. The enclosed letters of commendation from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service bear this out. Much of the initial two years has been devoted to generating interest and cooperation for the program, training fishermen in data collection techniques and determining the types of information that could best be obtained. Even so, much useful information has already been obtained. Attached is a list of the reports available from our office.

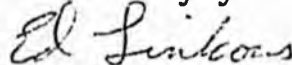
The Logbook Program is the only source of information providing detailed catch and fishing effort data for the Alaska power troll salmon fishery. It also provides virtually the entire data base for determining abundance, distribution and migration patterns of marine mammals in southeast Alaska waters and for monitoring trends in the southeast Alaska marine ecosystem. In 1978, with only a small increase in time and effort for participating fishermen, the Logbook Program will be used to help obtain better information for recoveries of tagged salmon, better understanding of incidence of salmon diseases and parasites and better knowledge of the accuracy of the Alaska fish ticket data collection system.

None of the above information can be feasibly collected by existing state, federal or private agencies. The cost of ship-time and personnel alone would be prohibitive - roughly \$2.7 million! Only Alaska Trollers Association can provide such data at a relatively modest cost, since we rely on voluntary efforts of fishermen. However, we do require a central office staffed with a biologist and secretary-administrator to ensure efficient management and coordination of the Program.

To date we have received a grant of \$40,000 from the State of Alaska for fiscal year 1977 (administered through a contract with A.D.F. & G. to University of Alaska Sea Grant Program). We had also anticipated receiving a grant of \$25,000 from the federal government (through Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program) but have run into delays due to a series of unfortunate misunderstandings. Although we have sufficient funds to print 1978 Logbooks and Annual Reports on 1977 Logbook data, we are in need of funds to run our office for the remainder of fiscal year 1977. We need an additional \$20,000 to continue operations on a "bare bones" level. Therefore, we are asking that you support a request for \$20,000 in supplemental funding from the State Legislature 1978 fiscal year budget to go to our Logbook Program. Additionally, we hope you will ensure that our program is funded in the 1978 fiscal year budget at the increased level of \$65,000. Considering the amount of valuable information our program is able to provide just in the area of fisheries, this is certainly a modest and reasonable funding request.

Fishermen have long desired a voice in the management of the resource they depend upon for their livelihood, and are certainly in the best position to collect much needed information. The Logbook Program has shown that fishermen are responsive and responsible resource users. We hope that you will help us in our efforts to continue and improve our Logbook Program. Please let us know if we can provide you with any further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Ed Linkous, President

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Enclosures

TROLL LOGBOOK PROGRAM REPORTS

1976 Southeast Alaska Troll Logbook Program, Marine Mammal Sightings: Detailed Summary. February 1977. A.D.F.& G. in cooperation with A.T.A., U. of A. Sea Grant and N.M.F.S. 80p.

1976 Troll Logbook Program: General Data Summary by Period and Area. A.D.F.& G. in cooperation with A.T.A., U. of A. Sea Grant and N.M.F.S. 200p.

Graphic Representations of Sea Surface Temperature Data from the 1976 Southeast Alaska Troll Log Book Program. 1977. Northeast and Alaska Fisheries Center Processed Report, N.M.F.S. 80p.

Feeding Habits of Salmon in Southeast Alaska based on Logbook Data and Stomach Samples Collected by Alaska Trollers Association. M.S. Thesis, U. of A. in progress.

Alaska Trollers Association Troll Logbook Program: Annual Report from 1976 Logbook Data. A.T.A., U. of A. Sea Grant, A.D.F.&G. and N.M.F.S. in press (printed by U.of A. Sea Grant).

Relative Abundance and Distribution of Small Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) in Commercial Troll Fishing Waters North and West of Cape Spencer, Southeast Alaska. 1977 A.T.A. Technical Report. 33p. (Printed in Industry's Appraisal of the Alaska Salmon Troll Plan)

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December 19, 1977

Mr. Ed Linkous
Alaska Trollers Association
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Dear Ed,

The North Pacific Council asked me to write to the Alaska Trollers Association through you, commending you and your organization for the objective response you made to the first draft of the Council's management plan for the troll salmon fishery and your help in developing additional material for their consideration when they adopted the plan.

As you will recall, the Council, at the December meeting, was enthusiastic about the Alaska Trollers Association's logbook program recognizing the value of the information that can be derived from this voluntary effort. They want to work closely with you, both in that program and in the development of revisions to the troll management plan.

We are planning on holding a one-day work session to develop research proposals for the troll fishery along the lines suggested by the Council at its last meeting. It will be held in Juneau as early in January as we can schedule everyone. We'd like to have one or two representatives from the Trollers and your fishery biologist, Mr. Stephen Fried attend. Don Collingsworth will be coordinating the workshop and will keep you advised of the time and place. The Council will fund travel for up to two of your members and Mr. Fried for this workshop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JMB', written in a cursive style.

Jim H. Branson
Executive Director



March 9, 1977

Mr. Ed Linkous
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Dear Ed:

Jon Rowley delivered a progress report at a recent Interagency Technical Committee meeting which summarized the Troll Log Book Program for 1977.

We were pleased with the progress of this cooperative program and believe that it should be continued and refined. In addition to the data generation potential, the Troll Log Program elicits vastly improved communications between fishermen, scientists and administrators.

We support the Troll Log Program and will do all we can to assist it.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Rietze
Director, Alaska Region

LOGBOOK PROGRAM BUDGET FY 1979
for
Program and Data Management

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| Salaries and Wages | |
| Project Leader 12 months @ \$2,000 | \$24,000 |
| Project Secretary 6 mos. @ \$1,000 | 6,000 |
| Benefits (10% of salary and wages) | 3,000 |
| Taxes (State and Federal) | 4,500 |
| Travel (including Logbook Workshops prior to fishing season, travel to Fairbanks to help with data reduction, travel to N.P.F.M.C., A.D.F.&G., and N.M.F.S. meetings) | 8,000 |
| Supplies | 1,000 |
| Services | |
| Data Coding and Checking | 3,500 |
| Office Rental and Utilities | 3,500 |
| Communications (phone and postage) | 1,500 |
| Copying and Drafting | 2,000 |
| Logbook Printing (1979, 300 copies) | 2,500 |
| Annual Report Printing (1979, 400 copies) | 2,500 |
| Newsletter (4 times yearly, 400 copies) | 500 |
| Equipment (including drafting materials, electronic calculator) | 2,500 |
| Total | <hr/> \$65,000 |