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Alaska State Legislature  
House

JUNEAU ALASKA

May 1, 1978

TO: SENATOR GEORGE HOHMAN  
FROM: REPRESENTATIVE NELS A. ANDERSON, JR.  
SUBJECT: FISHERIES BIOLOGIST FOR BRISTOL BAY

In our continuing efforts to bring research and management closer to the areas served, it is imperative that the field workers on projects be stationed in the area where research is being conducted. The Arctic Char Predation project is an example of having personnel stationed in the area served.

The predation suppression program must be managed from Bristol Bay since the project needs year round attention. Moving personnel out of the area does not serve any useful purpose other than impede research at considerable non-productive cost.

Predation suppression, utilizing non-lethal methods, is a program that other areas could adopt as a model for saving salmon smolt as they migrate from their spawning streams.

The need to station Bristol Bay research personnel in Anchorage doesn't make sense. Data for computer analysis can be transmitted telephonically. Furthermore, the Bristol Bay area manager is currently understaffed.

There is a critical need to address the predation suppression program as well as the proposed Togiak herring fishery.

The Togiak herring commercial fishery is not researched to determine safe harvest quotas. Additional biological information must be acquired before major damage is done to the herring stock in Bristol Bay.

I believe that additional staff is needed and there is sufficient work for staff research in Bristol Bay.

Resolution From Nushagak Advisory Committee  
to  
State Board of Fisheries

Re: Creation of a Special Bering Sea Herring Budget.

Whereas: The Bering Sea Herring Fishery is a rapidly expanding industry with hundreds of participants; and

Whereas: The managers of this fishery are devoting time and budget dollars that were formerly invested in our valuable salmon fishery; therefore

Be It Now Resolved: That we of the Nushagak Advisory Committee respectfully request that special funding be established on a first priority basis for a Bering Sea Herring Research/Management Staff with an adequate budget to provide for best utilization of this valuable resource.

Signed: Leon C. Braswell  
Leon C. Braswell, Chairman  
Nushagak Advisory Committee

Date: 22 Nov 78

cc: Representative Nels A. Anderson, Jr.  
Commissioner Skoog  
Governor Hammond

Resolution From Nushagak Advisory Committee  
to  
State Board of Fisheries

Re: Emergency Funding for 1979 Bering Sea Herring Research/Management

Whereas: It has come to our attention that the proposed budget for management of the Bering Sea Herring Fishery in the 1979 spring season was cut from the Fish and Game budget; and

Whereas: The money for this management effort will have to be pulled from the salmon budget; therefore

Be It Now Resolved: That we, of the Nushagak Advisory Committee, respectfully request that emergency funds be specifically appropriated to cover any and all expenses needed to adequately monitor this valuable resource. We recognize the budget limitations that have already been placed on the Department as a whole and feel it is not in the best interest of the salmon or herring resources to further squeeze an already tight budget to monitor a new and developing fishery.

Signed: Leon C. Braswell  
Leon C. Braswell, Chairman  
Nushagak Advisory Committee

Date: 23 Apr 79

cc: Representative Mills A. Anderson, Jr.  
Commissioner Slawig  
Governor Hammond

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. HB 133  
 Title An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Fish & Game  
 Requested by House Resources Committee Date 2/14/79

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Department of Fish and Game  
 Program Category Affected Natural Resources  
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Commercial Fisheries

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		31.6	33.5	35.4	37.6	39.9
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT		.5	.5	.6	.6	.6
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32.1</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>40.5</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
GENERAL FUND		32.1	34.0	36.1	38.2	40.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84
FULL TIME		1	1	1	1	1
PART TIME		0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

- Assume Biologist I, range 14, Dillingham  
 FY '80 budget year salary 31.6  
 Necessary supporting equipment .5  
**TOTAL 32.1**  
 Inflation straight line 68

IV. DATE 2/15/79 PREPARED BY Russell H. Clark  
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