

HB

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AGO 125405

4/21 Reported out as CS



Alaska State Legislature

House

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

FISH & GAME ISSUES

Alvin Osterback, Chairman

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HEARING NOTIFICATIONS

Re: Cumulative Qualifications for Limited Entry Permits

| BILL | DATE INFORMED | LETTER/PHONE | INFORMED | HEARING DATE |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| HB 879 | | 586-2820 | United Fishermen of Alaska | 4/21 |
| | | 586-3456 | Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Rep. Fuller, sponsor | 4/21 |

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

2/18/80

FURTHER:

Date: _____

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had MB 879
"An Act relating to limited entry permits."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

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

**MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS**

**MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

CHAIRMAN

HB 879: An Act Relating to Limited Entry

This bill extends point pooling to the A-Y-K by including freshwater fisheries. If a person applied for two or more limited entry permits under AS 16.43.250 (d) but did not qualify for a permit (same kind of fish, same gear, but different areas), he can pool his points in the fisheries to obtain a permit in the fishery for which he is most qualified. The new section (f) states how, because of the different point threshold levels in salt and freshwater fisheries, a determination of eligibility would be made.

John Williams, of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, has said that this bill would affect less than two dozen people, all of them gillnetters. These are people who traditionally have fished for a living, but have fished in more than one area and are not eligible for a permit in any one area, and so are now out of the fisheries. Since this bill adds so few new permits, it does not run contrary to the stated purpose of Limited Entry, which is to preserve the resource by limiting the number of fishermen. Williams knows of two people who have submitted multiple applications in the A-Y-K (one of these fished in Norton Sound and the Kuskokwim). He says it would take a computer search to see how many fished in Bristol Bay and the Kuskokwim or Yukon.

Jess Walters, also of the CFEC, called this bill "a great way to make sure people who have a long but mixed history in fishing can get into the fisheries." This bill does not add new people to the fishery, but is more a clean-up measure to take care of those who moved around, but still fished.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. HB 879
 Title "An Act Relating to Limited Entry Permits"
 Requested by Fuller Date 04/21/80

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected Office of the Governor - Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry
 Program Category Affected NRMEC Commission
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY 79 | FY 80 | FY 81 | FY 82 | FY 83 | FY 84 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| 200 TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL | | | | | | |
| 400 COMMODITIES | | | | | | |
| 500 EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| 700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC. | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

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| GENERAL FUND | | | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER (Specify Fund Source) | | | | | | |
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POSITIONS

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| FULL TIME | | | | | | |
| PART TIME | | | | | | |
| TEMPORARY | | | | | | |

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

No fiscal impact.

IV. DATE 04/21/80 PREPARED BY Derrill L. Johnson
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 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)