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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1980

SUBJECT: Salmon seine vessel length
(Work Order Number 8028)

TO: Representative Alvin Osterback

FROM: Kenneth E. Vassar
Legislative Counsel 

Enclosed is the resolution you requested asking the Board of Fisheries to adopt regulations imposing limitations on the lengths of salmon seine vessels in the state waters around Kodiak, Shumagin Island and the Alaska Peninsula. Your request came with no back-up material, and in order to meet the personal bill deadline, I decided to fill in the "whereas" clauses of the resolution as best I could. You should be aware, however, that I cannot say that these "whereas" clauses are factually correct. Specifically, I do not know that the state waters around Kodiak, Shumagin Islands and the Alaska Peninsula would be especially vulnerable to overharvesting of salmon if no limitation on the length of the salmon seine vessels existed in those waters. Moreover, I think you should be aware that there is no present need for the regulations requested by this resolution since the limitation on the length of salmon seine vessels is presently imposed statewide by AS 16.05.835. I know that there is a bill to repeal that law and that your committee has discussed the bill; therefore, I added the last "resolved" clause of the resolution requesting that the regulations take effect if AS 16.05.835 is repealed.

KEV:ljb

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