

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

3/11/81

Date: May 6

Mr. President:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had SCR 15
gathering and evaluation of comprehensive information about salmon stocks in
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim management area

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 SCR 15 (P) same title
 new title
- and recommends do pass
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

1 Brad Bradley
1 Don Gilman
1 Bob Mulcahy
1 V. Fischer

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 Larry Schenkamp
 CHAIRMAN Do Pass

Original Sponsors: Ferguson, Hohman
and Sackett

Offered: 5/7/81
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the gathering and evalua-
6 tion of comprehensive information
7 about salmon stocks in the Arctic-
8 Yukon-Kuskokwim management area.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (A-Y-K) fisheries management area
11 contains all the interior river systems and the drainages of the Bering Sea
12 and Arctic Ocean north of the Alaska Range and the Bristol Bay drainage from
13 Cape Newenham to Demarcation Point at the Canadian Border, and includes not
14 only coastal gillnet salmon fisheries but also freshwater gillnet, and fish-
15 wheel salmon fisheries; and

16 WHEREAS the subsistence salmon fisheries in the A-Y-K management area
17 provide a primary source of food for many residents of the region; and

18 WHEREAS the commercial salmon fisheries in the A-Y-K management area
19 provide the only significant occupational opportunities for many of the re-
20 gions residents; and

21 WHEREAS the geographic nature of the A-Y-K management area and the
22 rapid expansion of the commercial fisheries in that region dictate complex
23 management and allocation concerns and issues for the Department of Fish and
24 Game and the Board of Fisheries, particularly those issues and concerns stem-
25 ming from interception of salmon in mixed stock fisheries along the fresh and
26 saltwater migration routes; and

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9 tunity to complete the gathering and evaluation of necessary comprehensive
10 information regarding salmon stock identification, enumeration, separation,
11 migration patterns and run timing, escapement, and smolt outmigration; and

12 WHEREAS the economic and social ramifications stemming from resource
13 allocations among user groups and gear types in mixed stock interception fish-
14 eries in the A-Y-K management area and from the diminished subsistence and
15 commercial opportunities occasioned by the foreign interception of western
16 Alaska salmon can be ameliorated by improved in-season management by the
17 Department of Fish and Game which is dependent on comprehensive information
18 about the salmon stocks in the A-Y-K management area;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
20 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to gather
21 and analyze comprehensive information regarding the identification, enumera-
22 tion, separation, migration patterns and run timing, escapement, and smolt
23 outmigration of all salmon stocks in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim management
24 area; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Fish and Game initiate the
26 gathering and analysis of comprehensive information regarding the biological
27 effects upon salmon stock escapement in streams of origin by the foreign
28 interception of salmon bound for western Alaska; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Fish and Game and the Board of

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

TWELFTH Legislature FIRST Session

SENATE CONC. RESOL. NO. 15

By FERGUSON, HOHMAN

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