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COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. President:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had SB 249  
fisheries information planning and evaluation

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 SB 249  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

*W. T. ...*  
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*David Bradley*  
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*Bob ...*  
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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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*Walter ...*  
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 CHAIRMAN

SENATE AMENDMENT

By \_\_\_\_\_

To: Committee Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 249

To: \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Committee Substitute for  
S.B. 249 (Water)*

# Alaska State Legislature

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## Senate

### Committee on Resources

May 6, 1981  
1:30 p.m.

Beltz Room  
211 - Capitol

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp  
Senator Fischer  
Senator Bradley  
Senator Mulcahy  
Senator Gilman

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#### Hearing:

- SB 388 An Act relating to the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
- SCR 15 Relating to the gathering and evaluation of comprehensive information about salmon stocks in the Artic-Yukon-Kuskokwim management area.
- SB 249 An Act relating to fisheries information planning and evaluation.
- SJR 43 Requesting the United States Senate to support continuation of the present fur seal harvest quota.

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Rosaleen Moore, Chairman of the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank, stated that she supported the amendments to SB 388 by the United Fishermen of Alaska.

Pete Argetsinger, General Counsel for CFAB, discussed the issue of auditing CFAB. He stated that the legislative auditors are not bound to keep information confidential, while the banking auditors are covered by very strict federal and state requirements of confidentiality.

Larry Butterfield, Vice President, Spokane Bank of Cooperatives, stated that SB 388 clarifies CFAB's status as a private cooperative, and also, the confidentiality of CFAB's records. He stated that government oversight is necessary to make sure the intent of the original law is being carried out and that the state's investment is protected.

In response to the question, if SB 388 did not pass would you keep loaning CFAB money? Mr. Butterfield, stated that they would keep loaning money to CFAB. He indicated that if CFAB was challenged in court it might be declared a state agency.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move the amendments to SB 388 by United Fishermen of Alaska.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the following amendments to SB 388: page 4, line 1 delete "may" and insert "shall" in its place; page 4, line 4, between the words "or a" insert "may provide to"; page 5, line 8 starting with the word "However" and delete the sentence to line 11.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move SB 388 as amended with individual recommendations.

Senator Mulcahy stated that SCR 15 is the result of finding out that alot of information is available in the Departments but there is a need for the gathering and evaluation of comprehensive information about the salmon stocks in the Artic-Yukon-Kuskokwim area.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move Committee Substitute for SCR 15 with individual recommendations.

Senator Mulcahy stated that SB 249 is the result of finding out that it is not easy to gather fisheries information because it is located in numerous locations. The Division of Commercial Fish spends most of its time on management of the fisheries and preparing for the Board of Fisheries meetings. They do not have enough time or employees to gather and put together the information addressed in the bill.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move CSSB 249 with individual recommendations.

Senator Mulcahy stated that the fur seals in the Pribilof Islands contribute to the economy and provide a subsistence food base. The United States Senate is proposing to cut the annual harvest down to 7800 fur seal. SJR 43 is directed to the U.S. Senate to encourage them to continue the present fur seal harvest quota.

Senator Fischer put forth the following amendment: on page 1 between lines 10 and 11 insert " WHEREAS a reduction of the annual take of adult male seals would endanger the population stability of the Pribilof fur seal herd;" The manedment was accepted.

Senator Mulcahy put forth the motion to move SJR 43 as amended with individual recommendations.

The Committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

JUNEAU, ALASKA

### RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senate Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries

SUBJ: SB 249 "An Act relating to fisheries information planning and evaluation; and providing for an effective date."

The subcommittee has taken testimony and replaced SB 249 with CSSB 249 and reports CSSB 249 back to the committee as a whole with the following recommendations.

Members	Recommendation
Senator Mulcahy	<u>Bob Mulcahy</u> No Pass
Senator Eliason	<u>Ch. Eliason</u> No Rec
Senator Gilman	<u>Alan Gilman</u> No Rec pending possible Amendment



# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

JUNEAU, ALASKA

### RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

April 29, 1981

#### Senate Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mulcahy at 3:09 PM. All members of the committee were present.

First on the Agenda was SCR 15 "Relating to the gathering and evaluation of comprehensive information about salmon stocks in the A-Y-K management area".

Doug Pope, of the AYK Fin Fish Project testified on SCR 15. He stated that the resolution was a result of work that he and staff had done, and explained what was to be accomplished by the resolution.

SCR 15 was moved with individual recommendations.

Next on the agenda was SB 249 "An Act relating to fisheries information planning and evaluation".

Doug Pope testified on SB 249. He said that the bill came from the same project that SCR 15 came from. He explained the bill to the committee.

Senator Gilman explained some concerns he had with the bill, and proposed amendments to the bill.

SB 249 was moved with individual recommendations.

Next on the agenda was SB 508 "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development for a pilot project to finance the Nushagak Fish Producers Coop".

Carl Heyano, Secretary of the Nushagak Fish Producers Cooperative, testified on SB 508. He briefly stated the history and present circumstances of the Nushagak Fish Producers Cooperative, and why he felt they needed funding.

Chairman Mulcahy asked if other attempts had been made to achieve funding, specifically with CFAB or ARRC.

Mr. Heyano stated that Archie Gottschalk could answer that question better.

Archie Gottschalk testified next on SB 508. He stated that attempts had been made to get funding from ARRC, but that they had fallen through.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mulcahy at 3:57 PM.



# Alaska State Legislature

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

### RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

#### SECTIONAL ANALYSIS OF COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 249

Sec. 1: This section details findings and purposes of the legislature.

Sec. 2: This section adds Fisheries Information Planning and Evaluation to the duties of the division of commercial fisheries. Briefly these are:

1. Locate and gather all known data regarding all relevant information on all significant fish stocks, including underutilized species, in the state.

2. Identify all data needed to ensure that fisheries allocations will be effectively addressed among user groups with improved in-season management.

3. Identify the information in need of further analysis so that it can be effectively used by the department.

4. Assist the department and the Board of Fisheries in identifying fisheries areas that are or will be in need of special information and data collection.

5. Assist the department in identifying data necessary to improve the states' position in all international agreements or discussions.

6. Participate with all the sections, the Board of Fisheries, and any other programs authorized by the commissioner, in the preparation of state and region wide management plans.

7. Prepare an annual report to the legislature. This report shall detail the information available for each fish stock, the additional work necessary to achieve the purposes of this Act, and it shall also identify the research projects that are continuous and those that have a definite time period.

Sec. 3: This section provides that an appropriation for a research project is good for the duration of that project, and that any unused funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 4: This section provides an effective date of immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CSSB 249  
 Title An Act relating to Fisheries Information and Planning  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Fish and Game  
 Program Category Affected NRMEC  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Commercial Fisheries  
 (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 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		126.8	139.5	54.8	60.2	66.2
200 TRAVEL		15.0	16.5			
300 CONTRACTUAL		12.0	13.2			
400 COMMODITIES		6.0	6.6			
500 EQUIPMENT		14.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>167.8</b>	<b>175.8</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>66.2</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		167.8	175.8	54.8	60.2	66.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		3	3	1	1	1
PART TIME		1	1			
TEMPORARY						

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

See attached

IV. DATE April 22, 1981 PREPARED BY Janet R. Green *JRG*  
 AGENCY Department of Fish and Game  
 PHONE 465-4120  
 Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)  
 Ronald D. Lehr, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note for CSSB 249 continued:

Resources required to bring the Commercial Fisheries Division planning effort up to the lead required to meet the intent of this bill are estimated as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost (FY-82)</u>
100	FB IV, permanent, 12 mm	\$ 49.8
	Planner III, permanent, 12 mm	37.7
	Clerk Typist III, permanent, 12 mm	22.8
	Programmer II, seasonal, 6 mm	16.5
	Subtotal	\$126.8
200	Travel and per diem	\$ 15.0
300	Phone	\$ 6.0
	Xerox	1.0
	Printing and binding charges	5.0
	Subtotal	\$ 12.0
400	Miscellaneous office commodities	\$ 6.0
500	Desks, chairs, file cabinets	\$ 4.0
	IBM Displaywriter and options	10.0
	Subtotal	\$ 14.0
	TOTAL	\$167.8

Note: Anticipated two years to bring stock status-fishery unit planning documents to completion. After that anticipate maintenance would be a function of one position working with regional staffs.



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BILL ANALYSIS

Department Fish and Game	Sponsor (Principal) Resources	Bill Number CSSB 249 (Resources)
Department Position Support in concept		
Division Director Steven Hannyer	Date 4/17/91	Commissioner Donald O. Skog

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE

Comments:

<input type="checkbox"/> Position Noted	By	Date
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SUMMARY

1. a) Related Bills (Similar or Conflicting) Unknown	1. b) Other Agencies Affected by Bill Unknown
2. a) Organizational Support for Bill Unknown	2. b) Organizational Opposition to Bill Unknown

3. Program Effects of Bill  
See comments

4. Fiscal Impact:  None  Fiscal Note Attached

5. Amendments Proposed:

6. Comments:

The intent of this legislation is excellent. Most of the language reads as duties already being carried out to some degree in the fisheries divisions, but that require substantial improvement. Some fisheries planning improvements will result from D-2 budget approvals for planners operating through the Deputy Commissioner for Program Management and each of the Divisions. This does not directly address the sort of inseason resource management, allocation, and stock status information spoken to by the legislation.

The Commercial Fisheries Division is currently approaching the ability to provide the information and planning discussed in the bill for commercial and subsistence fisheries

(continued on reverse)

and resources through a stock status/fishery unit planning effort and a fishery unit budgeting process. This is the type of information planning and presentation the Legislature is requesting be available prior to each session. The Division is working in this direction, but at present level of staffing is moving too slowly due to lack of senior people with the time to adequately do the job. D-2 planning will help; however, personnel will be directed somewhat away from the priorities addressed in the bill, at least initially.

Improved information management, evaluation, and utilization are required for the commercial and subsistence fisheries. It is, of course, also required for recreational fisheries and for the utilization of supplemental production to enhance our fisheries. Regional Planning Teams developing comprehensive salmon regional plans are addressing the way in which supplemental production will contribute to overall resource objectives. The effort addressed in this bill would enable the Commercial Fisheries Division to provide the Regional Planning Team process with the necessary information and background on management of fisheries stocks.

The Department is developing a total planning process that includes coordination between the fisheries divisions. Efforts being carried out under Regional Planning Teams, D-2 planning efforts, and information regarding recreational, commercial and subsistence fisheries will be blended into overall resource plans for different areas in the long run. We believe this bill would direct the Commercial Fisheries Division to bring its planning effort and information base up to a standard to support this overall effort.

One item gives us some concern. On page 2 of the bill, item a-1 indicates that we are going to locate, gather, and make available for public inspection "all known information and data from all known sources" etc. Certainly if we were to become an overall library information service of the magnitude indicated in this section we would have to very greatly expand our staff. The Commercial Fisheries Division should not necessarily be the entity to store, analyze and disseminate information on all fisheries and fish populations in the state. There are already efforts to create a "data center" for fisheries information in the Department which initially deals with fish ticket and production data but ultimately could include a library function and data information service for all divisions. Something of this type seems more appropriate than any single division trying to fill this function, although each division will have to provide the information and analysis for the resources and fisheries it manages.