

SB

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STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____
 Revision Date: _____
 Title: Act relating to herring stripping
 Sponsor: Zharoff
 Requestor: _____

Bill Version: SB 104
 Publish Date: 2/4/87

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Commercial Fisheries

Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: R.C. Clasby Phone: 465-4210
 Division: Commercial Fisheries Date: 2/6/87

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 2/12/87
 Agency: Fish and Game

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STATE OF ALASKA
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BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Commercial Fisheries	BILL NUMBER SB 104	SPONSOR Zharoff
DEPARTMENT POSITION Neutral			
PREPARED BY R.C. Clasby	DATE 2/6/87	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 2/12/87

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL Environmental Conservation	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL Bering Sea herring fishermen and processors
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL Unknown	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL Unknown

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

During the development of the Bering Sea herring sac-rope fisheries, rope stripping and at-sea carcass disposal was felt to be necessary because of the high cost of other processing techniques. It has been the intent of the Legislature to disallow stripping and carcass disposal by a time certain as an incentive to the industry to develop other processing techniques. SB 104 extends the sunset dates set in 1985 by three years.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

This bill, as well as current law, requires that a person obtain a permit from the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game before disposing of herring carcasses at sea. The permit application must contain an operational plan demonstrating how the person will meet the sunset provisions of the legislation. The only program effect on the department is the processing of those permits. The effect has been minimal, and would be assumed to continue to be minimal under the proposed legislation. The following table contains information on permits issued since the adoption of the requirement in 1985.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Years Applied</u>	<u>Areas</u>
North Coast Seafood	'85 & '86	Togiak, Goodnews Bay, and Norton Sound
Kemp Paulucci	'85 & '86	Togiak
Richard Newby	'85	Togiak
Western Fish Producers	'86	All Areas

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

None

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February 24, 1987

Senator Fred Zharoff
Senator Tim Kelly
Senator Jack Coghill
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, AK 99811

We are supporters of Senate Bill 104 which will extend the exemption for herring stripping in the Bearing Sea fisheries.

We wish to advise that passage of this bill will allow our firm to purchase 300 to 400 tons more fish, including native gillnet fish from Togiak, Security Cove and Good News Bay. For your information, we would be able to purchase in excess of our freezing capacity if we are allowed to strip.

Your efforts to pass this bill are greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ernest Nagai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Ernest Nagai
Vice President

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March 6, 1987

Senator Tim Kelly
Alaska State Legislature
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Senator Kelly,

Recently, a copy of Senate Bill 104 regarding herring stripping was brought to my attention. Our company is involved in the seafood industry in Alaska and find the bill to be just the approach we need to take care of the problems of herring processing.

Through the years, we have been associated with certain firms that rely upon stripping as an alternative or additional method of processing. Normally, the herring is frozen in block with minimal labor involved. As the situation dictates, after four or five days, frozen product becomes less desirable because of quality deterioration and stripping of the product is necessary.

By barring herring stripping, effectively these companies must curtail the amount of herring purchased from fishermen. In addition, the number of labor hours aboard the vessel will decrease dramatically. The State of Alaska then loses out in both fish tax and payroll revenues.

I do not profess to know all the pros and cons in the matter of herring stripping, but I know many firms will be adversely affected. Your serious consideration to the support of Senate Bill 104 will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,
POLAR ICE SEAFOODS, INC.

Kunio Kikuchi
Vice-President

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