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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred: January 23, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2-1-89

The RESOURCES Committee recommends that:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 (Resources)

[INCREASE CHINOOK SALMON QUOTA]

Requesting the Pacific Salmon Commission to increase Alaska's chinook salmon quota.

[] be replaced with _____ [] the same title
[] a new title

[] have attached amendment(s)

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- fiscal note(s) published: _____
- zero fiscal notes(s) published: 2 ca.

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER THAN DO PASS:
(Do Not Pass, No Recommendation, Amend)

Chairman's signature

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

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Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
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Components: Commercial Fisheries
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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CS causes no additional fiscal impact. Prior fiscal note attached. 

Prepared by: Robert C. Clasby Phone: 465-4210
Division: Commercial Fisheries Date: 1/17/89

Approved by Commissioner:  Date: _____
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Distribution (by preparer):

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December 7, 1988

The Honorable Steve Cowper
Governor of the State of Alaska
Governor's House
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Cowper:

I'm writing to ask your assistance in urging our delegation to the U.S./Canada Salmon Treaty Talks to make a major, no-holds-barred effort to raise the King Salmon quota for the Alaskan fishermen.

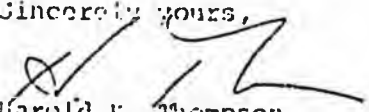
We all know that King Salmon stocks have taken a dramatic turn for the better and that a massive reallocation to harvestors in other States on the west coast is taking place.

King Salmon used to be a mainstay of the fishermen and processors of Sitka, but now unfortunately we are left with very little to work with. Coupled with poor returns of coho, Sitka was "on vacation" all summer last season. We as a company are having a hard time keeping a resident full-time crew together as a consequence and will have to resort to more and more out of State transient type workers if we cannot provide steady employment. Every King salmon represents a \$10 bill to our employees and company in terms of wages, profit and cost coverage.

I personally find it very discouraging to listen to story after story from the hundreds of trollers we buy from about the scores of Kings turned loose on a daily basis, many of which die.

Anything you can do to lend your considerable influence and personal conviction to this battle will surely be appreciated by myself, the Sitka fishermen and processing workers.

Sincerely yours,


Harold R. Thompson
President

SPONSOR: Anderson

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 87-358

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE
CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE TREATY
COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING
THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER

WHEREAS, there is a high availability of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has suffered an economic loss due to the U.S.-Canada Salmon Treaty quotas; and

WHEREAS, Alaska and Canada are presently on a maximum quota, while Washington and Oregon have tremendously increased their harvest of Chinook salmon; and

WHEREAS, Washington and Oregon indicator streams are 300% above the treaty escapement goals; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above facts, there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska quota,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka requests Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota for Alaska this winter.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th day of SEPTEMBER, 1987.

Dan Keck, Mayor

A T T E S T:



Pelican Seafoods Inc.

P.O. Box 601
Pelican, Alaska 99832 0601 U.S.A.
(907) 735-2204 or 735-2205
WHX 956 - Channel 16 VHF
41250 558

Earl Krygier
A.T.A. Juneau, Ak.

May 11, 1988

Earl,

As Resident Manager of Pelican Seafoods I am writing regarding the upcoming Summer season. The shortened Troll Salmon season will have far reaching effects on the city of Pelican and Pelican Seafoods Inc. All of the workers and citizens in this town will be adversely affected. Seafood production is the pulse by which this community is measured.

One sixth of the town budget is derived from the Raw fish tax. One tenth of the budget comes from the sales tax generated by the one store in town. The well being and livelihood of hundreds of people depends on prosperous commercial fishing.

Pelican Seafoods is heavily dependent on the revenue generated by Troll Salmon. We all have 12% less time to catch and process Troll Salmon this season. Admittedly the King Salmon not caught in June will be caught in July this year. However, the June Cohos, Pinks, Sockeye and Chum will be lost.

We can ill afford the absence of a large Troll fleet for an additional ten days. An idle Plant and its workers means no State tax monies, no harbor moorage fees, and diminished store revenues. The resulting loss of tens of thousands of dollars in revenue, wages and taxes is multiplied because this money won't be spent in the town to generate more jobs, services etc. These losses must be viewed as very significant in these difficult economic times.

Pelican Seafoods Inc. has already been planning on a July 1, 1988 Troll opening. The logistics of gearing a plant up for a summer Salmon season are large and complex. If the season opening date can possibly be moved up to June 26, then I need to know this by June 1, 1988.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Norman
Resident Manager
Pelican Seafoods Inc.



City

of

received
Pelican

BOX 757

PELICAN, ALASKA 99832

PHONE 735-2202

RESOLUTION 1988-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PELICAN
URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE
TREATY COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY
IN INCREASING THE CHINOOK SALMON QUOTA
FOR ALASKA.

WHEREAS, there was again a further increase in available Chinook salmon during the summer of 1988 (48% increase over the summer of 1987 which was a 51% increase over the previous year); and

WHEREAS, undue economic disruption has been suffered by the Southeast Alaskan troll fleet with the traditional 169 day summer Chinook season going to 23 days in 1987 and to only 12 days in 1988; and

WHEREAS, other salmon net gear groups are also being held to restrictive quotas; processors are loosing Chinook markets and are unable to fill orders with such a short season and the Southeast Alaska economy as a whole is suffering economic loss due to U.S. Canada Salmon Treaty quotas; and

WHEREAS, the burdens of conservation were to be shared to rebuild stocks, the benefits of fish in excess of escapement needs were also to be shared; and

WHEREAS, Alaska and Canada are presently on a lidded quota to achieve rebuilding, while Washington and Oregon have tremendously increased their harvest of chinook salmon; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above facts there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaskan Chinook quota so as to share in these benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pelican to request Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to continue to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota by a meaningful amount during the upcoming 88-89 "fair sharing" treaty negotiations.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PELICAN CITY COUNCIL THIS 19th DAY OF
DECEMBER, 1988.

attest: *Gerri Wirta*
Gerri Wirta, City Clerk

signed: *Reuben Yost*
Reuben Yost, Mayor



City of Petersburg
P. O. Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska 99839

December 6, 1988

Steve Cowper, Governor
State of Alaska
Fouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Dear Governor Cowper:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution No. 1160-R, passed and approved by the Petersburg City Council on December 5, 1988.

This resolution was presented to the Council by the Petersburg representative of the Alaska Trollers Association and received the unanimous support of the City Council.

The Mayor and Council and the troll fishermen of Petersburg want to express their appreciation to you and the Treaty Commission for your efforts in the past to increase the Chinook quota. We are aware of the difficulties encountered in considering this complex issue but hope continued efforts on your part and by the Treaty Commission will help gain some quota increases for the future.

Sincerely,

Arleen Pence

Arleen Pence, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Petersburg, Alaska

RESOLUTION NO. 1113-R(a)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE TREATY COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER.

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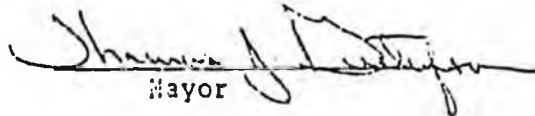
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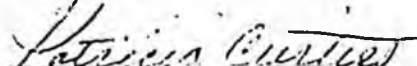
WHEREAS, in light of the above facts, there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska quota.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Petersburg to request Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota for Alaska for this winter.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Petersburg, Alaska this 5 day of October 1987.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



ADOPTED AUGUST 1972

CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

INCORPORATED FEB 15, 1903

BOX 531, 99929

307) 874-2381

November 5, 1987

Governor Steve Cowper
Post Office Box A
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0101

Dear Governor Cowper:

Enclosed is City of Wrangell Resolution Number 10-87-285. A resolution urging your support for an increase in the chinook salmon quota for Southeast Alaska.

During the last phase of negotiations for the United States-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty the representatives of the Southeast Alaska fishermen agreed to make some concessions lowering the chinook salmon catch quotas in the Southeast region. This move had a positive influence on the ratification of the Treaty, but also placed some severe restrictions on the chinook catch in Southeast Alaska creating a negative economic factor as a result.

In return for the concessions, the Southeast representatives were assured that mitigating funds would be forthcoming to be used for fisheries enhancement and hatchery development designed to improve chinook fisheries in the Southeast. At that time it appeared there was a distinct possibility that the Treaty review scheduled for 1987 would result in additional catch restraints that would compound the loss for our Southeast fleet. Some of the promised funding has been released incrementally, and various enhancement programs are being implemented as a result.

During the past coho season our fishermen experienced a large abundance of chinook salmon that had to be released because the quota was reached. A physical indication that chinook were on the increase. In addition the Alaska Department of Fish and Game indicates a substantial increase of chinook in Southeastern waters, and as high as 60% of the chinook caught in some areas were hatchery fish from Alaskan projects. It appears that our hatchery program is producing tangible results, while at the same time the natural stock is increasing. All indicators suggest that chinook salmon are definitely increasing in number in our Southeast Alaska waters. Based on this information we firmly believe that our representatives should stand firm with a request for a substantial increase in chinook salmon quotas in Southeast Alaska waters during the upcoming Pacific Salmon Treaty review process.

*Paul
Homer Jett
7-9-87*

CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

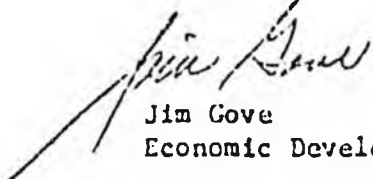
Governor Steve Cowper

November 5, 1987

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By way of the enclosed resolution, we formally ask your support in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Gove
Economic Development Director

JG

cc: Don Collinsworth
Steve Pennoyer

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THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 87-1519

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE TREATY COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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REAS, in light of the above facts, there is no logical reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska

RESOLUTION, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby requests Governor [Name] to instruct the Treaty Commission to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota for Alaska this winter.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon [Name] and approval.

RESOLVED AND APPROVED THIS 15th day of OCTOBER, 1987.


Ted Ferry
Mayor


Ken Miles
City Clerk

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE - SENATE

SENATOR RICHARD I ELIASON

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Representative Curt Menard, Co-Chairman
Representative Cliff Davidson, Co-Chairman
House Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Dick Eliason 

DATE: January 23, 1989

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Thank you for taking these factors into consideration.

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AN OVERVIEW

Pacific Salmon Commission:

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The panels review the annual post-season reports, annual pre-season fishing plans, and the salmonid enhancement plans. They then provide the commission with recommended annual fishing regimes. The Fraser Panel is unique in that it has inseason management authority over Fraser River pink and sockeye salmon stocks.

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- * The goal of the board was to rebuild Alaskan stocks in three cycles (15 years). Eleven indicator systems were selected to measure the success of the rebuilding. The escapement goal for the indicators systems was set at 64,000. The actual escapement for those systems during the base period 1975 to 1980 was 26,400. The 1988 escapement is estimated to be 60,500, as 16% increase over 1987. In general, we are on schedule with the rebuilding, although the rebuilding in the northern systems has not been that strong.
- * The commission's 1987 and 1988 all gear harvest quota was 263,000 plus a hatchery add-on of 22,100. The board has allocated that harvest as follows: 27,000 for the sport fishery, 11,400 for seine, 7,600 for drift gill net, 1,000 for set gill net, and 238,100 to the troll fleet.
- * Alaska is allowed, with approval of the commission, to add new hatchery production to its quota. Our production prior to the treaty was about 5,000, and has grown to an estimated 30,000 for 1988. The "old" production of 5,000, plus a risk factor of 3,000 are deducted from the total hatchery production to determine the allowed add-on.
- * The total 1988 commercial chinook catch was 261,000, with a value to the fishermen of \$16.8 million. The troll harvest was 231,000.
- * The commission's current plans are to address the coastwide chinook quota on alternate years. They are now considering the quota for the 1989 and 1990 fishing years.



**STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BILL ANALYSIS**

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Commercial Fisheries	BILL NUMBER HJR9/SJR13	SPONSOR Rep. Ulmer
SHORT TITLE OF BILL Requesting the Pacific Salmon Commission to increase Alaska's chinook salmon quota.			
DEPARTMENT POSITION The department supports a quota increase provided that the harvest of this increase is conducted in a manner which does not negatively impact existing rebuilding programs for southeast Alaska and coastwide chinook stocks.			
PREPARED BY Dave Cantillon	DATE 1/17/89	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>William H. Wiley</i>	DATE 1/18/89

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL National Marine Fisheries Service	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL S.E. Alaska Commercial & Sport Fishermen S.E. Alaska Based Fish Processors & Fishing Industry Support Groups.
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL S.E. Alaska fishing groups and fishery support industries. S.E. communities.	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL None within state. Chinook users and management agencies in the Pacific Northwest.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The intent is clearly outlined by this resolution.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

An increase in the quota will not change the management requirements for the southeast Alaska chinook fisheries.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

None

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS

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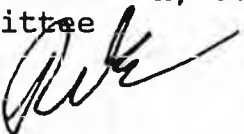


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- * The commission's current plans are to address the coastwide chinook quota on alternate years. They are now considering the quota for the 1989 and 1990 fishing years.



**STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BILL ANALYSIS**

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Commercial Fisheries	BILL NUMBER HJR9/SJR13	SPONSOR Rep. Ulmer
SHORT TITLE OF BILL Requesting the Pacific Salmon Commission to increase Alaska's chinook salmon quota.			
DEPARTMENT POSITION The department supports a quota increase provided that the harvest of this increase is conducted in a manner which does not negatively impact existing rebuilding programs for southeast Alaska and coastwide chinook stocks.			
PREPARED BY Dave Cantillon	DATE 1/17/89	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>Thomas H. Wiley</i>	DATE 1/18/89

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL National Marine Fisheries Service	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL S.E. Alaska Commercial & Sport Fishermen S.E. Alaska Based Fish Processors & Fishing Industry Support Groups.
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL S.E. Alaska fishing groups and fishery support industries. S.E. communities.	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL None within state. Chinook users and management agencies in the Pacific Northwest.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The intent is clearly outlined by this resolution.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

An increase in the quota will not change the management requirements for the southeast Alaska chinook fisheries.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

None

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: Request the Pacific Salmon Comm.
to increase Ak. chinook salmon quota.
 Sponsor: Rep. Ulmer / Str. Eliason
 Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Commercial Fisheries
 Components: Commercial Fisheries
Special Projects

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
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: Robert C. Clasby Phone: 465-4210
 Division: Commercial Fisheries Date: 1/17/89
 Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
 Agency: Fish and Game

Distribution (by preparer):
 Legislative Finance
 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)

329-333 Kathleen Street



Sitka, Alaska 99835

December 7, 1988

The Honorable Steve Cowper
Governor of the State of Alaska
Governor's House
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Cowper:

I'm writing to ask your assistance in urging our delegation to the U.S./Canada Salmon Treaty Talks to make a major, no-holds-barred effort to raise the King Salmon quota for the Alaskan fishermen.

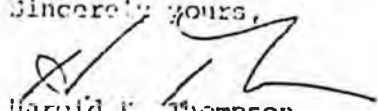
We all know that King Salmon stocks have taken a dramatic turn for the better and that a massive reallocation to harvestors in other States on the west coast is taking place.

King Salmon used to be a mainstay of the fishermen and processors of Sitka, but now unfortunately we are left with very little to work with. Coupled with poor returns of coho, Sitka was "on vacation" all summer last season. We as a company are having a hard time keeping a resident full-time crew together as a consequence and will have to resort to more and more out of State transient type workers if we cannot provide steady employment. Every King salmon represents a \$10 bill to our employees and company in terms of wages, profit and cost coverage.

I personally find it very discouraging to listen to story after story from the hundreds of trollers we buy from about the scores of Kings turned loose on a daily basis, many of which die.

Anything you can do to lend your considerable influence and personal conviction to this battle will surely be appreciated by myself, the Sitka fishermen and processing workers.

Sincerely yours,


Harold F. Thompson
President

(907) 747-6662
TELEFAX (907) 747-6268
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FRESH AND FROZEN SALMON, COD, BLACK COD, HALIBUT, ROCK FISH, CRAB, HERRING

SPONSOR: Anderson

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 87-358

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE
CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE TREATY
COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING
THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER

WHEREAS, there is a high availability of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has suffered an economic loss due to the U.S.-Canada Salmon Treaty quotas; and

WHEREAS, Alaska and Canada are presently on a maximum quota, while Washington and Oregon have tremendously increased their harvest of Chinook salmon; and

WHEREAS, Washington and Oregon indicator streams are 300% above the treaty escapement goals; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above facts, there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska quota,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka requests Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota for Alaska this winter.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th day of SEPTEMBER, 1987.

Dan Keck, Mayor

A T T E S T:



Pelican Seafoods Inc.

P.O. Box 601
Pelican Alaska 99822 0601 U.S.A.
(907) 735-2204 or 735-2205
VHF 956 Channel 16 VHF
91250 FSB

Earl Krygier
A.T.A. Juneau, Ak.

May 11, 1988

Earl,

As Resident Manager of Pelican Seafoods I am writing regarding the upcoming Summer season. The shortened Troll Salmon season will have far reaching effects on the city of Pelican and Pelican Seafoods Inc. All of the workers and citizens in this town will be adversely affected. Seafood production is the pulse by which this community is measured.

One sixth of the town budget is derived from the Raw fish tax. One tenth of the budget comes from the sales tax generated by the one store in town. The well being and livelihood of hundreds of people depends on prosperous commercial fishing.

Pelican Seafoods is heavily dependent on the revenue generated by Troll Salmon. We all have 12% less time to catch and process Troll Salmon this season. Admittedly the King Salmon not caught in June will be caught in July this year. However, the June Cohos, Pinks, Sockeye and Chum will be lost.

We can ill afford the absence of a large Troll fleet for an additional ten days. An idle Plant and its workers means no State tax monies, no harbor moorage fees, and diminished store revenues. The resulting loss of tens of thousands of dollars in revenue, wages and taxes is multiplied because this money won't be spent in the town to generate more jobs, services etc. These losses must be viewed as very significant in these difficult economic times.

Pelican Seafoods Inc. has already been planning on a July 1, 1988 Troll opening. The logistics of gearing a plant up for a summer Salmon season are large and complex. If the season opening date can possibly be moved up to June 20, then I need to know this by June 1, 1988.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Norman

Eric R. Norman
Resident Manager
Pelican Seafoods Inc.



City

of

Pelican

BOX 757

PELICAN ALASKA 99832

PHONE 735-2202

RESOLUTION 1988-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PELICAN
URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE
TREATY COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY
IN INCREASING THE CHINOOK SALMON QUOTA
FOR ALASKA.

- WHEREAS, there was again a further increase in available Chinook salmon during the summer of 1988 (48% increase over the summer of 1987 which was a 51% increase over the previous year); and
- WHEREAS, undue economic disruption has been suffered by the Southeast Alaskan troll fleet with the traditional 169 day summer Chinook season going to 23 days in 1987 and to only 12 days in 1988; and
- WHEREAS, other salmon net gear groups are also being held to restrictive quotas; processors are losing Chinook markets and are unable to fill orders with such a short season and the Southeast Alaska economy as a whole is suffering economic loss due to U.S. Canada Salmon Treaty quotas; and
- WHEREAS, the burdens of conservation were to be shared to rebuild stocks, the benefits of fish in excess of escapement needs were also to be shared; and
- WHEREAS, Alaska and Canada are presently on a limited quota to achieve rebuilding, while Washington and Oregon have tremendously increased their harvest of chinook salmon; and
- WHEREAS, in light of the above facts there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaskan Chinook quota so as to share in these benefits.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pelican to request Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to continue to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota by a meaningful amount during the upcoming 88-89 "fair sharing" treaty negotiations.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PELICAN CITY COUNCIL THIS 19th DAY OF
DECEMBER, 1988.

attest: *Geri Wirta*
Geri Wirta, City Clerk

signed: *Reuben M. Yost*
Reuben Yost, Mayor



City of Petersburg
P. O. Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska 99839

December 6, 1988

Steve Cowper, Governor
State of Alaska
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

12/15

Dear Governor Cowper:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution No. 1160-R, passed and approved by the Petersburg City Council on December 5, 1988.

This resolution was presented to the Council by the Petersburg representative of the Alaska Trollers Association and received the unanimous support of the City Council.

The Mayor and Council and the troll fishermen of Petersburg want to express their appreciation to you and the Treaty Commission for your efforts in the past to increase the Chinook quota. We are aware of the difficulties encountered in considering this complex issue but hope continued efforts on your part and by the Treaty Commission will help gain some quota increases for the future.

Sincerely,

Arleen Pence

Arleen Pence, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Petersburg, Alaska

RESOLUTION NO. 1113-B (a)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG BEGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE TREATY COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER.

WHEREAS, there is a high availability of chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has suffered an economic loss due to the U.S.-Canada Salmon Treaty quotas; and

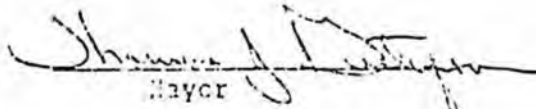
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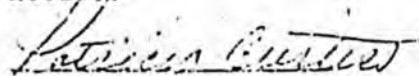
WHEREAS, in light of the above facts, there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska quota.

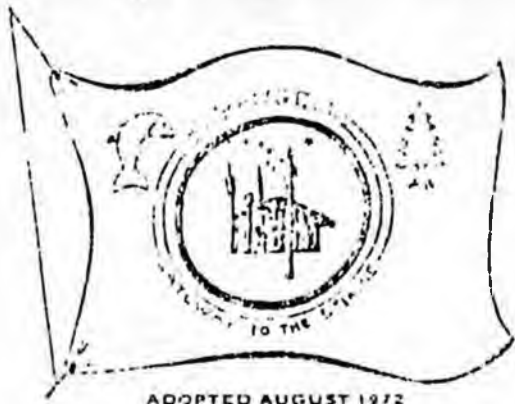
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Petersburg to request Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota for Alaska for this winter.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Petersburg, Alaska this 5 day of October 1987.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



ADOPTED AUGUST 1972

CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

INCORPORATED 1915

BOX 531, 99929

907/874-2331

November 5, 1987

Governor Steve Cowper
Post Office Box A
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0101

Dear Governor Cowper:

Enclosed is City of Wrangell Resolution Number 10-87-285. A resolution urging your support for an increase in the chinook salmon quota for Southeast Alaska.

During the last phase of negotiations for the United States-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty the representatives of the Southeast Alaska fishermen agreed to make some concessions lowering the chinook salmon catch quotas in the Southeast region. This move had a positive influence on the ratification of the Treaty, but also placed some severe restrictions on the chinook catch in Southeast Alaska creating a negative economic factor as a result.

In return for the concessions, the Southeast representatives were assured that mitigating funds would be forthcoming to be used for fisheries enhancement and hatchery development designed to improve chinook fisheries in the Southeast. At that time it appeared there was a distinct possibility that the Treaty review scheduled for 1987 would result in additional catch restraints that would compound the loss for our Southeast fleet. Some of the promised funding has been released incrementally, and various enhancement programs are being implemented as a result.

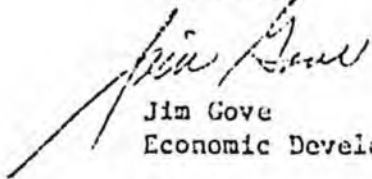
During the past coho season our fishermen experienced a large abundance of chinook salmon that had to be released because the quota was reached. A physical indication that chinook were on the increase. In addition the Alaska Department of Fish and Game indicates a substantial increase of chinook in Southeastern waters, and as high as 90% of the chinook caught in some areas were hatchery fish from Alaskan projects. It appears that our hatchery program is producing tangible results, while at the same time the natural stock is increasing. All indicators suggest that chinook salmon are definitely increasing in number in our Southeast Alaska waters. Based on this information we firmly believe that our representatives should stand firm with a request for a substantial increase in chinook salmon quotas in Southeast Alaska waters during the upcoming Pacific Salmon Treaty review process.

CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

Governor Steve Cowper
November 5, 1987
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By way of the enclosed resolution, we formally ask your support in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Gove
Economic Development Director

JG

cc: Don Collinsworth
Steve Pennoyer

encl.

THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 87-1519

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE TREATY COMMISSION TO PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there is a high availability of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has suffered an economic loss due to the U.S.-Canada Salmon Treaty quotas; and

WHEREAS, Alaska and Canada are presently on a maximum quota, while Washington and Oregon have tremendously increased their harvest of Chinook salmon; and

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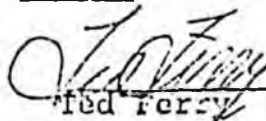
WHEREAS, in light of the above facts, there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska quota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby requests Governor Cowper to instruct the Treaty Commission to put a high priority on increasing the Chinook quota for Alaska this winter.

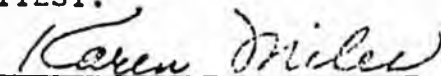
Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th day of OCTOBER, 1987.



Ted Ferry
Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Miles, CMC
City Clerk