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# Alaska State Legislature

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## State Senate

### MEMORANDUM

MAY 1 1989

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 276  
(refunds to local governments of proceeds of the  
fisheries business tax during fiscal year 1990)

DATE: May 1, 1989

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I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced bill before the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

I have introduced this legislation in order to assure that a refund payable to a municipality from the proceeds of the fisheries business tax is not substantially reduced because of the effects of the Valdez oil discharge disaster.

The Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee had a hearing on this legislation last Thursday, adopted a Committee Substitute; however, did not have a quorum in order to move it out of committee. The chairman, therefore, waived the committee referral on Saturday. It would be my desire that the Resources Committee consider the proposed C&RA Committee Substitute.

I had requested that the Department of Revenue provide the most accurate fiscal note they could prepare; however you will note that I have provided in a section of the bill that the administration be allowed to request a supplemental appropriation if payments are insufficient to pay the full amount of all refunds required.

Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

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<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4347.0)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
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POSITIONS:

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ANALYSIS: See attached.

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Approved by Commissioner: Hugh Malone  
Agency: Department of Revenue

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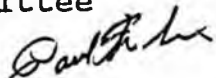
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer 

RE: Senate Bill 276 "An act relating to refunds to local governments of proceeds of the fisheries business tax during fiscal year 1990".

DATE: March 27, 1990

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I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced bill before the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest possible convenience. A number of interested individuals and constituents from my district will be in town the week of April 2 - 6 who would like to testify on this bill.

I have introduced this legislation in order to assure that a refund payable to a municipality from the proceeds of the fisheries business tax is not substantially reduced because of the effects of the Valdez oil discharge disaster.

Your consideration of this bill will be greatly appreciated.

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TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Al Adams

RE: SB 276, "An Act relating to refunds to local governments of proceeds of the fisheries business tax during fiscal year 1990; and providing for an effective date."

DATE: April 29, 198

Enclosed is the referral file on the aforementioned legislation which was waived from the Community and Regional Affairs Committee today.

In your packet is a proposed committee substitute which was not formally moved out by the committee, but which you may wish to consider for adoption during Resource Committee hearings on this bill. The proposed substitute added a new section one regarding "Conditions that necessitate this legislation." This was added to make a statement supportive of recovering costs lost to the State of Alaska due to the oil discharge in Valdez.

Also changed is section six of the bill which repeals all sections except section one and sections five through seven on June 30, 1990. This was changed so that the provisions in section one could not be interpreted in future court cases as an intention of the Legislature not to recover costs past June 30, 1990.

A new fiscal note for the committee substitute was solicited and is enclosed for your consideration.

The bill's sponsor, Senator Fischer, was supportive of the proposed substitute.

Thank you.

cc: Senator Paul Fischer  
Senator Mike Szymanski

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 11, 1989

SUBJECT: Fisheries business tax refunds, FY 1990  
(Work Order 6-1216A)

TO: Senator Paul Fischer

FROM: Jack Chenoweth  
Legislative Counsel

In the bill draft accompanying this memorandum, I provide an alternate method of computing the fisheries business license refunds payable to municipalities during FY 1990. That method is dependent on computing the average of payments received by the municipality during the three preceding fiscal years (FY 87 - 89, inclusive). The alternative method applies if (1) there is an actual decrease in the refund payment due a municipality between FY 89 and FY 90; (2) the average of the payments made to the municipality for FY 87 - 89 proves to be greater than the amount payable under AS 43.75.130 for FY 90; and (3) the decrease is attributable to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. This last requirement may be met by meeting any one of the conditions identified in subsection (b) of bill section 3, all of which I perceived as having to do with reducing the delivery of the value or volume of the fishery resource to the municipality for processing (on which the computation of the refund is based):

← (1) reduction or closure of a fishery as a result of the spill;

← (2) curtailment of fishing activity by commercial fishermen because of the presence of crude oil;

← (3) deployment of commercial fishermen in clean-up activities;

(4) price reductions due to diminishment of quality of the resource or of market demand for the resource; or

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(5) any other reason that satisfies the commissioner of revenue.

I included a provision so that new cities that are subject to the legislated declining refund formula of AS 43.75.-130(d)(1) would not see that offset by the application of this provision.

As we briefly discussed, since the commissioner cannot know now with any certainty the amount that would be required for all payments made under AS 43.75.130 and under this Act, the governor is directed to submit a supplemental if necessary.

The bill has a one year life; it is repealed June 30, 1990.

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Enclosure

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Original sponsors: Fischer, Kelly,  
Zharoff, and Jones

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BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 76 (C&R)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to refunds to local governments of  
7 proceeds of the fisheries business tax during fiscal  
8 year 1990; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. CONDITIONS THAT NECESSITATE THIS LEGISLATION. The admin-  
11 istration has indicated its desire and this legislature has expressed its  
12 wholehearted support of efforts to pursue the recovery of all costs incur-  
13 red in responding to the Valdez oil discharge disaster, and to make every  
14 attempt to identify and recover all losses attributable to that disaster.  
15 This Act is enacted consistent with those objectives.

16 \* Sec. 2. PURPOSE. To hold harmless municipalities whose tax receipts  
17 would be affected by reduction of payments of the fisheries business tax,  
18 it is the purpose of this Act to assure that refunds payable to municipal-  
19 ities from the proceeds of the fisheries business tax during fiscal year  
20 1990 are not substantially reduced because of the Valdez oil discharge  
21 disaster.

22 \* Sec. 3. ALTERNATE COMPUTATION OF REFUND. (a) Instead of the amount  
23 payable as a fisheries business tax refund under AS 43.75.130, a municipal-  
24 ity entitled to that payment may receive a payment computed for the munici-  
25 pality that is the average of the amounts the municipality received under  
26 AS 43.75.130 during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1987, June 30, 1988,  
27 and June 30, 1989, if

28 (1) the payment computed under AS 43.75.130 for fiscal year 1990  
29 is less than the amount the municipality received under AS 43.75.130 for

1 fiscal year 1989;

2 (2) the average exceeds the amount the municipality would re-  
3 ceive under AS 43.75.130 during fiscal year 1990; and

4 (3) the reduction in the payment computed under AS 43.75.130 for  
5 fiscal year 1990 is attributable to the Valdez oil discharge disaster.

6 (b) For purposes of (a) of this section, a reduction in payments  
7 under AS 43.75.130 is attributable to the Valdez oil discharge disaster if

8 (1) as a result of the disaster,

9 (A) the Department of Fish and Game orders a reduction or  
10 closure of a fishing season and the reduction or closure affects  
11 persons who would normally deliver the resource of the fishery for  
12 processing in the municipality;

13 (B) fishing activities are curtailed because of crude oil  
14 in areas open to fishing activities by persons who would normally  
15 deliver the resource of the fishery for processing in the municipal-  
16 ity;

17 (C) substantial numbers of persons who would have lawfully  
18 participated in fishing activities are engaged in containment and  
19 cleanup of the crude oil spilled from the Exxon Valdez and do not take  
20 advantage of fishing activities to deliver the resource of the fishery  
21 for processing in the municipality; or

22 (D) the price paid for the fisheries resources delivered  
23 for processing in the municipality is reduced, and that price reduc-  
24 tion is due to a diminishment in the quality of or market demand for  
25 the fishery resource because of the Valdez oil discharge disaster; or

26 (2) the municipality demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the  
27 commissioner of revenue, that the reduction in payments made to the munic-  
28 ipality is otherwise attributable to the Valdez oil discharge disaster.

29 (c) A city incorporated after June 16, 1987, is eligible for the

1 alternate refund payable under this Act. For purposes of computing the  
2 alternate refund under this section, the commissioner of revenue shall  
3 consider under (a)(2) of this section the sequential reduction of revenue  
4 required by AS 43.75.130(d)(1) for a city incorporated after June 16, 1987.  
5 In making the computation under this subsection, the commissioner may  
6 average the number of years of refunds actually made to a new city but, if  
7 a refund has not been made under AS 43.75.130(d)(1), the commissioner may  
8 not apply this subsection.

9 \* Sec. 4. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST AUTHORIZED. If the amount  
10 appropriated to provide payment under AS 43.75 and sec. 3 of this Act is  
11 insufficient to pay the full amount of all refunds required, the governor  
12 shall submit a request for a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year  
13 1990 to the Second Session of the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature.

14 \* Sec. 5. DEFINITION. In this Act "Valdez oil discharge disaster"  
15 means the incident involving the discharge of crude oil after the grounding  
16 of the Exxon Valdez at Bligh Reef on March 24, 1989, the discharge of  
17 ballast water from another tanker on the subsequent weekend in order to  
18 accommodate the transfer of crude oil from the Exxon Valdez to the second  
19 tanker, and attendant containment and cleanup actions.

20 \* Sec. 6. Sections 2 - 4 of this Act are repealed June 30, 1990.

21 \* Sec. 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.  
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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)

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### Bill Analysis

#### Section 2

Presently communities receive 50% of the business tax paid on fish processed in that community. The tax is a percentage of the ex-vessel value (price paid fishermen) of the processed fish.

Due to the catastrophic oil spill in Prince William Sound, the amount of the tax revenues which are available to share to communities may drop drastically for several reasons:

- 1) fisheries may be closed by the Department of Fish and Game;
- 2) fish may be intercepted before they reach the areas affected by the spill and processed in alternative communities;
- 3) market values worldwide for Alaska seafood products may drop; affecting the ex-vessel value price paid to fishermen
- 4) toxic properties of the oil may kill either returning fish or fry as they leave the streams and swim into affected waters, impacting future year's salmon returns.

To mitigate the affect on communities that a drop in tax revenues would have, SB 276 will provide a new formula for determining state revenue payable to communities in lieu of the current statutory shared revenue formula. To be eligible for increased share a community must pass a three-pronged test:

- 1) FY90 share computed under existing law is less than FY89 actual share;
- 2) The average actual share for FY87, FY88 and FY89 must exceed FY90 share under existing law.
- 3) The reduction is attributable to the Valdez oil discharge disaster.

The third prong of this test will be met if any one of four conditions are met. Of these conditions, one has the potential to entitle every fishing community in the State of Alaska to receive a larger revenue share computed under this bill. This condition links the reduction in shared revenue payment to the drop in price paid for fisheries resources delivered to any municipality in the state. Conceivably, the price paid for all fisheries resources harvested throughout Alaska will be lower following the spill merely because of the adverse publicity the discharge has caused worldwide.

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For purposes of this fiscal note we have estimated the impact the discharge would have on communities in the spill path as of April 19, 1989. The estimate assumes that all fisheries in the oil spill area will be closed in 1989. No projection can be made for 1990 and beyond at this time.

Cities and Boroughs directly in path of oil spill which receive shared fish taxes have received payments for the past two years as follows:

	FY87	FY88	FY89
Kenai Peninsula	\$656,525	\$1,037,945	\$1,975,001
Kodiak Island	871,500	809,388	2,044,869
Chignik	164,267	202,825	472,467
Cordova	382,413	570,571	1,294,703
Homer	89,036	119,508	240,153
Kenai	174,530	255,415	583,068
Kodiak	617,960	619,909	1,167,693
Old Harbor	3,901	0	0
Port Lyons	0	0	296
Seldovia	11,854	8,799	45,116
Seward	151,656	155,345	270,699
Soldotna	0	0	1,806
Valdez	64,993	116,418	294,381
Whittier	9,128	17,265	55,864
TOTAL:	\$3,044,069	\$3,662,957	\$8,445,524

#### Department Position

The Department has no objection to this legislation. It is certainly a legitimate response to a potentially devastating situation. Obviously, should "hold harmless" funds be made available, they will come from General Funds.