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# ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH

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February 17, 1993

Representative Carl Moses  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK

Dear Representative Moses:

The Aleutians East Borough supports HJR #18. The use of the harbors around Adak Naval Base would be advantageous to the fishing industry in a number of ways. First and paramount is the issue of safety. No other industry has the mortality rate of the fishing industry in Alaska. Having access to safe harbors and good facilities is essential to the safety of our fishermen. The creation of such a port at the extreme end of the Aleutians is an intriguing concept that needs further exploration and development. It would appear that additional fish products would be brought ashore that are now leaving the State. This should enhance the State's revenue picture.

For the above reasons, the Aleutians East Borough supports the further development of this concept.

Sincerely,



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LETTER: ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH



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March 5, 1993

Representative Carl E. Moses,  
Chairman, House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
Capitol Building, Room 204  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Carl:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Crab Coalition, we reviewed House Joint Resolution No. 18, relating to the "establishment of a fishing community at Adak," in the Aleutian Islands.


The Board has endorsed the resolution which respectfully requests the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy to release a portion of the Adak Island Naval Reserve to the State of Alaska for the development of a model fishing community on Adak Island.

Crab fishing vessels frequent this relatively remote area of the Aleutian Islands at different times of the year and they are in need of safe harbors for anchorage, floating fish processors and a deployment base with air transport facilities for changing out crews and resupplying of groceries and fresh water.

As you are already aware from your lengthy residence and experience in the Aleutians, there are very few harbors open for safe anchorage in this area, as most are closed by military orders for security related reasons. This has long created logistical inconveniences and added expenses for crab and groundfish vessels.

Opening harbors on Adak Island will add an important logistical seaport for Alaska.

Sincerely,

  
Arni Thomson  
Executive Director

cc: Alaska Congressional delegation

# Alaska State Legislature

Representative Carl E. Moses



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## Sponsor Statement

### HJR 18

#### Relating to establishment of a fishing community at Adak

The Adak Naval Base has been in existence as a military establishment in the Aleutian Islands since World War II. With the easing of Cold War tensions, the U.S. Department of Defense is now looking at reducing or phasing out numerous installations across the country, including Adak. In fact, Adak is being considered for a reduction of three-quarters of its active forces.

Commercial fishing is the major industry in the Aleutian Island Chain and along the Alaska Peninsula. Natural harbors that are adjacent to prime fishing grounds are at a premium. Adak Island has a number of such harbors that have the potential of being developed as small outposts of the local fishing industry.

At one time, civilians did have limited access to the Adak Naval Reserve, but that access was revoked.

It is now time for Alaska and the U.S. Department of Defense to look to the future of Adak Island. Releasing a portion of the naval reserve for development of a fishing community, or at least making it available for civilian use, would be a first step.

**STATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

DATE: 3/16/93

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOURCES Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to establishment of a fishing community at Adak.

and recommends:

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_
- or  adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_
- attaches amendment(s)

- same title
- new title
- technical title change (HE only)

adopts \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

**NEW FISCAL NOTES**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Dmva	2-16-93	✓	

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

Appropriation No Fiscal Note

**DO PASS:**

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**OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

*[Signature]*  
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*Mike Miller Do Pass*

Chair: Signature and Recommendation

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HJR 13

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: DMVA  
 Title: Establishment of a fishing community BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
at Adak. Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Rep. Moses  
 Requestor: Rep. Moses COMPONENT SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>						
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
<b>REVENUE FUND SOURCE:</b>						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact

Prepared by: Jeff Morrison, Director  
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# Adak stands to lose sub hunters and 75 percent of its Navy force

By JIM CLARKE  
The Associated Press

Adak Naval Air Station is expected to lose its anti-submarine aircraft and about 75 percent of its more than 4,000 sailors and dependents next year under plans being reviewed by the Pacific Fleet.

Capt. E.A. Caldwell, commander of the Aleutians base, was ordered last week to write a reorganization

plan that includes the sharp staffing cuts, Petty Officer 1st Class Walter Panych, a Navy spokesman on Adak, said Tuesday.

The base, on Adak Island about 1,200 miles west of Anchorage, has served as a supply depot since World War II. It has been a forward airfield for Soviet submarine hunters for most of the Cold War.

But a Navy spokesman at

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, said the Adak orders are part of a larger plan to reduce submarine-hunting missions in the Pacific.

"They're coming up with a plan that will, over time, reduce the mission of Adak as much as possible," Lt. Kenneth Ross said. "It's part of ongoing efforts to use bases more efficiently to meet mission requirements."

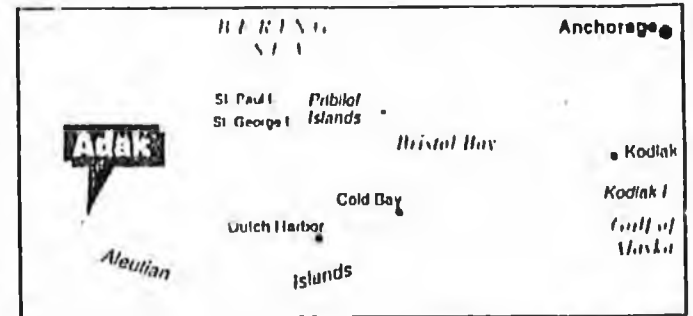
About 4,200, which in-

cludes sailors and their families, live on the base. That number would be cut to below 1,000.

And the four Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunters deployed to the base would be removed.

A Navy spokesman on Adak said the reduction would be gradual, and that the island's runways, light-

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## ADAK: Cuts planned

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ing and control tower would still be maintained.

"The threat that was once there has subsided markedly," Panych said. "Looking at it realistically, we're doing this because everybody's drawing down."

While the orders from the Pacific Fleet were received Friday, the same day the Pentagon's latest base-closing list was released, Navy officials said the Adak move was not related.

In a separate move, the Army announced last week that it will reassign about 2,800 soldiers in Alaska from Fort Richardson, in Anchorage, and Fort Wainwright, near Fairbanks.

Because Adak is so remote, and because few private businesses operate on the island, the move should not be a serious blow to the state's economy.

But Richard Reeve, president of Reeve Aleutian Airways Inc., said the Adak

cutback may mean the airline will reduce service to the island.

Reeve Aleutian now operates five flights a week from Anchorage to Adak in the winter and six in the summer. Reeve said the flights represent at least 10 percent of the airline's business.

Besides the anti-submarine missions, Adak also handles some communications for the Pacific Fleet, as well as surveying. Those activities are expected to remain on the island, Ross said. Most of the sailors will leave because the submarine hunters are going, he said.

That is in line with other Navy bases scheduled to close.

Moffett Naval Air Station in Mountain View, Calif., was on a 1991 base-closing list, and Barbers Point NAS in Hawaii was on the list released Friday.

Both bases are home to squadrons of P-3 aircraft, the Navy's primary submarine hunter.