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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HCS CSSCR 28(FIN)  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title "Establishing the Joint Legislative BRU Legislative Council  
Salmon Industry Task Force." Component Council and Subcommittees  
 Sponsor Senators Austerman, Lincoln, Taylor...  
 Requester House Finance Component No. 783

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services	88.5					
Travel	93.0					
Contractual	276.0					
Supplies	0.5					
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>458.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	458.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>458.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 22.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time	2					
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HCS CSSCR 28(FIN) establishes the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to address those elements of the Alaska salmon industry crisis that can be solved through governmental policy, or by action on the part of the industry, and to develop a long-term vision for the Alaska salmon industry as a critical element of the State's economic future. The task force is composed of two members of the Senate, two members of the House, and seven public members who are involved in the commercial salmon industry appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers of the Legislature. The task force shall hire staff, contract for research, legal and economic services and prepare and present a report to the Legislature by January 31, 2003.

Prepared by: Karla Schofield, Deputy Director Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division Administrative Services Date/Time 4/16/02 2:10 PM  
 Approved by: Pamela Varni, Executive Director Date 4/16/02  
 Agency Legislative Affairs Agency

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS CSSCR 28(FIN)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

In FY02, \$25.0 will be needed to cover travel costs for Task Force Members to attend one organizational meeting in Juneau and one working meeting in Anchorage.

Personal Services

Beginning in FY03, the Task Force will be staffed by a 10 month Range 21, Legislative Assistant at a cost of \$63.3, and a 5 month Range 15 Secretary at a cost of \$ 25.2, for a total of \$88.5.

Travel

The task force will hold 7 meetings in FY03. Six meetings will be in Anchorage and one meeting will be in Juneau. For the purposes of calculating necessary travel and per diem expenses, 1 Legislative member is assumed to be from Anchorage, and all other members of the Task Force are from other locations. Airfare travel costs for each meeting are estimated at \$5.2.  $5.2 \text{ times } 8 \text{ meetings} = \$41.6$  Three days of per diem are budgeted for each meeting.  $10 \text{ task force members times } 3 \text{ days times } \$226 \text{ Anchorage per diem rate} = \$6.8 \text{ times } 7 \text{ Anchorage meetings} = \$47.6$ .  $7 \text{ public task force members times } 3 \text{ days times } \$174 \text{ Juneau per diem rate} = \$3.8$ . Total per diem \$51.4 plus total travel \$41.6 = a total cost of \$93.0.

Contractual

The Task force will contract for legal services, economic services, research services and other consulting services the Task Force considers necessary - \$269.0  
Postage for correspondence and mailing final report - \$1.0  
Phone budget for Task Force members - \$2.5  
Advertising for meeting notices - \$3.5  
Teleconferencing services and printing services will be absorbed within existing budgets.

Supplies

Supplies for the Task Force - \$.5

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: CSSCR 28(RES)  
 (S) Publish Date: 3/4/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title "Establishing the Joint Legislative BRU Legislative Council  
Salmon Industry Task Force." Component Council and Subcommittees  
 Sponsor Senator Austerman Component No. 783  
 Requester Senate Finance

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services	88.5					
Travel	110.0					
Contractual	276.0					
Supplies	0.5					
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>475.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	475.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>475.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 25.0  
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time	2					
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 CSSCR 28(RES) establishes the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to address those elements of the Alaska salmon industry crisis that can be solved through governmental policy, or by action on the part of the industry, and to develop a long-term vision for the Alaska salmon industry as a critical element of the State's economic future. The task force is composed of two members of the Senate, two members of the House, and nine public members who are involved in the commercial salmon industry appointed jointly by the Presiding Officers of the Legislature. The task force shall hire staff, contract for research, legal and economic services and prepare and present a report to the Legislature by January 31, 2003.

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 Division: Administrative Services Date/Time 3/4/02 8:27 AM  
 Approved by: Pamela Varni, Executive Director Date 3/4/02  
 Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSCR 28(RES) #1

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

In FY02, \$25.0 will be needed to cover travel costs for Task Force Members to attend one organizational meeting in Juneau and one working meeting in Anchorage.

Personal Services

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Travel

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Contractual

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Postage for correspondence and mailing final report - \$1.0  
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Supplies

Supplies for the Task Force - \$.5



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Alaska State Legislature

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT – SCR 28

**“A resolution establishing the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force”**

Alaska's salmon industry has recently met with hard times due to a number of factors, from sharp increases in farmed salmon production to the strong U.S. dollar. The downturn in salmon prices is having direct negative impacts on our working families and our communities and is causing hardship throughout our state economy. State government revenues derived from taxation on the industry are also declining as a result, meaning fewer resources are available to fund state government. As leaders of this state, it is incumbent on both houses of the legislature to address this situation with the utmost urgency.

To that end, SCR 28 creates a Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to address those elements of the crisis that can be solved through government policy. After examining the numerous factors affecting various sectors of the industry, the task force will recommend specific means by which state government can assist the industry in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Furthermore, it will address those elements of the crisis that can best be solved through action in the private sector.

The Task Force will be composed of:

- Two members of the Senate
- Two members of the House of Representatives
- Nine members of the public who are involved in the commercial salmon industry
- A chairman and vice-chairman shall be appointed jointly by the Senate President and Speaker of the House.

The Task Force will submit a report of its findings to the legislature, including a long-term vision for the Alaska salmon industry, by January 31, 2003, and will be terminated on March 1, 2003.

Previous salmon summits organized in recent years have produced valuable suggestions, yet Alaska still lacks effective leadership for its salmon industry. This resolution is a major step the Legislature can take towards providing that leadership.



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April 8, 2002

Representative Bill Williams  
Representative Eldon Mulder  
Co Chairs  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Co-Chairs,

Re: CS SCR 28 Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force

United Fishermen of Alaska strongly supports passage of this resolution as written. It is important that participants in the salmon industry have a lead role in developing solutions.

The salmon industry is facing a host of challenges and it is vitally important to the economy of Alaska that we get into the proactive mode of dealing with these challenges. The recent Senator Stevens- Governor Knowles Salmon Summit reached quick consensus that this task force is the vehicle to address the challenges facing the salmon industry and Alaska communities. The challenges facing Alaska's are complex and it will take a concerted effort to identify and remove the obstacles hindering the economic viability of our coastal and river communities.

The twenty-nine members groups of UFA would appreciate your support in passing this resolution.

If you have any questions about our position or if you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Gemmell  
Executive Director

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve  
Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association  
Copper River Salmon Producers Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum  
Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kooluk Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association  
Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Old Harbor Fishermen's Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association  
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Pure Sea Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative  
So. Alaska Seafood Producers Association



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 April 10, 2002

Representative Bill Williams  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 State Capitol  
 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Williams:

The United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters (USAG) urge your support of CSSCR, the Joint Legislative Industry Salmon Task Force, "AS WRITTLN."

We realize there is considerable interest by others involved in the fishing industry, besides the fishermen, to amend the make-up of the task force as presented in the bill. We know that you, as a representative of southeast Alaska, know how important it is to have the fishermen fully represented on any body which will impact their livelihood and that of your other constituents.

We fishermen will continue to work to protect our interests and those of our southeast Alaska neighbors through active participation in all activities that impact the commercial fishing industry and the communities where we all live and do business. Knowing you are in the Legislature to assist us as your constituents to meet these responsibilities strengthens our resolve.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Madden  
 Executive Director, USAG  
 Writing for the Board

**Subject:** [Fwd: SJR 28]

**Date:** Mon, 15 Apr 2002 12:48:49 -0800

**From:** Representative Bill Williams <Representative\_Bill\_Williams@legis.state.ak.us>

**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature

**To:** Randall Rauro <Randall\_Rauro@legis.state.ak.us>

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**Subject:** SJR 28

**Date:** Mon, 15 Apr 2002 08:34:21 -0800

**From:** stardust1@gci.net

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Representative Con Bunde <Representative\_Con\_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us>

**CC:** Senator Alan Austerman <Senator\_Alان\_Austerman@legis.state.ak.us>

April 15, 2002

Representative Bill Williams, Co-Chair  
Representative Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representatives Williams & Mulder:

The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) supports the task force process laid out in SJR 28. SJR 28 does a good job of lining out the problems confronting the Alaska salmon industry. It is timely that the State step in to find ways to assist its primary industry. Further, we believe that both the structure and objectives of the task force are appropriate and complement many of the concepts recently discussed at the Stevens-Knowles Alaska Fish Summit.

While the goals of the task force are in line with the problem at hand, it seems like an overly large task to adequately perform in the allotted time. Certainly work could begin on nearly all of the areas identified, but ATA is hopeful that the group will be given the latitude to narrow its work scope in the near term. Tasks that would address some of our members immediate concerns include:

- Identify short-term relief options for fishermen, processors and communities to assist on such things as boat and permit loans and any structural improvements that will be necessary to meet new mandates, quality programs, and/or shift of production into other product forms.
- Identify for the affected public the appropriate agencies and programs available to assist them with their business challenges.
- Investigate market options and help secure marketing money for groups, processors and independent marketers.
- Identify new technology and the availability of grant money to develop and market value-added products.
- Seek potentials for expanding the use of salmon in federal food programs in 2002 and beyond.
- Research the methods and means to address problems with infrastructure and timely distribution of product.

[Fwd: SJR 28]

- Research vertical cooperation programs in an effort to help harvesters and processors find and understand other successful models of cooperation in the food industry.
- Develop coordinated package of recommendations federal, state and local governments to consider that would help address the issues identified by the Task Force.

ATA is hopeful that this Task Force will have the committed support of the salmon industry and all forms of government. As the state's number one employer, with a high-level dependence of those living in rural communities, it is important that this industry provide as many jobs as possible for Alaska residents. It is imperative that the Alaska salmon industry makes corrections now to react positively to changed circumstances, and help ensure a vibrant industry for current and future participants. We believe that the Task Force will be able to find creative means to do just that, if given a clear set of goals and objectives, and the resources and encouragement necessary to do the job.

We urge your support of SJR 28.

Respectfully,

Dale Kelley  
Executive Director



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance

committee name

Committee on SCR 28/JOINT LEGIS SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE Date, April 11, 2002

bill # / subject

I would like to go on record as being **OPPOSED** to **SCR 28**, which appears to **GIVE PUBLIC** money in support of a **PRIVATE** industry.

This private industry may need to get better organized, develop new markets, and deal with product quality control issues, to better compete in world markets. However this is their problem, and not something that should use our limited public tax dollars. They are already getting the fish for **FREE!** Why are we not charging a royalty for our public resources? This looks like a one way street to me!

Since the mid 1970's the Legislature has pumped hundreds of millions into the fishing industry, through hatcheries, marketing, enforcement, and research. Now that we are facing a **BILLION** dollar budget deficit, how can you continue to justify making these expenditures?

Throughout Alaska, voters whom the Legislature is empowered to represent, are being told about closing of state parks, layoff of troopers, snowplow drivers, educators, health inspectors, etc., while funding for these projects are still being considered. Do we really have a budget deficit or not? If we have a deficit, then why are you continuing to **GIVE AWAY** our tax dollars, with no hope of reasonable return to the majority of Alaska's taxpayers?

In my opinion **SCR 28** is nothing more than another "give a way" program designed to further deplete the budget reserve account, and a prime example of non-essential government spending. No Alaskan **VOTER** will ever seriously consider new taxes until all public funds given to private businesses, individuals, and special interest groups has been completely eliminated.

Our public money would be better spent funding essential government services such as education, roads, public health & safety.

Please vote **DO NOT PASS** on **SCR 28**.

Thank you.

Signed: Mike McBride

Testifier

Self

Representing (optional)

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AMENDMENT

1 Adopted

OFFERED IN HOUSE FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES  
TO: House CS for CS for SCR 28(FIN)

Page 3, line 25

Add a new section to read

(3) at least one of the four legislative members shall be  
appointed from the minority,

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**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS AUSTERMAN, Lincoln, Taylor, Halford, Stevens, Leman, Ellis, Elton, Cowdery,  
Donley, Ward, Kelly, Therriault, Olson, Torgerson**

**REPRESENTATIVES Kerttula, Wilson, Stevens**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Establishing the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the salmon industry is one of the cornerstones of the Alaska economy,  
4 supporting tens of thousands of jobs, and salmon is one of our most valuable foreign export  
5 commodities; and

6 **WHEREAS** the global salmon market has changed considerably in recent years,  
7 placing the Alaska salmon industry in economic peril and threatening not only the main  
8 engine of the rural economy of the state but also a significant contributor to urban economies;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS** imports of farmed salmon from nations with a significantly cheaper labor  
11 market are causing harmful revenue losses to the state's general fund and to municipal  
12 budgets; and

13 **WHEREAS** current inventories of canned Alaska salmon are expected to remain full  
14 well beyond the upcoming salmon season, and a large portion of the fleet-wide production is  
15 processed into cans; and

1           **WHEREAS** hundreds of harvesters are in danger of actually being without markets  
2 and being forced into bankruptcy this year; and

3           **WHEREAS** numerous salmon processing facilities have recently ceased operations or  
4 plan to do so before the 2002 salmon fishing season due to market factors and difficulty in  
5 obtaining operating loans; and

6           **WHEREAS** Alaska wild salmon is a renewable resource that is becoming  
7 increasingly unique in the global market and can provide immeasurable economic benefit to  
8 this state into perpetuity;

9           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the Joint Legislative  
10 Salmon Industry Task Force to address those elements of the crisis in the Alaska salmon  
11 industry that can be solved through governmental policy; and be it

12           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall also address those elements of the  
13 crisis in the Alaska salmon industry that can be solved through action on the part of the  
14 industry; and be it

15           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall develop a long-term vision for the  
16 Alaska salmon industry as a critical element of the state's economic future; and be it

17           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the duties of the task force include

18                   (1) recommending specific means by which state government can assist one of  
19 the state's most important industries to adapt to changing economics in the most efficient and  
20 effective way possible;

21                   (2) recommending public policy options that account for effects on the dozens  
22 of communities that are severely affected by the crisis in the Alaska salmon industry;

23                   (3) finding areas of potential improvement to the seafood transportation  
24 infrastructure in the state;

25                   (4) recommending improvements for the coordination of the harvesting,  
26 processing, and marketing of wild Alaska salmon;

27                   (5) encouraging the development of new product forms for salmon;

28                   (6) investigating the feasibility of regional and statewide cooperatives for  
29 fishing, marketing, and transportation for Alaska wild salmon and salmon products;

30                   (7) recommending improvements to the marketing efforts of the Alaska  
31 salmon industry and ensuring the distinction of Alaska salmon products from farmed salmon;

1 (8) researching methods to improve the quality of Alaska salmon products;

2 (9) encouraging Alaska salmon hatcheries to tailor their programs to market  
3 dynamics and to provide the maximum possible percentage of their production to common  
4 property fisheries;

5 (10) contracting and cooperating with appropriate private and public agencies  
6 in order to provide sound economic, social, and environmental data to the decision-making  
7 process;

8 (11) contracting for research, consultants, and staff, as the task force considers  
9 necessary;

10 (12) recommending ways to ensure that the benefit provided to the state as a  
11 result of research efforts is commensurate with the funding for that research;

12 (13) reviewing findings of previous salmon summits and incorporating useful  
13 information in its report; and

14 (14) exploring the potential of regional solutions and not just statewide results;  
15 and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the task force are to conduct their  
17 business with a statewide vision of the crisis in the Alaska salmon industry and the need to  
18 find solutions to the crisis; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall be composed of <sup>11</sup>~~9~~ members, as  
20 follows:

21 (1) two members from the senate appointed jointly by the president of the  
22 senate and speaker of the house of representatives;

23 (2) two members from the house of representatives appointed jointly by the  
24 president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives;

25 (3) <sup>7</sup>~~five~~ public members who are involved in the commercial salmon industry  
26 appointed jointly by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
27 the two members of the senate appointed under (1) of this clause, and the two members of the  
28 house of representatives appointed under (2) of this clause; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the task force shall be appointed to  
30 represent the statewide salmon industry as a whole and not just a particular region or  
31 harvesting sector of the industry; and be it

1           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the president of the senate and the speaker of the house  
2 of representatives shall jointly appoint the chair and vice-chair of the task force; and be it

3           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force members are entitled to per diem and  
4 travel expenses; and be it

5           **FURTHER RESOLVED** the task force shall schedule meetings to account for  
6 commercial fishing seasons and openings so that no member of the task force must forego  
7 economic opportunity in order to participate in the task force; and be it

8           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall submit a report of its findings and  
9 proposed industry and legislative changes to the legislature by January 31, 2003, and may  
10 make any interim reports it considers advisable; and be it

11           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on March 1,  
12 2003.

13           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
14 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
15 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

April 15, 2002

Subject: Testimony on CS SCR 28 "Salmon Task Force"  
House Finance 1:30p.m.

This is Paul Shadura in Kenai representing KPFA.

Chairman Williams, Chairman Mulder ... Members of the House Committee on Finance, the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association, a Cook Inlet group representing set-net fishing families, would like to express their whole hearted support for SCR 28.

The task force is an excellent attempt by Senator Austerman and you the legislature in facilitating solutions for the Alaska fishing communities.

At the salmon summit in Kodiak, discussion moved toward the next step in the re-vitalization process. Many felt that the discussions should continue and that time was of the essence. Many representatives expressed the problems that they had determined needed to be addressed. The debate of whether there should be "regional" task forces or a "statewide" task force seemed to end up even. A compromise that seemed apparent is that serious discussion needed to be administered simultaneously.

With financial considerations, the statewide concept should be the catalyst for regional task forces. This committee must be comprised of diverse representation. All Alaskan fishing communities must have identification within this task force.

We must be able to develop a consensus of major improvements that will benefit every fishing community and the people of Alaska. That is not to say that the hard decisions that will change Alaskan lifestyles will not be a recommendation from this group.

It is my hope that this task force will design a framework and thus a long range salmon fisheries plan that regions can develop on and establish economic and regulatory stability for the future of all residents of the state. The last statewide plan was developed for Governor Hammond in approximately 1975. It is a comprehensive review for the fisheries in the entire state. It established goals and objectives for fisheries resources and concurrent users. Though not perfect, the design could be identified as the framework for preliminary discussions.

It is imperative that all ideas, studies, facts and figures will be available to the committee. Equally as important is that the administrative arm should establish full support in supplying all its information gathering and expertise to facilitate the task force.

I urge you all to pass this legislation expediently.

Thank You

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Sue Aspelund, CDFU

Testimony on SCR 28

In House Finance

4/15/02

My name is Sue Aspelund. I'm the Executive Director of Cordova District Fishermen United, and represent the hardworking family fishing fleets of the Copper River and Prince William Sound.

That the salmon industry in Alaska needs to evaluate how we conduct our business in order to successfully respond to the changing global marketplace is no surprise to anyone on this Committee. SCR 28 provides us the opportunity to begin discussions on how we may structure that evaluation. The role in and the importance of the seafood industry—particularly salmon—to coastal communities and the State of Alaska is an important policy discussion to have. The salmon industry has been a huge part of the history, culture, and economy of Alaska for well over a century, and can continue to do so. As the largest private sector employer in Alaska, obviously, the health of the seafood industry is critical to the economic health of our entire State, but particularly to coastal Alaska.

We believe that representatives of the salmon industry—fishermen, tendermen, and processors—must sit on the Task Force. Without the extensive and intimate involvement of the industry at that level, constituent buy-in of the results is unlikely. Obviously, it will also be critical to seek the knowledge and expertise of our resource managers, seafood marketers, economists, industry regulators, infrastructure representatives, local governments, and so on. We believe couldn't agree more with the comment of NorQuest President Terry Gardiner's in his paper entitled "Alaska Seafood Industry: Radical Surgery? or Slow Death?" I quote, "At this juncture leaders are needed to step up representing the various segments of the industry. A forum needs to be established to have serious discussions and a goal established to develop a broad-based consensus for change. Without a broad base of consensus, any plans for change are dead on arrival." CDFU strongly believes that the Austerman Task Force as it passed the Senate is the forum described by Mr. Gardiner, and that consensus in the fishing industry will only be realized when industry folks are significantly involved in identifying the problems and developing the solutions.

Formalizing and supporting this Task Force is an appropriate role for Government to play given the importance of our industry to the economies of dozens of coastal communities, to thousands of small independent family fishing operations, to the seafood processors and industry support infrastructures, and to the tax base of the State.

We appreciate your support for SCR 28 ~~as the Senate passed it.~~