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Representative Kelly Wolf
House District 33

SPONSOR STATEMENT for HCR 25

Alaska Wild Salmon Week

Relating to declaring June 28 -- July 4, 2004 as Alaska Wild Salmon Week

Alaska is the largest commercial wild salmon fishery in the world and employs more than 29,000 people. Nearly 95% of all commercially caught salmon in the United States are harvested in Alaska. In the last decade, state salmon harvest totaled more than \$4.5 billion, making salmon extremely vital to Alaska's economy.

For both visitors and Alaskans, the sport of fishing is one of the most popular activities in the state. Last year, approximately 470,000 resident and non-resident licenses were issued for sport fishing.

Beyond the importance of commercial and sport fishing, salmon has been a nutritional source for generations of Alaskans and is a large part of the state's heritage. Rich in Omega 3 oils, salmon is a healthy food that can help lower cholesterol and reduce the risk of heart disease.

House Concurrent Resolution 25 would proclaim June 28 – July 4, 2004 as "Alaska Salmon Week". This proclamation will recognize the salmon industry as a huge part of all Alaskan's lives and raise public awareness of one of Alaska's most important industries by promoting and celebrating the catching and eating of salmon.



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VIA FAX: (907) 465-3835

January 27, 2004

Representative Kelly Wolf
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wolf:

It is my understanding that you are proposing a resolution designating June 28 - July 4, 2004, as Alaska Wild Salmon Week. I would like to add my support.

Sincerely

Dale Bagley
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor



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DALE BAGLEY
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VIA FAX (907) 465-3835

Representative Kelly Wolf
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wolf:

On behalf of the commercial fishing industry, we would like to thank you for your recognition and continued support.

The goal of Cook Inlet Salmon Brand is to revive and enhance the commercial fishing industry by establishing a quality certification program for Cook Inlet salmon and to promote that product to high-end niche markets. This program has received statewide and national recognition for its efforts to revitalize the commercial fishing industry.

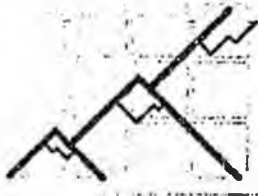
Your resolution, designating June 28 to July 4, 2004 as **Alaska Wild Salmon Week**, would definitely assist us and acknowledge the importance of our efforts. I wish to add my support of your resolution.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jack Brown
Business Development Manager

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January 29, 2003

VIA FAX (907) 465-3835

Representative Kelly Wolf
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wolf:

The Small Business Development Center is very aware of the phenomenal effort put forth by our Alaska fishing industry to establish a quality certification program for Cook Inlet salmon, that would gain recognition through-out the United States and beyond our borders.

Your resolution, to designate June 28 to July 4, 2004 as **Alaska Wild Salmon Week**, would definitely assist and recognize the importance of their program goals. I wish to join in support of your resolution.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Gregory
Director
Kenai Peninsula SBDC

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SUBCENTERS

- Anchorage
- Fairbanks
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- Kenai Peninsula
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Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman

January 28, 2004

Representative Kelly Wolf
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Wolf:

Re: HCR 25: Alaska Wild Salmon Week

Thank you for again sponsoring a resolution promoting and proclaiming Alaska Wild Salmon Week. I look forward to June 28-July 4, 2004 to do my part to participate in activities focused on the catching and eating of salmon.

The five species of wild Alaska salmon are recognized worldwide as a superior product that provides outstanding nutritional benefits. Our State is well recognized, by resident and tourist alike, for providing incredible opportunities to harvest and enjoy this fish.

Alaskans have historically harvested salmon for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years. The commercial salmon industry has developed and changed during the past century and still contributes greatly to our workforce and economy. Many people now also enjoy recreational harvesting of salmon.

As you know, my own family has been engaged in the harvesting, processing and consumption of salmon for several generations. I heartily endorse your resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loren D. Leman".

Loren Leman
Lieutenant Governor



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

January 27, 2004

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Representative Kelly Wolf
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HCR 25, Relating to Alaska Wild Salmon Week June 28 – July 4, 2004

Dear Representative Wolf,

United Fishermen of Alaska wholeheartedly supports the designation of Alaska Wild Salmon Week for June 28 – July 4, 2004.

This designation will promote public awareness of the importance of salmon to Alaska's way of life and economy. Not only is salmon a mainstay of the state economy, exports of salmon help reduce the national trade balance of payments deficit.

We especially appreciate the inclusion of the term "wild". With the recent international and nationwide press concerning the PEW-funded study that shows generally higher toxins in farmed fish than in wild fish, including the word "wild" will help spread awareness of the distinction that Alaska salmon are wild, and safe to eat.

We also appreciate the good timing of the week you have chosen. This will give a good opportunity for promotions leading up to the biggest barbeque day of the year on the Independence Day holiday. In addition, it comes during the peak of the tourist season when visitors to Alaska from throughout the world will take notice.

We appreciate your efforts to raise public awareness of the importance of salmon.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Vinsel
Interim Executive Director

Copy: Representative Paul Seaton, Co-Chair, House Special Committee on Fisheries
Representative Peggy Wilson, Co-Chair, House Special Committee on Fisheries

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Dragger's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association
Bristol Bay Reserve • Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association • Chignik Selnors Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cordova District Fishermen United
Crab Rationalization and Buyback Group • Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association
Kodiak Selnors Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Pacific Scallop Cooperative • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Old Harbor Fishermen's Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Selnors Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Catcher Boats • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association • Western Gull of Alaska Fishermen



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January 28, 2004

The Honorable Kelly Wolf
House of Representatives
State Capitol – Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Send Via Fax To: 907-465-3835

Dear Representative Wolf;

The United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Association (USA(G)) represents about 150 small business owners who catch salmon by drift gillnetting in Southeast Alaska and market salmon throughout the United States. Many of our members participate in other fisheries such as crab, shrimp, longline, and dive fisheries. We support HCR 25 that designates June 28, to July 4, 2004 as Alaska Wild Salmon Week. This is particularly important as it will draw public awareness to Alaska wild salmon during our July 4th Independence Day celebration when salmon barbeques are especially popular. We also hope it will increase all Alaskans awareness of the importance of our salmon industry to the states economy. We appreciate your efforts in introducing this resolution and supporting our salmon fishery.

If we can further assist in supporting this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Duckett".

Kenneth Duckett
Executive Director

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January 29, 2004

VIA FAX (907) 465-3835Representative Kelly Wolf
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wolf:

The goal of Cook Inlet Salmon Brand is to revive and enhance the commercial fishing industry by establishing a quality certification program for Cook Inlet salmon and to promote that product to high-end niche markets.

This program has received statewide and national recognition for its efforts to revitalize the commercial fishing industry. We welcome any assistance that would enhance our goals, and your resolution designating June 28 to July 4, 2004 as Alaska Wild Salmon Week, would be identified as such.

As President of the Cook Inlet Salmon Brand, Inc., I wish to add my support of your resolution.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mark Powell
President
Cook Inlet Salmon Brand, Inc.

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Salamatof Seafoods Inc.

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January 30, 2004

Dear Legislators:

As one of the processors of Alaska wild salmon we strongly support House Concurrent Resolution 25 designating June 28 – July 4, 2004 as Alaska Wild Salmon Week. This resolution will promote the value and marketing of the wild Alaska salmon, which is what, will help create a stable economic outlook for commercial fishing and the tourism industries. It is a pleasure to extend aid to help pass this resolution.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this worthy matter.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Scott, President
Salamatof Seafoods, Inc.

FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill Version: HCR 25
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title Relating to Alaska Wild Salmon RDU _____
Week Component _____
 Sponsor Representative Wolf _____
 Requester House Fisheries Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type-Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 Passage of this legislation would have no fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Sarah Gilbertson Phone 465-6137
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 Agency: Alaska Department of Fish & Game