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Title Extending the termination date for the BRU Legislative Council
Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until 2005. Component Council & Subcommittees
Sponsor Representative Stevens, Kerttula,.....
Requester Representative Seaton Component No. 783

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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 (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal: ☐

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution extends the termination date for the Salmon Industry Task Force. This resolution has zero fiscal impact on the Legislature as costs for the Task Force will be absorbed within existing budgets.

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**ORIGINAL RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING**

**THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON
INDUSTRY TASKFORCE**

22ND LEGISLATURE

Alaska State Legislature

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House Special Committee on Fisheries

AGENDA-February 19, 2003

Rm#124; 8:30-10:00 a.m.

- 1) +*HCR 6 Extension of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force.
- 2) Overview of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game **Subsistence Division**, Director Mary C. Pete presenting.

Questions and Answers.

Thank you. If you have any questions you can contact my committee staff person, Cameron Yourkowski, at 465-3306

Moving of bills from Committee

I move HB/SB or whatever resolution from Committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal notes.

(note: when making this motion one should include the version of the bill. For example: I move House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 33-Fisheries w/... A person may substitute the language with HCS for SB 33 Fish)

If there is an objection, then the members of the committee will procede with a roll call vote. If there is no objection then the bill passes from committee with recommendations made on the yellow bill-action sheet passed around by the committee aide.

A majority of the quorum present is sufficient to pass a bill from committee.

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6(FSH)**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES****Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STEVENS, Kerttula, Morgan****A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the continuation of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until**
2 **2004.**

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

4 That the termination date of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force
5 established by Legislative Resolve 53, Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature, is extended
6 until the adjournment sine die of the Second Regular Session of the Twenty-Third Alaska
7 State Legislature; and

8 That the original legislative members of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task
9 Force shall continue to serve on the task force unless the member no longer serves in the
10 legislature, resigns from the task force, or is jointly removed from the task force by the
11 president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives; and

12 That the original public members of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force
13 shall continue to serve on the task force unless the member resigns from the task force or is
14 jointly removed from the task force by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
15 representatives, and the legislative members of the task force; and

16 That a vacancy arising in the legislative or public membership of the Joint Legislative
17 Salmon Industry Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment to

1 the vacant position; and

2 That the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force shall submit a final report of its
3 findings and proposed industry and legislative changes to the legislature by January 31, 2004,
4 and may make any interim reports it considers advisable; and

5 That the Legislative Council may, upon request of the chair of the Joint Legislative
6 Salmon Industry Task Force, enter into contracts for research necessary for the functioning of
7 the task force.

Sectional Analysis

Task Force

"Extending the termination date of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until 2005." 23-LS0318\A

Intent

To continue the work of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to March 2005.

Sectional Analysis

- Extends the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to March 2005.
- Original legislative members continue to serve unless the member no longer serves in the legislature, resigns, or is jointly removed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives.
- Original public members continue to serve unless the member resigns or is jointly removed by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislative members of the task force.
- Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- The Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force submits a final report to the legislature by January 31, 2005.

Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force

Legislative Members

Senator Ben Stevens, Chair
Representative Gary Stevens, Vice-Chair
Representative Kim Elton
Representative Bill Williams
Senator Alan Austerman, Alternate
Representative Drew Scalzi, Alternate



Public Members

Sue Aspelund
Sam Cotten
Duncan Fields
Don Giles
John Lowrance
Robin Samuelson
Gary Slaven
Stephanie Madsen, Alternate
Chris Moss, Alternate

January 31, 2003

Honorable Gene Therriault, President
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Honorable Pete Kott, Speaker
Alaska State House
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear President Therriault and Speaker Kott,

Please consider this letter, the accompanying report and draft legislation as satisfaction of the requirements in Legislative Resolve No. 53 (22nd Alaska State Legislature).

The accompanying Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force Report includes a short introduction, explanation of the task force process, draft legislation, other recommendations, and future issues.

This volume of work represents the efforts of Alaskans from all regions of the state and segments of the commercial salmon industry. Over sixty-five people participated in the Task Force and Task Force subcommittee process. In addition, the Task Force received over 279 proposals and comments from the public.

While the Task Force adopted a number of proposed changes to state statutes and addressed numerous issues surrounding the commercial salmon industry, it was impossible in the short time frame available to address many of the complex issues that affect the industry. Therefore, the Task Force seeks to continue its work in order to address many outstanding issues.

In closing, the Task Force would like to express its sincere gratitude to the multitude of Alaskans who participated in the process, to state agency personnel, and to the legislature for recognizing the importance of a viable sustainable commercial wild salmon industry.

Sincerely,

Ben Stevens, Chair
Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force



JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE

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Introduction

The Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force, created by concurrent resolution in the twenty-second legislature, was formed with a clear public mission. Commercial salmon industry professionals representing a cross-section of the industry and the state looked to the legislature for assistance to reclaim lost market share and foster an environment that encourages expansion into new markets. The legislature's recognition of the importance of the commercial salmon industry to the state was proven in their dedication in forming the task force. World seafood markets are recasting and change is inevitable for Alaska. The industry remains optimistic that through reclamation and change the commercial salmon industry in Alaska will improve.

The Alaska commercial salmon industry faces multiple challenges as it moves through this century. Alaska contains more than 34,000 miles of coastline – more than the rest of the United States combined. This provided a daunting challenge for all involved. However, all the task force participants showed the indomitable spirit of Alaskans.

The further challenge to lawmakers on the task force was to appoint a diverse group of industry professionals who would view the trial facing the salmon industry as a single community. This meant setting aside regional and other biases, resolving to view the varying components of the commercial salmon industry as essential to the whole, and coming to the table not only to contribute but also to learn. The work produced by the task force proves Alaskans once again met the challenge.

The revenues resulting from the industry, directly and indirectly, serve as the economic backbone for a large part of Alaska. In many coastal regions of Alaska, the seafood industry generates nearly all of the economic activity. The industry is not a monolith. Diverse species, product forms, markets, harvest methods, individuals, and areas comprise to make the whole. In spite of this seemingly overwhelming obstacle, enormous progress was made.

It is essential to understand the industry did not look to the legislature to create a panacea. They looked for assistance through developing communication, exchanging information, and working in a partnership with the legislature. The task force recommendations attest to the success of achieving these objectives.

The report will show the effort and results. In many ways, the work has just begun and the members of the task force have identified continuing issues and desire to press forward. A recommendation to extend the life of the task force is included.

A public member of the task force recently stated the essence of the task force: "I see the task force as being the communication bridge between the industry and the legislature regarding issues of concern." Dynamic, concerted action is urgently needed and the momentum gained should not be lost but continued.

Process

The Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force, chaired by Senator Ben Stevens, gaveled in on July 22, 2002, in Anchorage. The first order of business was to develop a clear mission statement. Its mission statement states:

"The goal of the Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force is to evaluate the State of Alaska's statutory framework for Alaska's wild salmon industry as well as current industry practices and to make recommendations for statutory, regulatory and structural changes that will improve the industry while recognizing Alaska's coastal economy."

Five subcommittees were formed consisting of task force and public members. The subcommittees are Finance, Governance, Marketing, Production, and Quality. Once the subcommittees were formed, they too had to develop a focused mission to ensure success.

The subcommittees met independent of the task force to begin their work. The subcommittees met over 43 times in a very public process. The task force met 7 times as a whole to consider the work of the subcommittees, receive public input, and to act upon proposed recommendations.

Public hearings were held in Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Sand Point, Soldotna, Homer, Cordova, Anchorage, Dillingham, Kodiak, Seattle, and on KDLG's Talk of Alaska. The members of the task force split the responsibility and at least 3 members attended in each area. Members attempted to go to areas where they were less informed on the issues in an attempt to broaden their understanding of the needs of each area. The meetings were well attended and the testimony received was incorporated into the task force deliberations.

The United Fishermen of Alaska created a web site where all the task force activity was posted and available. Additionally, they created a format for receiving proposals from the public. They received, posted, and made available to the task force over 279 proposals. The subcommittees reviewed each proposal and incorporated them into their discussions, deliberations, and recommendations to the task force.

The task force wanted to ensure a comprehensive public process and every effort was made in this regard. The dedication and commitment of each subcommittee member, the subcommittee assets, and the task force members is apparent in the recommendations being forwarded.

Recommended Legislation

Salmon Task Force

1. "Extending the termination date of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until 2005." *23-LS0318\A*

Finance

2. "An Act relating to the emergency order authority of the commissioner of fish and game and to meetings of the Board of Fisheries." *23-LS0166\A*
3. "An Act relating to payment of the fisheries business tax and to security for collection of the fisheries business tax." *23-LS0170\A*
4. "An Act relating to loans to satisfy past due federal tax obligations of commercial fishermen and to the commercial fishing loan program." *23-LS0165\I*
5. "An Act relating to a salmon product development tax credit under the Alaska fisheries business tax and the Alaska fisheries resource landing tax; and providing for an effective date." *23-LS0169\D*
6. "An Act relating to the transportation and sale of commercially caught fish by an agent of a commercial fishing permit holder and to the sale of fish; and providing for an effective date." *23-LS0167\A*

Production

7. "An Act relating to commercial fishing privileges of persons who hold multiple entry permits for a salmon fishery." *23-LS0323\A*
8. "An Act relating to a buy-back surcharge on the renewal of entry permits and administration of an entry permit buy-back program." *23-LS0322\D*

Quality

9. "An Act relating to standards for chilling and delivery of commercially caught salmon; and providing for an effective date." *23-LS0321\I*

Governance

10. Task Force Resolution to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

11. "An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries by members of the board; and providing for an effective date." *23-LS0313\A*
12. "An Act establishing the Alaska Commercial Seafood Commission; and providing for an effective date." *23-LS0314\A*
13. "An Act relating to the wages of people working in the fisheries business." *23-LS0315\D*

Marketing

14. "Relating to additional state funding for seafood marketing programs of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute." *23-LS0168\D*