

SB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/12/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
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IN TO OFFICE: 4-1-03

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 139

SB 139 AK SALMON PRICE REPORT PROGRAM

"An Act repealing the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
REV	3/28/03		✓	1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Kaeph Seebain</i>	✓			
<i>Ken Stevens</i>	✓			
<i>Thomas H. Wagoner</i>	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	
<i>RC [Signature]</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Scott [Signature]</i>	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SB139
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title Alaska Salmon Price BRU Revenue Operations
Report Program Component Tax Division
Sponsor Senator Dyson
Requester Senate Resources Committee Component No. 2476

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						
Supplies						
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Land & Structures						
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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)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
1002 Federal Receipts	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
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
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

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Part-time						
Temporary						

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SENATOR FRED DYSON

MEMORANDUM

March 18, 2003

To: Senator Scott Ogan, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

From: Senator Fred Dyson

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Fred Dyson" with a date "3/18/03" written below it.

RE: Hearing Request, SB 139

I respectfully request the scheduling of SB 139, "An Act relating to repealing the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program." at your earliest convenience. Thank You.



SENATOR FRED DYSON

SB 139

Sponsor Statement

“An act repealing the termination date of the Alaska Salmon Price Report program”

Updated: March 14, 2003

Contact: Senator Fred Dyson's office at (907) 465-2199

The Alaska Salmon Price Report provides important economic data to the commercial salmon industry, allowing both processing companies and fishermen access to market information organized in a useful way. The report tracks salmon production by product form, area and value, giving the industry a tool with which to assess inventory, compare statistics with other sources and negotiate prices.

Reliable data from independent sources is often hard to come by in the seafood business, making it hard to do economic analysis. The ASPR is a valuable resource, providing data that are used by thousands of Alaskans and state and federal agencies every year.

AS 43.80.055 established the ASPR, but it will sunset on July 1, 2003. Therefore, SB 139 will repeal the sunset date and will permanently establish the ASPR in statute.

ASPR RENEWAL SUMMARY

- Relevant Statute: AS 43.80 Salmon Price Reports
- Processors have three reports due to Dept. of Revenue: Jan. 31, May 31, Sept. 30 (Only those processors who sold over 1,000,000 pounds of salmon products at wholesale must report.)
- Processor report must include prices received and quantity of salmon sold
Includes the following products forms:
Canned
Fresh H&G
Fresh Fillet
Frozen H&G
Frozen Fillet
Roe
- The reports are public information, except that individual companies are not identified.
- Department of Revenue is required to produce the Alaska Salmon Price Report which lists monthly and annual wholesale price averages for each species of salmon for each size of can. This reports also lists each pound of other salmon products by area of production, species and product form.

The ASPR is important in providing accurate data on the salmon pack. This information is useful in predicting future prices based on inventory and comparing prices between regions of the state.

The statute sunsets July 1, 2003. This bill would simply repeal the termination date, effectively establishing this report permanently in statute.



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Dear Senators and Representatives,

This letter is in support of SB 139.....The reauthorization of the Alaska Salmon Price Report (ASPR).

The ASPR has been in existence for only 2 years and was created to supply price information for the 6 salmon products that make up the bulk of the Alaska harvest. The ASPR is an amended version of the Wholesale Price Report (WPR) that was used for over thirty years to define processor / fisherman business contracts and to help inform the public of the value of this particular State resource. In 1998, the WPR was amended to reflect new canned product definition (thermally processed) and actual sales seasons. At that time, a five year sunset clause was included in final passage of the bill. In 2000, the WPR was further amended to include additional products and was renamed the ASPR. However, the original sunset clause was not repealed.

This Dept. of Revenue database, is being used by all sections of the industry as well as non-industry Alaskans and other state and federal government agencies. The DOR mailing list has over 90 entities that "subscribe" to it, including 45 processors, Statistical and Economic development division (NOAA), Fisheries Development Div. (NOAA), Uof A., USDA, NMFS, National Food Processors Assn., McDowell Group (ASMI information service contractor), State of Alaska Legislature, and the rest are made up of primarily fisheries and fisherman's organizations. The non-subscriber users, number in the thousands.

As we all continue to deal with the crisis of Alaska Salmon, this data base becomes more valued and needed. The value of these salmon products and the variety of products produced, is information that cannot be found anywhere else in a timely manner.

I encourage you to pass this bill as written, to insure that this valuable, public trust information is not lost or delayed and that it's use will continue to educate and inform the thousands of Alaskans that have become used to it as a business and planning resource.

Sincerely,

Bruce Schactler, President

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March 17, 2003

Senate Resources Committee
c/o Senator Scott Ogan
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SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3625

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 139

Dear Members,

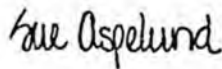
Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) represents the hardworking fishing families of Area E—Prince William Sound and the Copper River. We are pleased to provide comment to you regarding our support for SB 139.

Timely, accurate, and verifiable reporting of wholesale values of Alaska's salmon, as well as known production, provides a variety of benefits to our industry, coastal communities, programs dependent upon ex-vessel value assessments, and the State of Alaska. SB 139 provides continuation of a proven mechanism for gathering and providing the information forms the basis for better decision-making by those dependent upon the Alaska Salmon Price Report.

We are all too well aware of the vagaries of natural resource markets. Access to timely and accurate information regarding the condition of salmon markets will afford more accurate evaluation of the myriad of decisions that are constantly being made by those impacted by Alaska's salmon fisheries.

We urge your support for SB 139.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Aspelund
Executive Director

cc: Senator Fred Dyson

March 4, 2003

To whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of support from the Salmon Market Information Service concerning renewal legislation for the Alaska Salmon Price Report (ASPR).

The ASPR was established in 2000 by Alaska Statute 43.80.055. The legislation contains a "sunset" clause that will cause the ASPR to expire in July 2003 unless legislative action is taken to correct it and make the report permanent. Loss of the ASPR would reduce the ability of the Salmon Market Information Service to provide timely and pertinent market information to Alaska salmon permit holders and others.

The Salmon Market Information Service (SMIS) is charged with informing Alaska salmon permit holders and others about market conditions for Alaska salmon. The Alaska Salmon Price Report is an important tool for the SMIS in fulfilling this charge.

- SMIS publishes the Salmon Market Bulletin, a market periodical distributed to over 3,000 subscribers. Data from the ASPR or derived using ASPR figures, is published regularly in the Salmon Market Bulletin. Six of the last ten Salmon Market Bulletins draw significant portions of their content from the ASPR.
- ASPR data enables the SMIS to crosscheck statistics from other sources, such as NMFS foreign trade data. While ASPR and NMFS data are substantially different in terms of basis, the ASPR provides an important means to identify obvious problems with foreign trade statistics, most recently with the July 2002 NMFS export data.
- Since the ASPR is specific to month and area, the SMIS can more accurately assess and report the progression of sales. For instance, first wholesale value of Bristol Bay H&G frozen sockeye ranged between \$1.46 and \$1.81 per pound during June - August 2002. However, the bulk of sales volume during that period (84 percent) occurred in July, at the highest price. Having access to the monthly ASPR data enables both fishermen and processors to accurately represent their interests, using objective data from an impartial source.
- ASPR data enables the Salmon Market Information Service to make timely canned salmon inventory estimates, which would not exist otherwise. State officials use these estimates as the basis to request USDA canned pink salmon surplus reduction purchases, as recently as February 2003. The canned salmon inventory estimates would be impossible without ASPR data.

Dependable statistics from government sources become more important to industry as the voluntary reporting of seafood industry statistics has declined in recent years. National Food Processors Association (NFPA) ceased voluntary reporting of canned salmon inventories several years ago. Processing and harvesting sector representatives agreed to use SMIS canned salmon inventory estimates at an October 2002 meeting. Renewing the ASPR will enable SMIS to continue providing that information.



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March 29, 2003

Senate Resources Committee
Senator Scott Ogan, Chair
Alaska State Legislature
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RE: Support SB 139

Senator Ogan,

The Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance supports passage of SB 139 that repeals the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program. This program as is has been in place for three years now. The fishermen use this report for price negotiations with the processors and it provides information regarding the salmon pack.

The Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance is a fishermen's membership organization representing our members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries of Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

March 28, 2003

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Senator Scott Ogan
Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature

RE: Support for SB 139

Dear Senator Ogan,

United Fishermen of Alaska supports SB 139 for the renewal of the Alaska Salmon Price Report. The ASPR has proven to be of great benefit to fishermen, coastal communities, and businesses as well agencies of the State of Alaska and the federal government.

In this time of change facing the salmon industry, this accurate and timely information about the market conditions is critical to the progress that we seek in ensuring the health of our salmon fishing families and communities and the businesses that depend on them. If the Alaska Salmon Price Report is not renewed, we will lose one of the necessary roadmaps on our difficult path forward.

We strongly urge your support of SB 139 to ensure the continuation of this vital source of information.

Sincerely,

Jerry G. McCune
Government Relations

Copy: Senator Ben Stevens
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Senator Fred Dyson
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Senator Georgianna Lincoln

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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 • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Western Gull of Alaska Fishermen

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March 14, 2003

Re: Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the "Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report" for the 2002 reporting period. The following should help the reader understand the information in this report.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

1. The reporting threshold is 1,000,000 pounds of salmon products sold at wholesale in the previous calendar year.
2. "Quantity" is the number of pounds of reportable product produced by a processor or its affiliate.
3. "Production area" is where the product was processed into a reportable salmon product form within Alaska by the processor or its affiliate. If the salmon was exported in the round and then reprocessed into a reportable product, the production area is "Exported in the Round" (Production Area I).
4. No quality distinctions are made within each product form category.
5. The "product forms" are those listed in statute. These are the only product forms that are included in the Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report database and are the only ones that the processors are required to report.

CONFIDENTIALITY

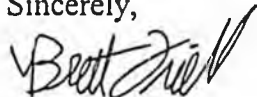
Information that could be used to identify the quantity for a particular fish processor is confidential information and will not be released to the public. Consequently, data for many areas is not shown (double asterisks) on the Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report.

ANNUAL ALASKA SALMON PRICE REPORT

The Department of Revenue will be publishing an Annual Alaska Salmon Price Report on or before July 31, 2003 that will report the pounds/cases and wholesale prices for the entire year. This report will also reflect any adjustments made to previously reported numbers for the year.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - TAX DIVISION
ANNUAL ALASKA SALMON PRODUCTION REPORT
REPORT PERIOD: JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2002

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Thermally Processed Products

Species	Area	4-lbs (12/case) Cases	Tails (48/case) Cases	Halves (48/case) Cases	Quarters (48/case) Cases	Others Pounds
Chinook	A - Southeastern & Yakutat	0	0	**	0	**
	B - Prince William Sound	0	**	0	0	**
	C - Cook Inlet	0	0	0	0	0
	D - Kodiak	0	**	**	0	0
	E - Chignik	0	0	0	0	0
	F - Aleutians, Atka-Amila & AK. Pen.	0	0	0	0	0
	G - Bristol Bay	0	**	**	0	0
	H - Kuskokwim - Kotzebue	0	0	0	0	0
	*Total	0	2,929	**	0	**
Sockeye	A - Southeastern & Yakutat	0	**	17,870	**	**
	B - Prince William Sound	0	**	33,810	0	**
	C - Cook Inlet	0	**	**	0	0
	D - Kodiak	0	**	**	0	0
	E - Chignik	0	**	**	0	0
	F - Aleutians, Atka-Amila & AK. Pen.	0	**	**	**	0
	G - Bristol Bay	0	166,352	622,698	**	0
	H - Kuskokwim - Kotzebue	0	0	0	0	0
	*Total	0	252,207	971,432	66,297	**
Coho	A - Southeastern & Yakutat	0	**	12,576	**	**
	B - Prince William Sound	0	2,152	**	0	**
	C - Cook Inlet	0	0	0	0	0
	D - Kodiak	0	**	**	0	0
	E - Chignik	0	**	**	0	0
	F - Aleutians, Atka-Amila & AK. Pen.	0	**	**	0	0
	G - Bristol Bay	0	**	0	0	0
	H - Kuskokwim - Kotzebue	0	0	0	0	0
	*Total	0	36,514	41,803	**	**
Pink	A - Southeastern & Yakutat	**	1,065,501	560,576	**	**
	B - Prince William Sound	**	448,221	**	0	**
	C - Cook Inlet	0	**	**	0	**
	D - Kodiak	**	**	**	0	**
	E - Chignik	0	**	**	0	0
	F - Aleutians, Atka-Amila & AK. Pen.	0	**	**	0	0
	G - Bristol Bay	0	**	**	0	0
	H - Kuskokwim - Kotzebue	0	0	0	0	0
	*Total	44,663	2,182,319	726,918	**	**
Chum	A - Southeastern & Yakutat	**	**	**	0	0
	B - Prince William Sound	0	16,148	0	0	0
	C - Cook Inlet	0	0	0	0	0
	D - Kodiak	0	**	**	0	0
	E - Chignik	0	**	**	0	0
	F - Aleutians, Atka-Amila & AK. Pen.	0	**	0	0	0
	G - Bristol Bay	0	10,573	3,919	0	0
	H - Kuskokwim - Kotzebue	0	0	0	0	0
	*Total	**	**	25,032	0	0

*When reported, totals include data that is confidential by specific production area.

**Information is not included because of confidentiality constraints.

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - TAX DIVISION
ANNUAL ALASKA SALMON PRODUCTION REPORT
REPORT PERIOD: JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2002

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Other Products

Species	Product Form	Production Area A: Southeastern & Yukon	Production Area B: Prince William Sound	Production Area C: Cook Inlet	Production Area D: Kodiak	Production Area E: Chignik	Production Area F: Aleutian Islands, Alaska Islands, & Alaska Peninsula	Production Area G: Bristol Bay	Production Area H: Kuskokwim, Yukon- Northern, Norton Sound-Port Clarence, & Kotzebue	Production Area I: Exported in the round	Totals*
		Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	Tot. Net Wt. (lbs)	
Chinook	Fresh H & G	1,135,258	461,222	29,830	0	0	0	**	0	**	**
	Fresh Fillet	**	**	**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
	Frozen H & G	3,174,574	84,124	42,576	54,011	**	**	439,220	0	**	3,836,606
	Frozen Fillet	**	**	0	**	0	0	**	0	0	**
	Roe	30,890	20,397	2,714	**	**	**	40,358	0	0	**
Sockeye	Fresh H & G	465,038	3,534,625	942,025	**	**	0	276,720	0	**	5,589,101
	Fresh Fillet	**	238,131	**	**	0	0	0	0	0	**
	Frozen H & G	1,484,857	5,658,810	6,935,140	3,974,992	**	**	21,013,390	0	**	48,446,085
	Frozen Fillet	**	108,211	**	**	**	**	**	0	0	1,322,947
	Roe	69,047	396,951	322,849	138,680	**	**	1,465,666	0	0	**
Coho	Fresh H & G	1,600,238	1,658,182	121,708	**	0	0	0	0	**	**
	Fresh Fillet	18,357	254,075	**	0	0	0	**	0	**	**
	Frozen H & G	13,200,548	1,848,365	903,059	937,925	**	**	**	0	**	17,674,340
	Frozen Fillet	677,242	**	**	**	**	**	**	0	0	1,018,339
	Roe	425,352	321,956	38,401	35,051	**	**	**	0	0	**
Pink	Fresh H & G	**	1,018,750	**	**	0	0	0	0	**	**
	Fresh Fillet	0	**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
	Frozen H & G	12,220,238	9,504,003	361,828	6,733,700	0	**	**	0	**	30,571,448
	Frozen Fillet	**	**	0	**	0	0	0	0	0	**
	Roe	3,762,728	2,913,626	**	1,090,607	**	**	**	0	**	**
Chum	Fresh H & G	1,375,557	8,072,236	**	0	0	0	0	**	**	**
	Fresh Fillet	**	**	0	0	0	0	0	**	**	**
	Frozen H & G	25,728,812	17,285,787	3,368,679	2,092,984	**	**	1,499,776	0	**	55,766,347
	Frozen Fillet	**	**	**	**	0	**	0	**	0	1,856,154
	Roe	2,508,887	1,958,456	**	148,741	**	**	173,273	**	**	6,385,814

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April 14, 2003

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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 • Puvungne Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Cook Inlet Dredge Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen