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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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APR 28 2005  
SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/26/05

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DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 28 April 2005

Finance Committee considered SL ^TE BILL NO. 113

## SB 113 GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY

"An Act relating to entry into and management of Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS SB 113 (RES)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by Senate Resources Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

<b>CS Senate Bill:</b>	
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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Ind.	Zero	FN#
F+G/CPEC	4/28/05	20.0			
F+G/Boards	4/28/05	45.6			

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Ind.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
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COCHAIR: <i>Gary Hill</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>Lyle Green</i>	✓			

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# FISCAL NOTE

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2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Management of Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Component: Boards of Fisheries and Game  
Sponsor Senator Ben Stevens by Request  
Requester Senate Finance Committee Component No. 2048

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

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Supplies	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
Equipment	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
Land & Structures	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
Grants & Claims	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
Miscellaneous	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>45.6</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
1003 GF Match	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
1004 GF	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
1156 Rcpt Svcs	45.6	*	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.6</b>	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0  
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Management of Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Component: Commercial Fisheries Entry  
Sponsor: Senator Ben Stevens by Request Commission  
Requester: Senate Finance Committee Component No. 471

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

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OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
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<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>20.0</b>	*	*	*	*	*

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.0</b>	*	*	*	*	*

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Passage of CSSB113(RES) will allow but not mandate establishment of a new type of limitation program for the participation in Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. It also provides a new procedural working relationship between the Alaska Board of Fish and the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. Initially there will be some modest costs for travel as the two agencies conduct joint groundfish public hearings to determine the scope of these fisheries and analyze the need for limitation protection. At this time subsequent costs are indeterminate pending the shape and extent of any "designated access privilege" (DAP) programs established. CFEC will need to consider the integration of any new program into its existing responsibilities, for example: additional groundfish fisheries research,

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

adjudications resulting from any new DAP program, licensing and management of any DAPs issued and likely significant need for information technology services. If any DAP limitations are authorized under this legislation a key component of costs could be the design and implementation of an electronic resource harvest reporting system. Future analyses will be needed to investigate the current federal reporting system and its applicability to state fisheries.

CFEC anticipates an FY06 cost of \$20,000 for the agency to participate in the series of meetings with the Alaska Board of Fisheries and its Groundfish Working Group that comprise the initial step in the process set forth in CSSB 113(RES). CFEC's current travel budget is insufficient to cover this additional expense, so a travel line increment is necessary. Because permit and license renewal fees are not currently generating enough revenue to cover an increase with Receipt Supported Services (RSS) funding, General Fund funding is requested for this small increment. However, if SB 93 (CFEC fee bill) is passed by the legislature this session, the resulting increase in CFEC-generated revenues in subsequent years should be sufficient to fund anticipated future CFEC costs associated with implementing the provisions of CSSB113(RES) with RSS funds.

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Letter of Intent – April 25, 2005

SB 113: Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) and the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC), with respect to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fisheries, is hereby adopted as a Letter of Intent.

A copy of that four page document, signed by Bruce Twomley, Chair of the CFEC and Arthur N. Nelson, Chair of the BOF, dated April 5 and 6 2005 respectively, is attached and made part of this document.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission with respect to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fisheries

SB113 (the Act) is now pending before the Alaska State Legislature and, if passed, would authorize (but not mandate) a dedicated access privilege program (as defined in the Act) as a new, alternative form of limited access potentially applicable for limiting access to the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries within State of Alaska jurisdiction.

AS 16.43.530(a) [Sec. 5, lines 4-8] provides in relevant part:

If the commission finds that entry into a Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery should be limited on the basis of dedicated access privileges to serve the purposes of this chapter, the commission may adopt regulations, developed in conjunction with the Board of Fisheries, that are necessary to establish and implement a dedicated access privilege program for that fishery.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Alaska Board of Fisheries (the Board) and the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (the Commission or CFEC) sets forth the agreement between the Board and the Commission outlining the procedure by which the two bodies intend to develop regulations in conjunction with each other. The purpose of this MOU is to provide a working definition of the phrase "in conjunction with" as understood by the two bodies. When this agreement is finalized, the Board and the Commission will present the agreement to the legislature and propose the agreement be incorporated into the legislative history of the Act.

This agreement will take effect on passage of the Act.

In this agreement, references to the Board and to the Commission include representatives of each body delegated to ensure the outlined procedure may go forward in a timely fashion not restricted by the public meeting schedule of either full body.

In this memorandum, the term fishery refers only to Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries as specified in AS 16.43.530(a).

To outline the steps in the process by which the Board and the Commission will develop regulations for the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish fisheries under the Act, the Board and the Commission agree as follows.

(1) As practicable, the Board will continue to explore options through the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Rationalization Committee process and will continue to include the Commission or its representative in such meetings.

(2) As soon as practicable, the Board, in consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), will identify for the Commission the particular fisheries the Board believes to be most in need of immediate review. Similarly, the Board will identify those fisheries the Board believes do not require limited access at this time. The Board may also transmit any guidance the Board wishes to offer with respect to the fisheries.

Neither the Board nor the Commission will be proposing limited access for a fishery in the absence of an express request from participants in the fishery to do so. This practice pre-exists this agreement: in more than 20 years, the Commission has not proposed limitation of any fishery without a specific request from the public to do so, and the commission has turned down many requests it has received.

(3) In light of the information presented by the Board and ADF&G, the Commission will develop data and analyses of the fisheries and generally examine the fisheries under the standards set forth in the Act.

(4) When the Commission develops preliminary findings or a proposal for any of the fisheries, prior to making a public proposal for the adoption of regulations, the Commission will present its preliminary

findings or proposal to the Board for the Board's review and guidance under the standards set forth in the Act. The Board and the Commission will meet to discuss these matters. The Board may concur in the Commission's preliminary findings or proposal. In the event the Board takes issue with any preliminary findings or the proposal, the Board shall specify for CFEC how the particular matters fail to meet the standards set forth in the Act or other policy goals of the Board. Upon notice of such issues, CFEC will reconsider any of its preliminary findings or its proposal and report the results of its reconsideration to the Board.

(5) When CFEC proposes regulations for a fishery, during the following public comment period, the Board and CFEC will hold joint hearings to receive public comment on the proposal. In addition, the Commission will share any written public comment it receives with the Board.

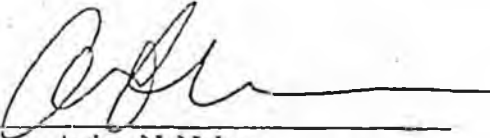
(6) In addition to the Board's opportunity to comment under the procedures of paragraphs (2), (4), and the following paragraph (7), the Board is free to comment throughout the public comment period.

(7) Following the public comment period, based on public comment received, the Commission will develop and present to the Board its preliminary findings with respect to the proposed regulations including proposed modifications of the original proposal. The Board may concur in these preliminary findings. In the event the Board takes issue with any of the preliminary findings, the Board may ask the Commission to reconsider its preliminary findings specifying where they failed to serve standards set forth in the Act or other policies of the Board. In the event the Board raises such issues, the Commission will reconsider any of its preliminary findings.

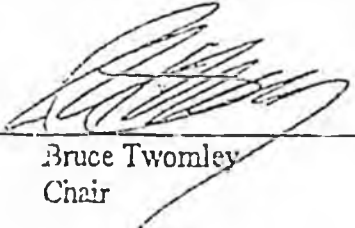
(8) In making their final decision on proposed regulations for a fishery, the Commission will fully consider any comments by the Board and will specifically address those comments in writing in the Commission's rationale supporting its final decision.

(8) Future Commission regulatory proposals pursuant to the Act will be governed by the procedures outlined herein.

Alaska Board of Fisheries

by  4/6/2005  
Arthur N. Nelson Date  
Chair

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

by  4/5/2005  
Bruce Twomley Date  
Chair

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SENATOR BEN STEVENS

CHANGES IN SENATE BILL 113

CS SB 113 – “An Act relating to entry into and management of Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries.

1. Page 2, ll. 24-25 – ADDS “except for mechanical jigging machine fisheries”

This would remove mechanical jigging fisheries within state waters from consideration of a DAP program.

2. Page 6, ll. 3-7 – ADDS “(2) “Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery” means a fishery in the Gulf of Alaska in which groundfish are taken in a specified administrative or registration area using a specified type of fishing gear that is either pelagic trawl, non-pelagic trawl, pot, or longline gear; “Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery” does not include mechanical jigging machine fisheries.”

This clarifies what fisheries would be available for consideration of a DAP program.

3. Page 6, ll. 17-20 – ADDS “(d) Notwithstanding AS 16.05.815 and AS 16.43.975, the commission or the Department of Fish and Game may release to the owner of a vessel information on the vessel’s history of harvests in a fishery that is necessary to apply for a dedicated access privilege issued under AS 16.43.530.”

The success of a dedicated access privilege program may depend on the state’s ability to limit access of skippers and vessels based on their past fishing history. Through its licensing and catch records, the state has information to determine vessel eligibility. This addition enhances the breath or scope of the bill.

Currently the vessel owner does not have direct access to this information. The vessel owner can get the information only by (1) locating former captains and obtaining their authorization to release the catch information (not always a workable option); or (2) obtaining a court order under AS 16.05.815 for release of the information. Either of these two options can be too burdensome to a vessel owner attempting to establish the vessel’s eligibility under state-imposed deadlines.

April 26

members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Dear Senator Stevens,

Tonight's Kodiak Daily Mirror headlined with an article about SB 113 passing out of the Resource Committee and your reaction to that fact. It also indicated that the full senate may look at SB 113 as early as Thursday which prompts me to try to rapidly relay my thoughts and concerns regarding this issue as it appears that time is running out for any changes. Please pardon my haste in writing if my points are less than succinct.

First, an introduction. I am Peter Allan, owner - operator of the F/V Orion, a locally based small boat fisherman and Kodiak resident for 25 plus years. I have been jigging cod around Kodiak since 1997 when the state waters pot and jig cod fishery was originally established. That means I have many dollars and nine years of my life invested in this fishery.

I am generally opposed to SB 113 due to the carte blanche totally undefined allocative powers that it gives to the Board of Fish and CFEC, however I am particularly irate that I and the other members of the groundfish jig fleet have been designated not merely as second class citizens in the process but as total nonentities.

In the current CSSB 113 on page 6, line 3, section ( 2 ) the groundfish jig fishery has essentially been defined as nonexistent. This is a total contravention of the truth and of the common knowledge of all participants and also of yourself I would assume.

This language change to the original draft of SB 113 has occurred in the last two weeks or so. The jig fleet has been actively fishing until three days ago. It is my belief that very few jig fishermen know that they have been declared nonentities in the "rationalization" process.

I would like to identify for you several negative scenarios that I believe to be likely results of this legislation if the jig exemption is allowed to stand as is.

1 ) Many established fishermen from the pot, longline, and trawl sectors will be issued federal IFQ and/or state DAP which will define their harvest allocations but will free them from " season" restrictions. They will be able to harvest their allocations at their own discretion enabling them to first participate in the very small jig quota. Of course jig fishermen will be locked out of participation in the other gear fisheries.

2 )The jig cod fishery has increasingly turned into a wintertime fishery. Additional effort will increase the pressure to produce being placed on participants who are primarily smaller vessels including a number of skiffs.

3 ) The local jig cod fishery for the past several years has had approximately 80 – 100 vessels per year participating. It is already an economically marginal fishery for many participants and this will certainly be exacerbated if it becomes the dumping ground for any and all new effort.

While I believe that true entry level fishing opportunities are very important to the long term health of coastal communities ,the additional entry level impacts should be shared by all the gear groups either by entry level opportunities into each or pooled quota from each that is designated as entry level quota. Entry level opportunity impacts should not just be shuffled off onto the gear group that is least able to afford it.

I know this is a long letter and I hope you have been able to get through it. I sincerely hope that you will make a good faith effort to convince your fellow senators that jig fishermen are people too. There are lots of us and we are just trying to pay our mortgages and feed our families like everyone else. Don't exclude us from the process by legislative fiat. We should be entitled to the same Board of Fish – EC process as others if there is to be any pretense of fairness and uniform application under the law.

Thank you very much and I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this problem.

Sincerely, Peter Allan

*Peter Allan*  
POB 2160 Kodiak

# FISCAL NOTE

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Provided by Senator B. Siverens  
4/27/05

Table 10. South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery openings, 1997-2004

	Pot Gear		Jig Gear
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
1997	April 4 -December 22	11 months plus	April 4 -December 22
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	October 31 allocation rollover- vessel size limit, gear limits, exclusive registration area lifted.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
1998	March 10 - April 14	1 month	March 10 - October 9
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	October 31 allocation rollover- No action taken; federal WGOA reopened Oct. 9 - Dec 31.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
1999	March 15 - April 11	less than 1 month	March 15 - December 31
	October 31- Decembe 31	2 months	
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	October 31 allocation rollover- Reopened to pot gear.		
	November 10- Number of pots and jig machine limits lifted.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
2000	March 11 - April 8	less than 1 month	March 11 - September 19
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	Fishery closed when GHL allocations were attained.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
2001	March 6 - April 13	1 month plus	March 6 - June 12
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	Fishery closed when GHL allocations were attained.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
2002	March 5 - March 24	20 days	March 5 - April 26
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	Fishery closed when GHL allocations were attained.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
2003	February 24 - March 11	16 days	February 24 - April 22
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	Fishery closed when GHL allocations were attained.		
	<i>Fishery Dates:</i>		
2004	March 2 - March 24	23 days	March 2 - April 14
	<i>Management Actions:</i>		
	Fishery closed when GHL allocations were attained.		
2005	March 3 - March 24	22 days	

## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/23/05

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/3/05  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4/26/05

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 113

### SB 113 GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY

"An Act relating to entry into and management of Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS SB 113 ( RES )
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by Resources Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

- Same Title
- New Title

**House Bill:**

- Same Title
- Technical Title Change
- New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

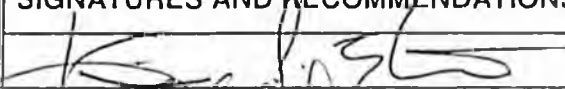
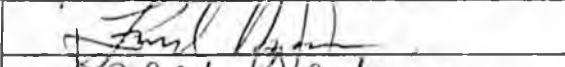
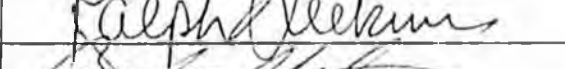
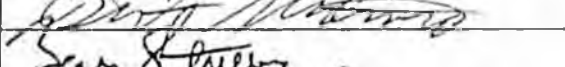
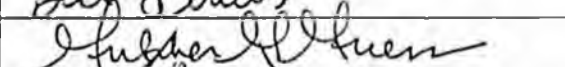
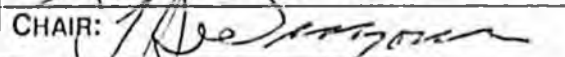
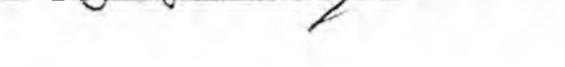
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F+G	3/8/05	✓			1

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
Elton 	✓			
Dyson 			✓	
Seelins 	✓			
Stedman 	✓			
B. Skens 				
Guess 			✓	
Wagner CHAIR: 	✓			