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128</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA29</COMM></TARGET>

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/1/15

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: MAR 30 2016

State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 128

HB 128-ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY

"An Act establishing August 10 of each year as Alaska Wild Salmon Day."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS HB 128 (STA) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ () Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
EED	MVA
DEC	DNR
DFG	DPS
GOV	REV
DHS	DOT
AJS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
ADM			✓	2

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	COGHILL	✓			
	HUGGINS	✓			
	MCGUIRE	✓			
	WIELECHOWSKI	✓			
CHAIR:	STOLTZE	✓			



Sponsor

Statement

HB 128
Alaska Wild Salmon Day

SPONSOR'S INTENT

Alaskans prize wild salmon. No other of our fish plays such a prevalent role in our lives, and, arguably, no other is so nourishing and appetizing. According to a survey conducted during the summer of 2011, 96 percent of Alaskans feel that salmon is essential to their way of life.

Salmon subsistence fishing has sustained Alaska Native peoples for thousands of years. Recreational fishing for salmon is a lifelong pursuit for urban and rural residents alike. Commercial salmon fishing has been a mainstay industry in Alaska for well over a century.

Establishing August 10th as Alaska Wild Salmon Day will encourage celebrations of these Alaskan ways of life, pastimes, and professions. It will also provide opportunities to promote our wild salmon's deliciousness, purity, and healthfulness to visitors to the state from the Lower 48 and around the world.



Wild, Natural & Sustainable®

March 11, 2015

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Edgmon:

Thank you for proposing to establish August 10th as Alaska Wild Salmon Day, we support House Bill 128. The importance of salmon to Alaskans cannot be overstated and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute looks forward to an annual opportunity to celebrate and promote such an iconic Alaska fish.

As seafood marketers we can use this special day as a hook for salmon promotions and events in Alaska and beyond to further our mission to increase the value of Alaska seafood which is beneficial to all Alaskans.

Best regards,

Tyson Fick
Communications Director
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute



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March 16, 2015

Representative Bryce Edgmon
State Capitol Room 410
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SUPPORT HB 128 Alaska Wild Salmon Day

Dear Representative Edgmon:

Thank you for introducing HB 128 Alaska Wild Salmon Day – to be sure, this is a special occasion day that's long overdue in our great state!

What could be more natural (if not down-right wild) than for Alaska, the biggest salmon state-nation on the planet, to set aside one special day each year to honor the fabulous genus *Oncorhynchus*? Our member's resounding response is certain to be – 'not much'.

ATA represents Alaska's commercial troll fleet, one of the largest groups of salmon harvesters in the state. The troll fleet is 85% resident; about one of every 35 people in Southeast works on a trolling vessel and is supported by hundreds of other Alaskans working in the processing and support sectors. The success of our fleet and industry relies heavily on the health and welfare of salmon. In turn, residents throughout the state (even if they don't know it) benefit from the salmon revenue that flows through their communities in multiple ways and pays for a wide range of goods and services. This would simply not be possible if not for the humble - yet mightily impressive - salmon.

This is a Chinook and coho bill if ever we saw one – and who doesn't like kings, or silver? We urge you and your peers to vote HB 128 quickly through committee and straight on to the governor's desk. Mr. Walker will no doubt be pleased to honor in this way the great and storied salmon, which have fed and clothed generations of Alaskan's, while bringing significant joy, jobs, and revenue to each of our communities.

Best regards,

Dale Kelley
Executive Director



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March 16, 2015

Representative Bryce Edgmon
State Capitol Room 410
Juneau AK, 99801
Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov

RE: SUPPORT HB 128, establishing August 10 of each year as Alaska Wild Salmon Day.

Dear Representative Edgmon,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 36 Alaska commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. **UFA is pleased to support HB 128, establishing August 10 of each year as Alaska Wild Salmon Day.**

In Alaska, salmon are iconic. Nearly every Alaskan is in some way impacted by salmon. Alaska residents harvest salmon either through personal use, sport, commercial or subsistence methods. Every Alaskan is also able to access salmon in grocery stores and restaurants throughout the state. In addition to a love for eating salmon, Alaskans are also proud of our deep history as a commercial salmon harvesting state. Commercial salmon harvest has been recorded in Alaska since 1878 and is a thriving industry today. According to the McDowell Group, approximately 20,000 people participated in commercial salmon fisheries as a permit holder or crewmember in 2013. All in all, approximately 38,000 people are employed by the commercial salmon harvesting sector in Alaska. Estimated ex-vessel value of salmon harvested by the commercial sector was \$723.5 million in 2013 with over 1 billion pounds landed. Commercial salmon harvesters live in over 160 communities throughout the state.

The guiding issue behind Alaska achieving statehood was commercial salmon harvest. With statehood, Alaska took control over the management of salmon therefore protecting Alaskans dependence on our most prized renewable resource. Since statehood, Alaska has worked hard to develop our reputation as having the best managed fisheries in the world. Starting at statehood, Alaska built sustainability into our constitution:

"Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses." Alaska's constitution- Article 8 - Natural Resources, Section 4, sustained yield.

Alaska is the only state to have written such conservation language into its constitution. This attention to sustainability started with salmon and Alaska continues to set the gold standard worldwide for sustainably managed fisheries.

In addition to our support, UFA would also suggest replacing the word “chum” with the common market name of “keta”. Please contact us if we can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Julianne Curry
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
Alaska Independent Tendemmen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 128
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: HB128-DOA-DGS-03-25-16
Title: ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY
Sponsor: EDGMON
Requester: Senate State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: General Services
Allocation: Facilities
OMB Component Number: 2429

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Date: 03/25/16

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 128

Analysis

This bill establishes August 10 of each year as Alaska Wild Salmon Day. The Department of Administration, Division of General Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation.