RESOLUTION

(Previously 99-01 FB)

ALITAK TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Fisheries adopted the Department of Fish and Game submitted Proposal 114 at its meeting in Kodiak, Alaska in January, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 114 was intended to modify and clarify the way in which the Department manages the commercial fishery in the Alitak Bay District; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 114, while not intended as an allocative proposal, nevertheless may have allocative consequences; and

WHEREAS, accompanying Proposal 114, were Proposals 116, 117 & 118 which were expressly allocative in that they asked the Board to divide the Alitak Bay District into three (3) new sections and to allocate the salmon harvest based on the historic seine and gill net fishers; and

WHEREAS, the Board did not adopt Proposals 116, 117 & 118, but is aware that there may be benefits to management and to the fishers from a management plan which allocates fish among the various gear groups and within various areas; and

WHEREAS, the fishers themselves have indicated an interest in having a management plan which allocates fish between gears and areas, as evidenced by the public testimony, public comments in committee and written materials submitted to the record;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Fisheries resolves as follows:

1) A Task Force of the fishers in the Alitak Bay District shall be formed by the fishers themselves, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Fisheries. The Task Force shall consist of representatives of the two (2) gear groups, to wit set gill nets and seine, and shall also consist of representatives of the three (3) set gill net areas, to wit Olga Bay, Moser Bay and Alitak Bay.

2) The Task Force shall review the Alitak Bay District Salmon Management Plan as follows:

a) Time and area;

b) Method and means;
c) Allocation between gear groups and between areas.

3) The Task Force shall use such data, shall obtain such expert and technical advise and shall conduct its work in such fashion as the Task Force shall, in its own discretion, determine appropriate. The Department will provide such assistance to the Task Force as it is able to provide within the constrains of budget and demands on staff's time. The Board will provide such assistance to the Task Force as its members are able to provide within the constrains of budge and demands on Board members' time.

4) The Task Force will report on the results of its work on the Management Plan to the Board of Fisheries at its fall work session in the year 2000.

DATED at Kodiak, Alaska this 22nd day of January, 1999.

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Chairman of the Board