

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Resolution No. 80-65-FB

Regarding Rehabilitation of Bering Lake

WHEREAS, the 1964 earthquake has caused the level of water in Bering Lake, Prince William Sound, to become progressively lower; and

WHEREAS, Bering Lake may be totally dry by 1995 if the present rate of drainage continues unabated; and

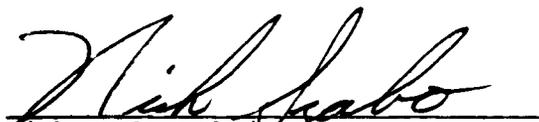
WHEREAS, the fishery resources of Bering Lake annually produce an average commercial catch of 34,000 sockeye salmon and 51,000 coho salmon; and

WHEREAS, the average annual value of those fish to commercial fishermen in the Bering River District has been \$800,000 and the 1979 value to the fishermen was \$2.5 million; and

WHEREAS, processors and other shorebased workers are economically dependent on the maintenance of the Bering River salmon fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the gradual loss of water from Bering Lake could be prevented by a rehabilitation project such as a water control structure with fishway at the Lake's outlet;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Alaska be requested to take action to ensure the rehabilitation of Bering Lake and the maintenance of Bering River salmon as sustained yield resources for the benefit of the people of Alaska.



Nick Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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Anchorage, Alaska

VOTE: 6/0