

Sen. Gravel Joins in Sponsoring Legislation to Aid Fishermen

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, today joined in sponsoring legislation that would allow the government to make loans to U.S. fishermen to cover the costs of damages to their vessels and gear by foreign vessels.

The bill would expedite the payment of claims to U.S. fishermen by requiring the government to assume financial responsibility for such damage within 30 days, pending international negotiations to recover the losses from foreign governments involved.

The bill, whose prime sponsor is Sen. Ed Muskie, D-Maine, would amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1965 to allow documented

claims to be paid by the Secretary of Commerce in the form of non-interest bearing loans from the Fisheries Loan Fund, established under the act.

After the Secretary of Commerce has completed an investigation of the incident,

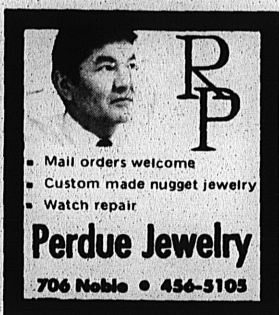
within six months of the time the claim is filed, the loan would be converted to a grant if the investigation showed the fisherman was not at fault.

However, if the investigation found that the damage resulted from natural causes, such as a

storm, then interest would be applied to the loan. If the U.S. fishermen were found to be at fault because of negligent or fraudulent activity, the Secretary would require the immediate repayment of the loan with interest and the fishermen would

be subject to criminal prosecution.

Gravel said the bill would provide the fisherman the capital necessary to get back in business while the government negotiates his claim with the responsible foreign nation.

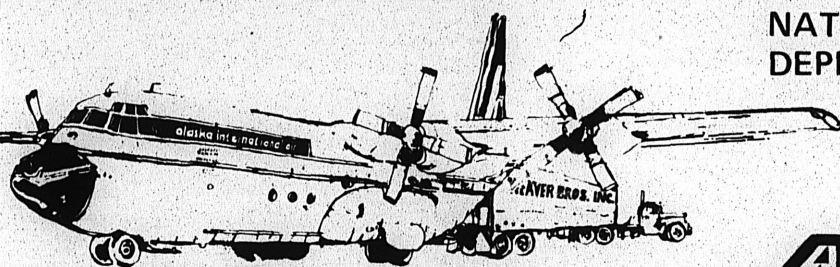


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Brag, where are you? If you think you grew the longest zucchini, caught the biggest halibut, kayaked the meanest river or hung the most weight from your ear (an old Eskimo sport), tell us about it. This is no time for modesty. We're recording history. You may: (1) win \$500 first prize, or \$100 if you're one of the four

runners-up; (2) become slightly famous or really famous, and maybe see your name in print and your photograph turned into a poster. Every entry receives a handsome certificate that gives your brag official recognition. Please send photos if you have any. Last chance for entries is 5 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 1975.

Beat this brag:

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All entries will be returned to the entrant provided a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with the entry. Winning entries will become the exclusive property of Alaska Airlines. Winners will be selected by Ed Fortier, executive editor of Alaska Magazine. The decisions of the judge are final. Entrants may be asked to execute an affidavit of release and eligibility. All prizes will be awarded. Liability for all taxes is the sole responsibility of the individual winners. For a list of all winners, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Graphix-West.

Any brag subject is okay, but here's a sample list just to give you an idea: biggest halibut, biggest fish caught from a kayak, longest dogsled run, longest cross-country ski trip, moose feeding, bush flying, survival, heaviest turnip, most weight pulled by a dog, biggest trout caught by a 9-year-old girl, most weight hung from a human earlobe, highest blanket toss, most beautiful parka, strangest pet, etc., etc., etc. (Make up your own subject.)

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