

Salmon Harvest

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller said this week he will name a research committee to help the State plan for the orderly harvest of next year's expected high Bristol Bay salmon run.

Forecasts are that the largest salmon catch in the history of the Bristol Bay fishery is in prospect for 1970. The inshore run forecast in Bristol Bay sees about 64 million sockeye salmon returning, of which over 40 million should be harvested by fishermen.

"We are taking steps now to make sure we properly utilize this valuable resource," Governor Miller said.

He added that, although there are already more than enough fishermen living and working in Alaska to harvest the expected bonanza, the processing facilities may well have some problems in handling the catch.

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The difficulty is related to the short duration of the run in the Bay and the physical imitations of the industry which is adjusted to far smaller annual catches.

Miller said he was appointing the research committee in anticipation of some of the difficulties which could be posed by the record high runs.

Clarence A. "Bud" Weberg, Alaska's Director of International Fisheries, will serve as chairman

of the special advisory group.

The committee will be composed of fishermen, canners, representatives of the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and the Alaska Fish and Game Board. Names of the committee members will be announced within two weeks.

Miller said he wants the committee to meet as soon as possible after the appointments are made.