

Impact Task Force

Gov. Jay Hammond has announced the appointment of 10 members to his Fisheries Economics Impact Task Force. Hammond named Jim Edenso, deputy commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development, to serve as chairman.

The governor said he had chosen members of the task force whose personal and professional experience will contribute toward finding solutions to the economic stress faced by our fishermen during poor salmon seasons.

Hammond specifically charged the group to: establish criteria for determining what

constitutes a fisheries failure; recommend what the state's response should be; determine what state agency responsibilities are in meeting a fisheries failure; evaluate employment opportunities within the government and private sectors.

The governor also asked the task force for suggested legislative remedies.

Other administration representatives named were: Commissioner of Fish and Game Jim Brooks; Deputy Commissioner of Labor Bill Spear; Mike Whitehead, special assistant to the governor for Natural Resources.

Citizen members of the task force named were: Phillip Daniel, executive director of the United Fishermen of Alaska; Ray Paddock, executive director of the Tlingit-Haida Central Council; Dalmond Valley, a fisherman from Kodiak who is a past member of the Fish and Game Advisory Board; Gordon Jackson, executive director of the Alaska Federation of Natives. Jackson's background includes 18 years of fishing experience.

Boris Kosbruk, a fisherman from Perryville. Kosbruk is a lifelong resident of the Alaska Peninsula and is president of the Chignik Boatowner's Association; Rep. Ernie Haugen of Petersburg, a fisherman who currently serves on the State House Finance Committee.

In making the appointment announcement, Hammond expressed the hope that the group will keep in mind "the very real limits of financing and responsibility which the state can accept."

The governor asked for recommendations from the task force by Jan. 15, 1976.