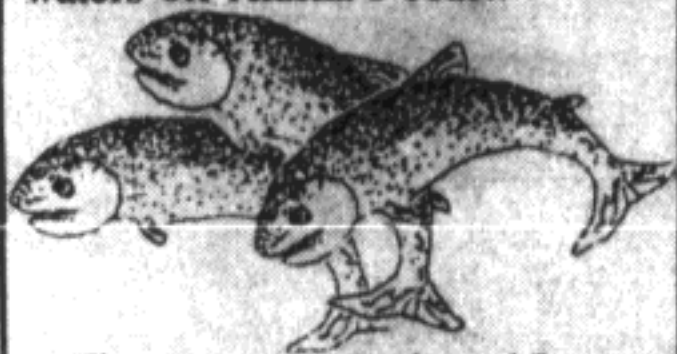


Cowper nominates 6 for fisheries panel

JUNEAU — Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced he has nominated six Alaskans for two available seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council which regulates fisheries in federal waters off Alaska's coast.



The governor nominated Juneau seafood processor and mediator Larry Cotter for reappointment to his seat on the council and nominated Sitka commercial fisherman Ron Hegge for the seat currently held by John Winther of Petersburg. The governor is required by federal law to nominate three for each seat and indicate his preference for top choices.

"Each of these Alaskans is well qualified to serve on the council, which is becoming increasingly more important to the livelihoods of Alaska fishermen," Cowper said. "The experience and political savvy of Larry Cotter and Ron Hegge would make them especially good council members for all Alaska fishermen."

Other nominees for Cotter's seat are Walter Pasternak of Sitka and Dave Woodruff of Kodiak.

Other nominees for the seat held by Winther are Eric Jordan of Sitka and Michael Mayo of Sitka.

The governor's nominations go to the U.S. secretary of commerce who makes the final selection. Council members serve three-year terms.