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Against

'Right-to-Work'

August 14, 1978

Mr. Jesse Carr
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Dear Jesse:

For some time now reports have reached me charging that you asserted that if I am re-elected Governor, Alaska will have a "Right to Work" law. Let me respond directly.

I have never proposed, or voted for, "Right to Work" legislation. What's more, I'm convinced that most Alaskans do not want a "Right to Work" law. Therefore, I would not propose such a bill and can make this flat statement: During my second term there will not be a Right to Work law.

Another matter on which there seems to be misunderstanding is the matter of "Local Hire." The Local Hire rule, which my Administration utilized and fought for all the way to the Supreme Court, was my attempt to secure jobs for Alaskan workers; an attempt, I might add, which my predecessors failed to enforce nearly to the degree which I did. This failure was directly responsible for the economic instability that resulted when thousands of non-Alaskans poured into the State to work on the pipeline, and when the project ended, took Alaska pipeline dollars back home, or stayed here to swell the ranks of the unemployed.

We have been careful to learn from this experience, and after the U. S. Supreme Court struck down our "Local Hire" rule as unconstitutional, I have insisted, to the maximum extent possible, that all new contracts for other large construction projects in the State carry provisions to assure that Alaskans get first job preference. Our contracts with Northwest Pipeline and Alpetco included that provision. We will insist that all future contracts also include such provisions.

Your demand for "Local Hire" provisions in your current contract negotiated with Alaska General Contractors illustrates that you agree with the fundamental policy of my Administration; to secure job preference for Alaskans. I trust this letter stating my position on "Right to Work" legislation clears up further misunderstanding on the matter as will.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

use or purpose guaranteed to our people.

Because of the great concern I have about the subsistence rights of our people and the proposed language of the D-2 legislation which I feel is jeopardizing this right, I made a trip to Washington D.C. To assist me in this endeavor I took Don Wright and Jonathon Solomon and hired Bert Hirsh, an attorney who has been a great help to TCC in the past. We presented our case to many Senators and staff. I hope that some of our suggested changes to the D-2 legislation are included in any bill that is finally voted into law.

Now is the time for all of us to act. Send letters to:

The Hon. Henry M. Jackson,
Chairman
Comm. on Energy and Natural
Resources
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Express your concerns about the pending D-2 legislation and the effects it will have on our subsistence lifestyle. I feel that if our rights are not protected now, and that if subsistence by our people is terminated, then the culture and life as we know it now, will have been stolen and dead for all future generations.

Your President,
Spud Williams

cc: Tundra Times

Jack Hakkila's columns

August 18, 1978

Dear Editor:

I have always enjoyed reading the Tundra Times. This is my first letter to the editor, and I would like to comment on Jack O. Hakkila's article "An 'Irreverent' view of the primary election campaign." That was one of the best articles—very informative and yet pleasing to read. I've never laughed so much! He should cover more bureaucratic issues.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas Garold III

Limited Entry Symposium

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Dear Allan:

I am writing in reply to your letter asking for more information regarding the upcoming Limited Entry Symposium. The dates for the Symposium on Limited Entry Problems in Bristol Bay are September 15 in Dillingham and September 16 in Naknek. The places and times are not yet decided. I should have a better idea of where the meetings will take place after I have met with the Coordinator, Adelheid Herrmann.

We, as you do, want to make the Symposium an informative, educational and productive gathering for all concerned. There are a number of concerns and possible solutions that need to be discussed. One concern brought to my attention is how are children whose parents are residents and permit holders and now fishing going to get a permit?

Another concern is why the State of Alaska allowed "outsiders" to get permits while many Bristol Bay watershed residents were left out of the program. Many watershed residents are just two or three points away from a permit. There is no mechanism designed to bring in a person who fishes as a boat puller now to have this experience contribute toward points for a permit. It seems as though experience gained now should apply toward entry in the future. Boat pullers could then look forward to entry by the number of points gained now by being involved in the fishery.

The cost of a permit is becoming a major concern to people of moderate means who wish to enter fishing. Some method of keeping the price of a permit down in the range of the Alaskan residents' ability to pay must be adopted by the State. Possibly an upper limit should be set over which a seller cannot go in an outright sale of a permit. This would then help the person with limited assets acquire a permit which is not priced unreasonably high.

Perhaps permits should be sold to the State at fair market value and reissued free to eligible recipients using boat puller experience as points, since the original permits were issued free using economic dependence and past participation as a standard for participation.

The Limited Entry idea was a means by which the State of Alaska could regulate the amount of gear in the water. This was seen as a management

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D-2 Alert: No subsistence provision

The COUNCIL
TCC Newsletter

Dear Readers,

Once again the native people of Alaska are being sold down the river by bureaucrats in Washington D.C. They are trying to take away our subsistence rights in many of our traditional hunting grounds.

They are doing this in what is called the D-2 legislation. This is the legislation setting aside lands into various management categories as stipulated under 17 (d) (2) of A. N. C. S. A. No place in the proposed legislation are aboriginal rights to fish and game recognized. No place in the legislation is subsistence as a primary

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would probably keep the system as is except that permit hold-

ers would not receive a profit when they quit fishing. The revocation of value would prevent speculation and the permits could be surrendered to the State and re-issued to new entrants at no cost other than ordinary fees.

6. Does the Commission plan to issue additional permits in the Bristol Bay Set-Net fish-

ery in 1978 and 1979? Since the condition of the fishery has improved since 1973, there is no apparent reason to deny additional entrants into the fishery.

7. Does the Commission plan to determine to what extent the salmon industry and fish buyers are planning to process the 1979 Bristol Bay

salmon run? As I have already indicated, there were several processors who had to suspend buying in order to catch up with harvested fish. This limitation on processing capability will be further complicated by a larger forecasted run in 1979.

I hope the foregoing will be helpful in preparing you for the Symposium on Limited En-

try problems in Bristol Bay on September 15 and 16. If there is further information that you require, please let me know.

As soon as the time and place are set, we will let you know.

Sincerely,

Rep. Nels A. Anderson, Jr.

cc: Tundra Times