

Young introduces bill for research by fishing industry

Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska, recently introduced legislation which would allow the commercial fishing industry to establish private research and domestic observer programs.

The bill was developed following a meeting of fishing industry leaders in Anchorage last January.

Young said his legislation is aimed at providing the best research available for the sound management of fisheries.

The bill authorizes fisheries groups to establish self-funded research and domestic observer programs.

Such groups would have to be supported by a majority of fishermen in a region and would operate under a charter approved by the secretary of the Department of Commerce.