

On Alaskan Fishery—

Kay Proposes Program

State Representative Wendell P. Kay, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, proposed a seven-point program to aid in the development of the

Alaskan fishery.

Highlighting the Kay list of recommendations were proposals to:

- Institute a program of federal loans for the establishment of locally-owned canneries, freezing plants and processing centers.

- Begin federally financed programs of market research and development.

- Commence air-lift operations for quick deliveries around the globe.

- Support development of the bottom-fish industry in the Gulf of Alaska and elsewhere.

- Adopt the concept of "limited entry" for outside fishing enterprises to the extent consistent with the United States Constitution.

- And, extend the current territorial jurisdiction of twelve miles to embrace a far broader area.

"There is no reason that the fishing industry shouldn't lead Alaska into the Twenty-first century," said Kay.

Citing the facts that America now imports 70 per cent of its fish products, and that Alaskan fishermen have long been at the mercy of the giant outside canneries, Kay declared that, "Alaska's gold, its timber and now its oil and fisheries—these resources are exploited and lost, and the big losers are the Alaskans."

"I don't think the Alaskan fisherman wants to be a loser," said Kay.

Kay alleged that the Nixon Administration "has been insensitive to the needs of our fisherman," adding that, "Ted Stevens' record is not one of poor action; it's one of inaction."