

Mammoth 102 Pound Salmon Record Catch

A monster-sized Alaska King Salmon, reportedly the biggest ever caught by troll fishing, has been purchased by the State Departments of Fish and Game and Economic Development and will become, after mounting, a permanent exhibit of the State of Alaska.

According to Economic Development Commissioner Frank H. Murkowski, the fish—which weighed a whopping 102 pounds at the time it was landed—will occupy a place of honor in the Alaska exhibit at the 1970 Japanese world's fair in Osaka.

Prior to that, the fish will be placed on initial display in the Alaska booth at "Fish Expo" in Seattle, October 5-8. "Fish Expo," Murkowski explained, is the nation's largest annual exposition for commercial fishermen and processors. It draws attendance among fishing industrialists from throughout the United States.

The salmon—measuring 52" in length and 39" in girth—was landed August 10 at Tebenkof Bay between Petersburg and Sitka. Fishermen were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gatchell, Jr. of the trolling vessel *Capella II*. Fisheries experts peg the red king's age at six-years-plus.