

Bartlett Informed BCF Taking Steps to Protect Scallop Fisheries from Piracy

WASHINGTON—The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has assured Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett that it was taking steps to protect Alaska's newly-discovered scallop fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska from pirating by foreign countries.

Although the bureau declined to make public at this time the

precise means it is using to protect the Alaska scallop fishery, Bartlett expressed satisfaction with the bureau's efforts.

Bartlett turned to the bureau as a result of protests by Alaska fishermen who felt that the new fishery resource may be exploited in manner similar to the east

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coast scallop beds. Inadequate conservation measures and stiff foreign competition have devastated the east coast beds.

"The scallop fisheries in the North Pacific have the potential to be as great an industry for Alaska as the King crab. It is gratifying to me that this resource will be preserved for the benefit of all Alaskans," Bartlett said.

In the last year production of the Alaska scallop industry increased from practically nothing to 8 per cent of U.S. domestic scallop consumption. It is expected to rise to about 15 or 16 per cent of domestic consumption next year.

Those who offend us are generally punished for the offence they give; but we so frequently miss the satisfaction of knowing that we are avenged!

—TROLLOPE