

Agenda Item #28
June 28-29, 1979

MEMORANDUM

To: Council, SSC, and AP
From: Jim H. Branson, Executive Director
Date: June 22, 1979
Subject: HR 4360, The Underutilized Species Development Act of 1979

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The enclosed bill, introduced by Congressman Zefferetti of New York and co-sponsored by a number of other representatives, including Bonkers and AuCoin, would legalize the use of foreign fishing vessels to harvest fish within the Fishery Conservation Zone and deliver directly to the U.S. under certain conditions. This is a modification of the 'Amfish Proposal' to allow 3 Italian ships to train U.S. fishermen fishing on the U.S. allotment and delivering into the U.S. The new bill is considerably more general however and has possible implications for Alaskan fisheries.

COUNCIL ACTION

The Council may wish to comment on the bill as hearings have been scheduled for the end of July.