

**HOUSE BILL NO. 117**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Introduced: 2/26/25

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to commercial set gillnet fishing; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.251 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (j) Two or more set gillnet entry permit holders in a salmon fishery may fish  
5 their respective authorized set gillnet gear as a cooperative. However, a permit holder  
6 may not operate a unit of gear belonging to another permit holder without the other  
7 permit holder being present at all times and actively engaged in the operation. Not  
8 more than 10 set gillnet entry permit holders may fish as one cooperative. Fish  
9 harvested under this subsection do not need to be stored or delivered separately on the  
10 basis of the individual entry permits fished cooperatively. The Board of Fisheries shall  
11 adopt regulations to implement this subsection. The regulations must

12 (1) require set gillnet permit holders fishing multiple units of gear as  
13 part of a cooperative to register with the department;

14 (2) specify how a set gillnet permit holder must report fish harvested  
15 when fishing cooperatively with other permit holders.

1     \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.680 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2             (c) For the purposes of this section, a commercial set gillnet entry permit  
3     holder who is a member of a cooperative authorized under AS 16.05.251(j) may sell  
4     all salmon that was harvested in combination with other permit holder members of the  
5     cooperative. Fish harvested collectively by the cooperative may be sold by a single  
6     permit holder member of the cooperative or by a transporter acting as the cooperative's  
7     agent.

8     \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).