

AMENDMENT

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TO: HCS CSSB 71(FIN), Draft Version "H"

Page 1, line 1, following "tax":

Insert "**and cost recovery fisheries**"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Section 1. AS 16.10.455(c) is amended to read:

(c) As a condition of participation in a common property salmon fishery in a terminal harvest area under this section, a fisherman who participates in the fishery is subject to the payment of the assessment levied under (d) of this section **on the projected value of the salmon or on the pounds of salmon harvested**. The assessment is levied on the [VALUE OF] salmon that the fisherman takes in the terminal harvest area and sells to a licensed buyer. The buyer of the salmon must be licensed under AS 43.75, and the buyer shall collect the assessment on salmon taken in a terminal harvest area at the time of purchase and remit the assessment to the Department of Revenue in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 16.10.455(d) is amended to read:

(d) The Department of Revenue may, by regulation, annually, by March 1 of each year, set the [RATE OF THE] assessment levied on salmon taken in a terminal harvest area in consultation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, the hatchery permit holder, and representatives of affected commercial fishermen. The [RATE OF THE] assessment shall provide sufficient revenue to cover debt service to the state, reasonable operating expenses, reasonable

1 maintenance expenses, and development or maintenance of a reserve fund up to 100
 2 percent of annual operating costs of the hatchery permit holder. In setting the [RATE
 3 OF THE] assessment, the department shall consider the estimated return and harvest
 4 of salmon in the terminal harvest area, the projected price to be paid for salmon in the
 5 region, the amount of the existing reserve held by the hatchery permit holder, and the
 6 amount by which the assessment collected in previous years exceeded or fell short of
 7 the amount anticipated to be collected. The [TOTAL RATE OF THE] assessment may
 8 not exceed 50 percent of the value of the salmon. **The department may levy the**
 9 **assessment as a percentage of the projected value of the salmon returning to the**
 10 **terminal harvest area or as a flat rate on each pound of salmon harvested in the**
 11 **area, to the nearest whole cent.**"

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 13 Page 1, line 4:

14 Delete "Section 1"

15 Insert "Sec. 3"

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 17 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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 19 Page 3, line 3:

20 Delete "secs. 1 - 3"

21 Insert "secs. 3 - 5"

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 23 Page 3, line 4:

24 Delete "sec. 3"

25 Insert "sec. 5"

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 27 Page 3, line 4:

28 Delete "Sections 1 - 3"

29 Insert "Sections 3 - 5"