



**Sectional Analysis, SB 172**  
**Shellfish Enhancement Project**  
**February 16, 2016**

**Sec. 1**

Provides the Alaska Board of Fisheries authority to direct the department to manage production of enhanced shellfish stocks, beyond broodstock needs, for cost recovery harvest.

**Sec. 2**

Increases the permit application fee for new private nonprofit salmon hatcheries from \$100 to \$1,000.

**Sec. 3**

Provides direction to the commissioner on issuance of permits for private nonprofit shellfish hatcheries and establishes a \$1,000 permit application fee. This section directs the commissioner to consult with technical experts in the relevant areas before permit issuance. This section provides for a hearing prior to issuance of a shellfish hatchery permit and describes certain hatchery permit terms including cost recovery fisheries, harvest, sale, and release of hatchery-produced shellfish, and selection of broodstock sources. This section describes reporting requirements and terms for modification or revocation of a permit.

**Sec. 4**

Provides the commissioner authority to issue special harvest area entry permits to holders of private nonprofit hatchery permits issued by the department.

**Sec. 5**

Defines legal fishing gear for special harvest area entry permit holders.

**Sec. 6**

Exempts fish raised in a private nonprofit shellfish hatchery from the farmed fish definition.

**Sec. 7**

Provides liability immunity to nonprofit shellfish hatchery operators who donate fish to a food bank.

**Sec. 8**

Establishes tax exemption to a nonprofit corporation holding a shellfish hatchery permit.

**Sec. 9**

Exempts shellfish harvested a special harvest area entry permit from certain taxes.

**Sec. 10**

Sets an effective date for new fee proposed in sec. 2 as the date this bill is effective.

**Sec. 11**

Authorizes the department to adopt implementing regulations.

**Sec. 12**

Establishes an immediate effective date for sec. 11 pursuant to AS 01.10.070(c).