



Sectional Analysis, HB 300
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Shellfish Stock Rehabilitation and Fishery Enhancement Projects
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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

Adds a new Chapter 12 to Title 16, "Shellfish Stock Rehabilitation Efforts, Enhancement Projects, and Hatcheries. Provides direction to the commissioner on issuance of permits for private nonprofit shellfish stock rehabilitation and fishery enhancement projects and associated 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 permit and describes certain 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 commission authority to issue special harvest area entry permits to holders of private nonprofit shellfish rehabilitation, enhancement or hatchery permits.

Sec. 5

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

Sec. 6

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

Sec. 7 and 8

Establish tax exemption for a nonprofit corporation holding a shellfish hatchery, rehabilitation, or enhancement permit.

Sec. 9

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

Sec. 10

Establishes an effective date of the fee for salmon hatchery permits described in sec. 2.

Sec. 11

Authorizes the department to adopt implementing regulations.

Sec. 12

Establishes an immediate effective date for sec. 12 pursuant to AS 01.10.070(c).

Sec. 13

Establishes an effective date for sec. 9 concomitant with sec. 2 effective date.