

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 508(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/16/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to results of testing for paralytic shellfish poisoning and to
2 participation of the Department of Environmental Conservation in the development of
3 operating plans of qualified regional dive fishery development associations."

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of
8 Environmental Conservation promptly distribute the results of testing conducted by or on
9 behalf of the department for paralytic shellfish poisoning for species harvested by members of
10 regional dive fishery development associations through an Internet web site of the department.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.76.200(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The Department of Fish and Game shall develop an annual operating plan
13 with the cooperation of the regional dive fishery development association and the
14 Department of Environmental Conservation on or before a date specified by the

1 Department of Fish and Game. The qualified regional dive fishery development
2 association **and the Department of Environmental Conservation** shall cooperate
3 with the Department of Fish and Game in the development of the annual operating
4 plan. The annual operating plan must describe the activities for which the funding will
5 be expended, including identification of species and areas for which bioassessment
6 surveys will be conducted, a description of management and research activities to be
7 performed, planning for dive fisheries, and administrative activities of the association.
8 Funds appropriated to the Department of Fish and Game for funding of qualified
9 regional dive fishery development associations may not be disbursed by the
10 department or expended by the association, except for administration of the
11 association, unless the annual operating plan has been approved by the association and
12 the Department of Fish and Game. If an annual operating plan has not been approved
13 by the association and the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Fish and
14 Game may not disburse and the association may not expend funds received from the
15 department for administration of the association in an amount that exceeds the amount
16 of administrative expenses authorized under the annual operating plan for the prior
17 fiscal year.