

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 3/5/25

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to membership of the Board of Fisheries."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 16.05.221(a) is amended to read:

(a) For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources of the state, there is created the Board of Fisheries composed of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. [THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT EACH MEMBER ON THE BASIS OF INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, GOOD JUDGMENT, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITY IN THE FIELD OF ACTION OF THE BOARD, AND WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING DIVERSITY OF INTEREST AND POINTS OF VIEW IN THE MEMBERSHIP.] The appointed members shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or geographical location of residence. The commissioner is not a member of the Board of Fisheries, but shall be ex officio secretary. **The governor shall appoint the members as follows:**

1 **(1) two members who represent commercial fishing;**

2 **(2) two members who represent sport fishing;**

3 **(3) two members who represent subsistence fishing, from a list of**
4 **four names submitted by the Alaska Federation of Natives; however, the**
5 **governor may reject the list and request that another list be submitted;**

6 **(4) one member who represents the scientific community, from a**
7 **list of three names submitted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**
8 **Administration; however, the governor may reject the list and request that**
9 **another list be submitted.**

10 * **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 TRANSITION. A person who is a member of the Board of Fisheries on the day before
13 the effective date of this Act continues to serve until the expiration of the member's term. An
14 appointment for a vacancy that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act shall be in
15 accordance with AS 16.05.221(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act.