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SB 158-COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA

"An Act relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; and providing for an effective date."

Sectional Summary - Ver. \I

This is a summary only. Note that this summary should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section which establishes that creating this administrative area is in the public interest.

Section 2: Amends AS 16.43.200 by adding 2 new subsections:

- (c) Establishes an area of the Upper Subdistrict of the Cook Inlet Central District as a distinct administrative area separate from the Cook Inlet Central District on December 31, 2024. This area is made up of the statistical areas identified on January 1, 2024 as 244-21, 244-22, 244-31, 244-32, 244-41 and 244-42.
- (d) Provides that an individual who has a set net permit for the Cook Inlet Central District on December 31, 2024 is not entitled to set net in the administrative area created under this section unless the permit has been reassigned to that new administrative area.

Section 3: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section which provides how the commission will determine whether an individual who holds a set net entry permit in the Cook Inlet Central District on January 1, 2026 is reassigned an entry permit for the administrative area established under AS 16.43.200(c) (added by sec. 2 of the bill) or the portion of the Cook Inlet Central District that was not assigned into the administrative area established under AS 16.43.200(c).

Section 4: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section which defines the appeals process in the new administrative area. This section provides that a provisional license will be issued, pending resolution of an appeal.

Section 5: Effective Date Clause Provides the bill takes effect January 1, 2026.