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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 255 – Fish Processors Fees, Licenses, and Records

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SECTION 1: Amends AS 16.05.815(a) by adding to the list of information items which may be released by the Department of Fish & Game and by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. It adds fish ticket information, records, and reports of the total value purchased by each fisherman, buyer, or processor, and makes it available to the National Marine Fisheries Service. This strengthens the NMFS position as loan guarantor of the fleet reduction loan program.

SECTION 2: Amends AS 43.75.020(a) by adding a subsection which provides that an applicant for a fishery business license agrees to pay the 3% fee levied under the fleet reduction program.

SECTION 3: Amends AS 43.75.020(b) by adding final administrative determinations of the National Marine Fisheries Service to the list of judgments or determinations which, if not received by the Department, will not prevent the issuance of a fishery business license to an applicant.

SECTION 4: Provides for an immediate effective date.