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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 279

I, Bill Walker, Governor of the State of Alaska, under the authority of Article III, Sections 1 and 24 of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 44.17.020 and AS 44.17.070, order the following reorganization within the Department of Fish and Game:

The administrative and research functions of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (Commission) are transferred to the Department of Fish and Game (Department) under authority of the Commissioner of Fish and Game. This transfer is necessary for efficient administration and will provide for appropriate and effective performance of these functions.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The objectives of this Order are to streamline administrative and research functions of the agencies, identify cost-saving measures, and provide appropriate support to the commercial fishing industry in the state.

Administrative Order No. 60, dated July 1, 1980, transferred the Commission from the Office of the Governor to the Department, in the interest of efficient administration and logical organization of functions. The transfer was for reasons of budgeting and administration. The Department was not given authority to regulate the policies or activities of the Commission, except those that were purely administrative in nature. Administrative Order No. 60 remains in effect, but is amended as follows:

Administrative functions as defined by this Order include the following:

- (1) Licensing and permitting services (ministerial services only);
- (2) Information technology services;
- (3) Accounting services;
- (4) Payroll services;
- (5) Procurement services;
- (6) Budget services.

At the discretion of the commissioner, positions associated with these listed services and functions may be transferred from the Commission to the appropriate divisions within the Department. Additional administrative functions subject to this Order also may be transferred from the Commission to the Department at the discretion of the Commissioner.

This reorganization creates efficiency and costs savings and is in accord with sound administrative principles and practices

This Order takes effect immediately.

Dated this _____th day of February, 2016.

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Bill Walker Governor