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AN ACT

Creating the Commission for Ocean Advancement through Science and Technology; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. It is declared to be the policy of the state to develop, encourage, and maintain a comprehensive, coordinated state plan for the orderly, long-range conservation and development of marine and coastal resources which will ensure their wise multiple use in the total public interest. The conservation and development of marine and coastal resources should be developed so as to contribute to the following objectives:

- (1) accelerated and responsible development of the resources of the marine and coastal environment for the benefit of the people of Alaska by the increased utilization of mineral, food, and other living resources of the sea, the improvement of commerce and transportation, and the wise use of coastal, tide and submerged lands;
- (2) expansion of human knowledge of the marine environment;
- (3) encouragement of investment by private enterprise in the exploration, technological development, marine commerce and economic utilization of the resources of the marine environment;
- (4) improvement of the role of the state as a leader in the marine sciences and the development of ocean resources;
- (5) advancement of education, research, and training in marine sciences and engineering;
- (6) development and improvement of the capabilities, performance, use, and efficiency of vehicles, equipment and

instruments for use in exploration, research, surveys, the recovery of resources, and the transmission of energy in the marine environment;

(7) effective utilization of the scientific and engineering resources of the state, with close cooperation among all interested agencies, public and private, in order to avoid unnecessary waste or duplication of effort, facilities and equipment;

(8) cooperation by the state with other states, the federal government, other nations, and groups of nations and national and international organizations in marine science activities when cooperation is in the interest of the state;

(9) participate in international, national and regional conferences to assure Alaska's right to and control of its continental shelf.

* Sec. 2. AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 26. COMMISSION FOR OCEAN ADVANCEMENT
THROUGH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

Sec. 46.26.010. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Commission for Ocean Advancement through Science and Technology to serve until July 1, 1973.

Sec. 46.26.020. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this chapter to develop, encourage and maintain a comprehensive coordinated state plan for the orderly, long-range conservation and development of marine and coastal resources which will ensure their wise multiple use in the total public interest.

Sec. 46.26.030. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT. (a) The governor shall appoint five persons from the state and five persons from outside the state to serve on the commission. In appointing members of the commission, the governor shall give due consideration to representation on the commission from groups interested and qualified in the research, development and orderly conservation of marine resources.

(b) The commissioners of natural resources, fish and game, economic development and health and welfare shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

(c) Legislators are eligible for appointment to this commission.

Sec. 46.26.040. COMPENSATION AND PER DIEM. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

Sec. 46.26.050. CHAIRMAN AND QUORUM. The governor shall designate a chairman and a vice chairman of the commission. Six members constitute a quorum.

Sec. 46.26.060. PERSONNEL. The commission may employ consultants and sufficient personnel to carry out the

provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 46.26.070. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at the times and places it considers necessary.

Sec. 46.26.080. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

(1) secure from a department, agency, or independent instrumentality of the state information necessary to carry out its duties as provided in sec. 90 of this chapter;

(2) enter into contracts and agreements with state agencies, the federal government, private consultants and research organizations to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(3) receive and expend grants and other financial assistance offered by private or governmental sources;

(4) adopt regulations to implement, and do all other things necessary to carry out the purpose, of this chapter.

Sec. 46.26.090. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall undertake a comprehensive investigation and study of all aspects of the marine sciences and the marine and coastal environment in and proximate to the state, including but not limited to

(1) a review of the known and estimated future needs for natural resources from the marine and coastal environment necessary to maintain an expanding state economy within the bounds of sound environmental standards;

(2) a survey of all significant existing and planned marine science activities in the state, including the research, educational, developmental, and administrative policies, programs, and accomplishments of the departments and agencies of the state which are engaged in marine science activities;

(3) a determination of what the state policies, programs and laws should be regarding

(A) land use in the coastal zone;

(B) the administration of tide and submerged lands;

(C) the conservation and utilization of the mineral and living resources of the marine environment;

(D) recreation;

(E) waste management, water quality, and pollution control;

(F) water and power development, including the use of nuclear energy;

(G) transportation and trade in the coastal zone and on the high seas;

(H) engineering and technology in the coastal and deep ocean environments;

(I) research and education in the field of oceanic development;

(J) weather, climate, oceanographic conditions and the establishment of monitoring systems;

(K) all other social, economic, and legal matters relative to the conservation and utilization of ocean resources;

(4) a determination of the surveys, applied research programs and ocean engineering projects required to obtain the needed natural resources from the marine and coastal environment.

Sec. 46.26.100. REPORTS. (a) The commission shall make an annual report to the legislature and governor within five days after the convening of each annual session of the legislature. The report shall include a comprehensive description of the activities and accomplishments of federal, state, local and private organizations in the conservation, development and utilization of marine and coastal resources during the preceding fiscal year, and an evaluation of the activities and accomplishments in terms of the continuing objectives set out in this chapter.

(b) The reports required under (a) of this section shall contain the recommendations for legislative and administrative action as the commission considers necessary and desirable to achieve the continuing objectives of this chapter, and shall contain an estimate of the funding requirements of the state departments and agencies for activities in the conservation, development and utilization of marine and coastal resources during the next fiscal year. Recommended legislative action shall be submitted in draft form to the resources committees with the report.

(c) The commission may make other reports to the governor and legislature as it considers necessary and render a final report to the legislature and governor on or before July 1, 1973.

* Sec. 3. AS 46.25 is repealed.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1969 and terminates July 1, 1973.