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**AN ACT**

Relating to the confidentiality of crab stock abundance survey information held by the Department of Fish and Game; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 11

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: June 6, 1988  
Actual Effective Date: June 7, 1988

AN ACT

Relating to the confidentiality of crab stock abundance survey information held by the Department of Fish and Game; and providing for an effective date.

\* Section 1. AS 16.05.815 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.05.815. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF CERTAIN REPORTS AND RECORDS. (a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this section, records required by regulations of the department concerning the landings of fish, shellfish or fishery products, and annual statistical reports of buyers and processors required by regulation of the department are confidential and may not be released by the department except that the department may release

(1) any of its records and reports to the National Marine Fisheries Service as required for preparation and implementation of the fishery management plans of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council within the fishery conservation zone; however, information released to the National Marine Fisheries Service under this paragraph may not disclose the identity of individual fishermen or their vessels;

(2) any of its records and reports to the Department of Revenue and to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to assist them in carrying out their statutory responsibilities;

(3) records or reports of the total value purchased by each

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1 buyer to a municipality that levies and collects a tax on fish, shell-  
2 fish, or fishery products if the municipality

3 (A) requires records of the landings of fish, shell-  
4 fish, or fishery products to be submitted to it for purposes of  
5 verification of taxes payable; and

6 (B) maintains the confidentiality of reports and  
7 records that it receives under this paragraph;

8 (4) such records and reports as necessary to be in confor-  
9 mity with a court order;

10 (5) on request, the report of a person to the person whose  
11 fishing activity is the subject of the report; and

12 (6) fish tickets and fish ticket information to the divi-  
13 sion of fish and wildlife protection, Department of Public Safety.

14 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, records [RECORDS]  
15 or reports received by the department which do not identify individual  
16 fishermen, buyers, or processors or the specific locations where fish  
17 have been taken are public information.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.815 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (c) Crab stock abundance survey information that reveals crab  
20 catch by sampling location is confidential and is not subject to  
21 inspection or copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.120 until the close  
22 of the fishing season for which the survey was conducted.

23 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).  
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