

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 285(FIN) am
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NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to management of discrete salmon stocks and to a salmon
2 management assessment."

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

4 * Section 1. PURPOSE. This Act requires the Board of Fisheries to adopt and implement
5 a discrete salmon stock management policy that is consistent with the sustained yield of wild
6 salmon stocks. This Act also provides a means to offset the costs incurred by the state in
7 adopting and implementing a discrete salmon stock management policy.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to read:

9 Sec. 16.05.735. DISCRETE SALMON STOCK MANAGEMENT. (a) The
10 Board of Fisheries shall adopt and implement by regulation a policy for the
11 management of discrete salmon stocks that is consistent with sustained yield of wild
12 salmon stocks. The board shall adopt and implement a discrete stock management
13 policy by

14 (1) January 1, 2001, for

1 (A) all sockeye salmon and chum salmon stocks taken in each
2 of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Aleutian Islands and Alaska Peninsula, and
3 Kuskokwim salmon fishery management areas; and

4 (B) all chinook salmon stocks taken in each of the Cook Inlet,
5 Copper River, and Kodiak salmon fishery management areas;

6 (2) January 1, 2006, for

7 (A) all chinook salmon stocks taken in each of the Southeastern
8 Alaska, Yakutat, Aleutian Islands and Alaska Peninsula, Bristol Bay,
9 Kuskokwim, and Yukon-Northern salmon fishery management areas; and

10 (B) all coho salmon stocks taken in each of the Southeastern
11 Alaska, Yakutat, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Aleutian Islands and Alaska Peninsula,
12 Bristol Bay, Kuskokwim, and Yukon-Northern salmon fishery management
13 areas;

14 (3) January 1, 2011, for all pink salmon stocks taken in each of the
15 Southeastern Alaska, Yakutat, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, Chignik, and Aleutian
16 Islands and Alaska Peninsula salmon fishery management areas.

17 (b) The Department of Fish and Game shall

18 (1) consult with the Board of Fisheries to determine what salmon stock
19 information would be most useful to the board;

20 (2) determine the stock composition by river of origin for each existing
21 mixed stock salmon fishery; in addition to identifying the discrete salmon stocks
22 originating in the state, the department shall identify non-Alaska stocks of Asian origin
23 and non-Alaska stocks originating elsewhere in North America that are taken in each
24 mixed stock fishery; the department shall annually provide the stock composition data
25 collected under this paragraph to the board;

26 (3) develop escapement objectives, based, at the minimum, on the
27 availability of spawning and rearing habitat and average production, for each discrete
28 salmon stock where technically feasible;

29 (4) develop the ability to project escapements for each discrete salmon
30 stock in order to provide the board with the information necessary to perform its duties
31 under this section; the department shall annually provide projections of escapement for

1 each discrete salmon stock to the board in a timely manner; and

2 (5) annually provide to the board in a timely manner the stock
3 identification data that are necessary to manage mixed stock fisheries before the fishing
4 season for those fisheries begins.

5 (c) In this section,

6 (1) "discrete salmon stock" means a population of a species of salmon
7 that spawns in the

8 (A) Noatak River or Kobuk River;

9 (B) Rivers of Norton Sound;

10 (C) Yukon River;

11 (D) Kuskokwim River;

12 (E) Togiak River;

13 (F) Igushik River, Wood River, or Nushagak River;

14 (G) Kvichak River;

15 (H) Naknek River;

16 (I) Egegik River;

17 (J) Ugashik River;

18 (K) Chignik River;

19 (L) Ayakulik River;

20 (M) Fraser River;

21 (N) Karluk River;

22 (O) Kasilof River;

23 (P) Kenai River;

24 (Q) Susitna River;

25 (R) Coghill-Eshamy River;

26 (S) Copper River or Bering River;

27 (2) "river of origin" means the river in which a discrete salmon stock
28 migrates for spawning.

29 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

30 (g) In addition to the license fees set under (a) of this section, a salmon
31 management surcharge of \$1 shall be collected on each sport fishing license sold under

1 (a)(1), (5), (6), (7), (8), or (10). The amount of the surcharge collected under this
2 subsection shall be deposited into the fish and game fund. The legislature may
3 appropriate money collected under this subsection to the Department of Fish and Game
4 for the discrete stock management research and data collection program under
5 AS 16.05.735.

6 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.480 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (d) In addition to the license fee set under (a) of this section for a crewmember
8 fishing license, a management surcharge of \$10 shall be collected at the time of
9 issuance of a crewmember fishing license. The amount of the surcharge collected
10 under this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund. The legislature may
11 appropriate money collected under this subsection to the Department of Fish and Game
12 for the discrete stock management research and data collection program under
13 AS 16.05.735.

14 * **Sec. 5.** AS 16.43.160 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (e) In addition to the amounts collected under (a) - (d) of this section, the
16 commission shall collect, at the time of renewal of an entry permit or interim-use
17 permit for a salmon fishery, a management surcharge which shall reasonably reflect
18 the different rates of economic return for different fisheries. Non-residents shall pay
19 three times the surcharge of residents. The total amount of the management surcharge
20 shall equal \$550,000. The amount of the surcharge collected under this subsection
21 shall be deposited into the general fund. The legislature may appropriate money
22 collected under this subsection to the Department of Fish and Game for the discrete
23 stock management research and data collection program under AS 16.05.735.

24 * **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.340(g), added by section 3 of this Act, AS 16.05.480(d), added by
25 section 4 of this Act, and AS 16.43.160(e) added by section 5 of this Act, are applicable to
26 sport fishing licenses, crew member licenses, entry permits, and interim-use permits issued for
27 1997 or a subsequent year.