

HOUSE BILL NO. 489

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/23/98

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the transponders on commercial fishing vessels; and providing
2 for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 16.05.535. Transponder required.** (a) A person may not use, employ,
6 or operate a vessel in a commercial fishery unless the vessel is equipped with a
7 transponder and the transponder is operating while the vessel is engaged in commercial
8 fishing. In this subsection,

9 (1) "overall length" means the straight line length between the
10 extremities of the vessel excluding anchor rollers;

11 (2) "vessel" means a vessel that has an overall length of more than 25
12 feet and that is licensed under AS 16.05.490 to engage in commercial fishing.

13 (b) The Board of Fisheries may adopt regulations that the board finds helpful
14 to implement this section.

1 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1999.