

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/20/02
Referred: Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to publication of results of testing for paralytic shellfish poisoning by**
2 **the Department of Environmental Conservation and to participation of the Department**
3 **of Environmental Conservation in the development of operating plans of qualified**
4 **regional dive fishery associations."**

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 17.20.005 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (b) The commissioner shall promptly distribute the results of testing for
8 paralytic shellfish poison conducted by, or on behalf of, the department to the public
9 by means of the official internet web site of the department.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.76.200(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The Department of Fish and Game shall develop an annual operating plan
12 with the cooperation of the regional dive fishery development association **and the**
13 **Department of Environmental Conservation** on or before a date specified by the
14 Department of Fish and Game. The qualified regional dive fishery development

1 association **and the Department of Environmental Conservation** shall cooperate
2 with the Department of Fish and Game in the development of the annual operating
3 plan. The annual operating plan must describe the activities for which the funding will
4 be expended, including identification of species and areas for which bioassessment
5 surveys will be conducted, a description of management and research activities to be
6 performed, planning for dive fisheries, and administrative activities of the association.
7 Funds appropriated to the Department of Fish and Game for funding of qualified
8 regional dive fishery development associations may not be disbursed by the
9 department or expended by the association, except for administration of the
10 association, unless the annual operating plan has been approved by the association and
11 the Department of Fish and Game. If an annual operating plan has not been approved
12 by the association and the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Fish and
13 Game may not disburse and the association may not expend funds received from the
14 department for administration of the association in an amount that exceeds the amount
15 of administrative expenses authorized under the annual operating plan for the prior
16 fiscal year.