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

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1 Relating to nonindigenous fish and consecutive sentencing; and providing for an effective  
2 date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature that sec. 4 of  
7 this Act does not apply to the culture of ornamental fish on private property in small artificial  
8 ponds that have no direct access to the public waters of the state and do not cause significant  
9 harm to the continued perpetuation of native, wild, or hatchery stocks of fish.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 12.55.025(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) Except as provided in (d) [AND (e)] of this section, when a defendant is  
12 sentenced to imprisonment, the term of confinement commences on the date of  
13 imposition of sentence unless the court specifically provides that the defendant must  
14 report to serve the sentence on another date. If the court provides another date to

1 begin the term of confinement, the court shall provide the defendant with written  
2 notice of the date, time, and location of the correctional facility to which the defendant  
3 must report. A defendant shall receive credit for time spent in custody pending trial,  
4 sentencing, or appeal, if the detention was in connection with the offense for which  
5 sentence was imposed. A defendant may not receive credit for more than the actual  
6 time spent in custody pending trial, sentencing, or appeal. The time during which a  
7 defendant is voluntarily absent from official detention after the defendant has been  
8 sentenced may not be credited toward service of the sentence.

9 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 12.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 **Sec. 12.55.127. Consecutive and concurrent terms of imprisonment.** (a) If  
11 a defendant is required to serve a term of imprisonment under a separate judgment, a  
12 term of imprisonment imposed in a later judgment, amended judgment, or probation  
13 revocation shall be consecutive.

14 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, if a defendant is being sentenced  
15 for two or more crimes in a single judgment, terms of imprisonment may be  
16 concurrent or partially concurrent.

17 (c) If the defendant is being sentenced for

18 (1) escape, the term of imprisonment shall be consecutive to the term  
19 for the underlying crime;

20 (2) two or more crimes under AS 11.41, a consecutive term of  
21 imprisonment shall be imposed for at least

22 (A) the mandatory minimum term under AS 12.55.125(a) for  
23 each additional crime that is murder in the first degree;

24 (B) the mandatory minimum term for each additional crime  
25 that is an unclassified felony governed by AS 12.55.125(b);

26 (C) the presumptive term specified in AS 12.55.125(c) or the  
27 active term of imprisonment, whichever is less, for each additional crime that  
28 is

29 (i) manslaughter; or

30 (ii) kidnapping that is a class A felony;

31 (D) two years or the active term of imprisonment, whichever is

1 less, for each additional crime that is criminally negligent homicide;

2 (E) one-fourth of the presumptive term under AS 12.55.125(c)  
3 or (i) for each additional crime that is sexual assault in the first degree under  
4 AS 11.41.410 or sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree under  
5 AS 11.41.434, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit those  
6 offenses; and

7 (F) some additional term of imprisonment for each additional  
8 crime, or each additional attempt or solicitation to commit the offense, under  
9 AS 11.41.200 - 11.41.250, 11.41.420 - 11.41.432, 11.41.436 - 11.41.458, or  
10 11.41.500 - 11.41.520.

11 (d) In this section,

12 (1) "active term of imprisonment" means the total term of  
13 imprisonment imposed for a crime, minus suspended imprisonment;

14 (2) "additional crime" means a crime that is not the primary crime;

15 (3) "primary crime" means the crime

16 (A) for which the sentencing court imposes the longest active  
17 term of imprisonment; or

18 (B) that is designated by the sentencing court as the primary  
19 crime when no single crime has the longest active term of imprisonment.

20 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 **Sec. 16.35.210. Nonindigenous fish.** (a) A person may not knowingly  
22 release, or transport, possess, import, or export for the purpose of release, into the  
23 water of the state live nonindigenous fish or live fertilized eggs of nonindigenous fish,  
24 unless permitted by AS 16.05 - AS 16.40 or by a regulation adopted under AS 16.05 -  
25 AS 16.40. This subsection does not apply to

26 (1) a fisherman who catches and releases a fish into the water from  
27 which the fish was taken; or

28 (2) generally accepted conduct in relation to permitted salt water  
29 commercial or sport fishing.

30 (b) A person may not knowingly rear live ornamental fish in, or release live  
31 ornamental fish into, the water of the state.

1 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

2 (d) In addition to the penalty imposed under (c) of this section, a person who  
3 is convicted of violating this section may be ordered by the court to pay restitution to  
4 the state to cover the costs of damages to fishery resources of the state and of  
5 removing the introduced fish species from the water of the state.

6 (e) In this section,

7 (1) "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900;

8 (2) "nonindigenous fish" means a species of fish that is not native to  
9 the body of water in which the fish is released or is intended to be released;

10 (3) "ornamental fish" means an aquatic finfish, commonly referred to  
11 as tropical fish, aquarium fish, or goldfish, an aquatic invertebrate, or an amphibian  
12 that is imported, cultured, or sold in the state customarily for viewing in an aquarium  
13 or for raising in an artificial containment system and that is not customarily used for  
14 sport fishing in the state or used for human consumption;

15 (4) "water of the state" means any water of the state forming a river,  
16 stream, lake, pond, slough, creek, bay, sound, estuary, inlet, strait, passage, canal, sea,  
17 or ocean, or any other body of water or waterway within the territorial limits of the  
18 state.

19 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 33.16.090(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) Except as provided in (e) of this section, a prisoner is not eligible for  
21 discretionary parole during the term of a presumptive sentence; however, a prisoner is  
22 eligible for discretionary parole during a term of sentence enhancement imposed under  
23 AS 12.55.155(a) or during the term of a consecutive or partially consecutive  
24 presumptive sentence imposed under AS 12.55.127 [AS 12.55.025(e) OR (g)]. A  
25 prisoner sentenced to a mandatory 99-year term under AS 12.55.125(a) or a definite  
26 term under AS 12.55.125(l) is not eligible for discretionary parole during the entire  
27 term.

28 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 33.16.090(c) is amended to read:

29 (c) Except as provided in (e) of this section, a prisoner eligible for  
30 discretionary parole during a period of sentence enhancement imposed under  
31 AS 12.55.155(a) or during a consecutive or partially consecutive presumptive sentence

1 imposed under **AS 12.55.127** [AS 12.55.025(e) OR (g)] shall serve the unenhanced  
2 portion of the sentence or the initial presumptive sentence before being otherwise  
3 eligible for discretionary parole under AS 33.16.100(c) or (d). For purposes of this  
4 subsection, the sentence for the most serious offense in the case of consecutive or  
5 partially consecutive presumptive sentences shall be considered the initial presumptive  
6 sentence. The unenhanced sentence or the initial presumptive sentence is considered  
7 served for purposes of discretionary parole on the date the unenhanced or initial  
8 presumptive sentence is due to expire less good time earned under AS 33.20.010.

9 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 12.55.025(e), 12.55.025(g), and 12.55.025(h) are repealed.

10 \* **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 APPLICABILITY. Sections 2, 3, and 5 - 7 of this Act apply to offenses occurring on  
13 or after the effective date of those sections.

14 \* **Sec. 9.** Sections 2, 3, and 5 - 8 of this Act take effect July 1, 2004.