

HOUSE BILL NO. 309

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 5/8/03

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act prohibiting the release of nonindigenous predatory fish into public water."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 16.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 16.35.210. Release of nonindigenous predatory fish.** (a) A person may
5 not knowingly transport or release live nonindigenous predatory fish into a body of
6 fresh public water if that species of fish is not indigenous to that body of fresh water,
7 unless the person possesses a permit issued by the department to transport and release
8 the fish. This section does not apply to a fisherman who catches and releases a fish
9 into the water from which the fish was taken. In this subsection, "public water" has
10 the meaning given in AS 38.05.965.

11 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class C felony.