

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON INDUSTRY
TASK FORCE

Introduced: 1/28/04

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the maximum length of salmon seine vessels; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.835(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Unless the Board of Fisheries has provided by regulation for the use of
6 a longer vessel in a salmon seine fishery, a [A] salmon seine vessel may not be
7 longer than 58 feet overall length except vessels that have fished for salmon with
8 seines in waters of the state before January 1, 1962, as 50-foot, official Coast Guard
9 register length vessels. A regulation adopted by the board to authorize the use of a
10 vessel longer than 58 feet overall length in a salmon seine fishery or to amend or
11 repeal an authorization to use a vessel longer than 58 feet overall length in a
12 salmon seine fishery may not take affect unless at least 66 percent of the entry
13 permit holders for that fishery favor the adoption of the regulation at a
14 referendum conducted by the department. If a salmon seine vessel longer than

1 **58 feet overall length is used in a fishery under regulations adopted under this**
2 **subsection, the vessel may continue to be used in the fishery notwithstanding a**
3 **subsequent reduction in the maximum length of vessels that may be used in the**
4 **fishery by the board.**

5 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.