

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEATON

Introduced: 1/16/07

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to aquatic farm permitting involving geoducks and to geoduck seed
2 transfers between certified hatcheries and aquatic farms."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 16.40.100 is amended to read by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (g) The commissioner may not use the absence of wild geoduck stock within a
6 management area described in AS 16.40.145 as the reason for denial of an aquatic
7 farm permit under this section.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **Sec. 16.40.145. Geoduck seed transfer between a certified hatchery and an**
10 **aquatic farm.** Consistent with AS 16.40.140(b) - (d), a hatchery certified under
11 AS 16.40.100 may transfer geoduck seed to an aquatic farm located in a fisheries
12 management area established under this title that is contiguous to the Gulf of Alaska.