

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 257(FSH)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

**Offered: 2/19/08**

**Referred: Resources**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS BY REQUEST**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act directing the Department of Natural Resources to administer and supervise**  
2 **promotional and marketing work for aquatic farm products."**

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

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

6 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Alaska Shellfish Mariculture  
7 Development and Marketing Act.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 03.05.010(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall

10 (1) direct, administer, and supervise

11 (A) promotional and experimental work, extension services,  
12 and agricultural projects for the purpose of promoting and developing the  
13 agricultural industry within the state including such fields as horticulture,  
14 dairying, cattle raising, fur farming, grain production, vegetable production,

1 and development of other agricultural products; **and**

2 **(B) promotion and marketing of aquatic farm and hatchery**  
 3 **products;**

4 (2) procure and preserve all information pertaining to the development  
 5 of the agricultural industry and disseminate that information to the public;

6 (3) assist prospective settlers and others desiring to engage in the  
 7 agricultural industry in the state with information concerning areas suitable for  
 8 agriculture and other activities and programs essential to the development of the  
 9 agricultural industry in the state;

10 (4) review the marketing, financing, and development of agricultural  
 11 products inside the state including transportation, with special emphasis upon local  
 12 production, and negotiate for the marketing of agricultural products of the state with  
 13 federal and state agencies operating in the state;

14 (5) regulate and control the entry into the state and the transportation,  
 15 sale, or use inside the state of plants, seeds, vegetables, shell eggs, fruits and berries,  
 16 nursery stock, animal feeds, remedies and mineral supplements, fertilizers, and  
 17 agricultural chemicals in order to prevent the spread of pests, diseases, or toxic  
 18 substances injurious to the public interest, and to protect the agricultural industry  
 19 against fraud, deception, and misrepresentation; in this connection the commissioner  
 20 may require registration, inspection, and testing, and establish procedures and fees;  
 21 and

22 (6) regulate the farming of elk in a manner similar to the manner in  
 23 which the commissioner regulates domestic animals and livestock, to the extent that is  
 24 appropriate.

25 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 26 read:

27 **ALASKA GROWN LOGO APPLICABLE TO AQUATIC FARM PRODUCTS.**  
 28 Under AS 03.05.010 - 03.05.100, to implement AS 03.05.010(a)(1)(B), enacted by sec. 2 of  
 29 this Act, the Department of Natural Resources shall extend its proposed program regulations  
 30 (11 AAC 32.200 - 11 AAC 32.270 or as may be renumbered) establishing and authorizing the  
 31 use of the "Alaska Grown" logo to the production of aquatic farms and hatcheries.