

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

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/19/08**

**Referred: Rules**

**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 products;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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