

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 257(FIN) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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; relating to fisheries**
3 **enhancement loans; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

7 SHORT TITLE. Sections 2 and 4 of this Act may be known as the Alaska Shellfish
8 Mariculture Development and Marketing Act.

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

10 (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall

11 (1) direct, administer, and supervise

12 (A) promotional and experimental work, extension services,
13 and agricultural projects for the purpose of promoting and developing the
14 agricultural industry within the state including such fields as horticulture,

1 dairying, cattle raising, fur farming, grain production, vegetable production,
2 and development of other agricultural products; **and**

3 **(B) promotion and marketing of aquatic farm 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.** AS 16.10.520 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (g) The commissioner shall ensure that interest or other income earned by a
27 borrower on loan amounts under AS 16.10.510 before those amounts are used for a
28 fisheries enhancement project or activity shall be promptly delivered by the borrower
29 to the department and deposited into the fisheries enhancement revolving loan fund.

30 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
31 read:

1 ALASKA GROWN LOGO APPLICABLE TO AQUATIC FARM PRODUCTS. Under
2 AS 03.05.010 - 03.05.100, to implement AS 03.05.010(a)(1)(B), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act,
3 the Department of Natural Resources shall extend its proposed program regulations (11 AAC
4 32.200 - 11 AAC 32.270 or as may be renumbered) establishing and authorizing the use of the
5 "Alaska Grown" logo to the production of aquatic farms.
6 * **Sec. 5.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).