

SENATE BILL NO. 284

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GREEN

Introduced: 2/19/08

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the membership of the Board of Fisheries; and providing for an**
2 **effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.221(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources
6 of the state, there is created the Board of Fisheries composed of nine [SEVEN]
7 members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the
8 members of the legislature in joint session. The governor shall appoint each member
9 on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the
10 field of action of the board [, AND WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING DIVERSITY
11 OF INTEREST AND POINTS OF VIEW IN THE MEMBERSHIP]. The appointed
12 members shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed without regard to
13 political affiliation or geographical location of residence. The commissioner is not a
14 member of the Board of Fisheries, but shall be ex officio secretary. The board

1 **consists of**

2 **(1) three members who represent commercial fishing interests;**

3 **(2) three members who represent personal use and subsistence**

4 **fishing interests;**

5 **(3) three members who represent sport fishing interests.**

6 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 TRANSITION. (a) The governor shall appoint two new members to the Board of
9 Fisheries within 30 days after the effective date of this Act. The two new members of the
10 board must meet the requirements for members of the board, and the addition of the two
11 members may not violate the provisions of AS 16.05.221(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act.

12 (b) A person who is a member of the Board of Fisheries on the day before the
13 effective date of this Act continues to serve until the expiration of the member's term.

14 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).