

SENATE BILL NO. 304

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

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/12/08

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act authorizing an Alaska regional development organization to use the Alaska**
2 **Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission as an informational resource."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.43.100(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) To accomplish the purposes set out in AS 16.43.010, the commission shall

6 (1) regulate entry into the commercial fisheries for all fishery resources
7 in the state;

8 (2) establish priorities for the application of the provisions of this
9 chapter to the various commercial fisheries of the state;

10 (3) establish administrative areas suitable for regulating and
11 controlling entry into the commercial fisheries;

12 (4) establish, for all types of gear, the maximum number of entry
13 permits for each administrative area;

14 (5) designate, when necessary to accomplish the purposes of this

1 chapter, particular species for which separate interim-use permits or entry permits will
2 be issued;

3 (6) establish qualifications for the issuance of entry permits;

4 (7) issue entry permits to qualified applicants;

5 (8) issue interim-use permits as provided in AS 16.43.210, 16.43.220,
6 and 16.43.225;

7 (9) establish, for all types of gear, the optimum number of entry
8 permits for each administrative area;

9 (10) administer the buy-back program provided for in AS 16.43.310
10 and 16.43.320 to reduce the number of outstanding entry permits to the optimum
11 number of entry permits;

12 (11) provide for the transfer and reissuance of entry permits to
13 qualified transferees;

14 (12) provide for the transfer and reissuance of entry permits for
15 alternative types of legal gear, in a manner consistent with the purposes of this
16 chapter;

17 (13) establish and administer the collection of the annual fees provided
18 for in AS 16.43.160;

19 (14) administer the issuance of commercial fishing vessel licenses
20 under AS 16.05.490;

21 (15) issue educational entry permits to applicants who qualify under
22 the provisions of AS 16.43.340 - 16.43.390;

23 (16) establish reasonable user fees for services;

24 (17) issue landing permits under AS 16.05.675 and regulations adopted
25 under that section;

26 (18) establish and collect annual fees for the issuance of landing
27 permits that reasonably reflect the costs incurred in the administration and
28 enforcement of provisions of law related to landing permits;

29 (19) establish a moratorium on entry into commercial fisheries as
30 provided in AS 16.43.225; [AND]

31 (20) administer, when necessary to accomplish the purposes of this

1 chapter, a vessel permit system under AS 16.43.450 - 16.43.520; **and**
2 **(21) provide without charge, when requested by a regional**
3 **development organization formed under AS 44.33.895, public information**
4 **contained in the commission's data with respect to relevant fisheries, including**
5 **limited fisheries, fishery participants, and limited entry permit holders' harvests**
6 **and earnings.**