

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

April 5, 2016  
5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair  
Representative Bob Herron  
Representative Craig Johnson  
Representative Charisse Millett  
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins  
Representative Dan Ortiz

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Neal Foster

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 366

"An Act relating to commercial fishing entry permits; establishing regional community permit banks and regions for certain commercial fishing permits; relating to commercial fishing entry permits and regions leased and controlled by a regional community permit bank; relating to the duties of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARD & HELD

HOUSE BILL NO. 283

"An Act relating to the nomination and designation of state water as outstanding national resource water; and providing for an effective date."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 366

SHORT TITLE: COMM. FISH. ENTRY PERMIT LOANS & BANKS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) KREISS-TOMKINS

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| 02/24/16 | (H) | READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS |
| 02/24/16 | (H) | FSH, L&C, FIN                   |

03/17/16 (H) FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120  
04/05/16 (H) FSH AT 05:30 PM RM 106

BILL: HB 283

SHORT TITLE: NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION

SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

01/29/16 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
01/29/16 (H) RES  
02/03/16 (H) FSH REFERRAL ADDED BEFORE RES  
02/03/16 (H) BILL REPRINTED 2/3/16  
03/15/16 (H) FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120  
04/05/16 (H) FSH AT 05:30 PM CAPITOL 106

#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

ALPHEUS BULLARD, Attorney  
Legislative Legal Services  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Responded to questions during the hearing on HB 366.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

5:30:19 PM

**CHAIR LOUISE STUTES** called the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Representatives Stutes, Kreiss-Tomkins, Johnson, Ortiz, and Millett were present at the call to order. Representative Herron arrived as the meeting was in progress.

#### **HB 366-COMM. FISH. ENTRY PERMIT LOANS & BANKS**

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CHAIR STUTES announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 366, "An Act relating to commercial fishing entry permits; establishing regional community permit banks and regions for certain commercial fishing permits; relating to commercial fishing entry permits and regions leased and controlled by a regional community permit bank; relating to the duties of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

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REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS stated that a proposed committee substitute (CS) to HB 366, to be offered for adoption, would be forthcoming. He further explained that the intention is to have a working draft made available for public review, as well as to address constitutional questions that arose during the initial hearing of the bill.

[The forthcoming CS was treated as being in the committee packet.]

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CHAIR STUTES asked to have the question of constitutionality addressed.

REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS deferred to Legislative Legal and Research Services.

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ALPHEUS BULLARD, Attorney, Legislative Legal and Research Services, said HB 366 is constitutionally sound.

REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS asked whether HB 366 allows ownership of a permit by any entity other than an individual or a permit bank.

MR. BULLARD responded that only natural persons and regional community permit banks would be allowed to hold permits.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON called a point of order, and objected to proceeding any further without having the proposed CS distributed to the committee.

REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS pointed out that the comments made relate to HB 366, as previously introduced.

CHAIR STUTES announced HB 366 as [held over].

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting recessed until 10:00 on 4/7/16, at 5:35 p.m.