

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

April 18, 2017

10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
Representative Zach Fansler
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Representative David Eastman
Representative Mark Neuman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Geran Tarr
Representative Mike Chenault

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 107

"An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries enhancement permit."

- MOVED CSHB 107(FSH) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 107

SHORT TITLE: FISH ENHANCEMENT PERMITS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) TALERICO

02/06/17	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/06/17	(H)	FSH, RES
02/28/17	(H)	FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
02/28/17	(H)	Heard & Held
02/28/17	(H)	MINUTE(FSH)
04/18/17	(H)	FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120

WITNESS REGISTER

ELIJAH VERHAGEN, Staff
Representative Dave Talerico
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 107, on behalf of Representative Talerico, Prime Sponsor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[10:03:49 AM](#)

CHAIR LOUISE STUTES called the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Representatives Stutes, Neuman, Kreiss-Tomkins, and Eastman were present at the call to order. Representative Fansler arrived as the meeting was in progress.

HB 107-FISH ENHANCEMENT PERMITS

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CHAIR STUTES announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 107, "An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries enhancement permit."

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REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS moved to adopt the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 107, 30-LS0396\U, Bullard, 3/4/17, as the working document.

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CHAIR STUTES objected for discussion.

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ELIJAH VERHAGEN, Staff, Representative Talerico, Alaska State Legislature, presented the changes included in the proposed CS for HB 107, paraphrasing from the committee handout titled, "Explanation of Changes - CS House Bill 107," which read:

Title:

Page 1 line 1 changes the title by replacing the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Sec. 1:

Page 1 line 4 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Page 1 line 5 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Page 2 line 21 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Page 3 line 16 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Page 4 line 1 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Page 4 line 16 replaces the word three with the word five, thus extending the period of the permit by two years; enabling permit holders to see results from their efforts.

Sec. 2:

Page 5 line 1 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

Sec. 3:

Page 5 line 7 replaces the word enhancement with the word rehabilitation.

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CHAIR STUTES removed her objection and without further objection, Version U was before the committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS asked whether the changes previously discussed in committee and provided in the CS were made via consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G).

MR. VERHAGEN answered yes.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN asked whether a statutory or technical definition exists to differentiate the characteristics of rehabilitation from those of enhancement.

MR. VERHAGEN explained that statute does not define rehabilitate. Legal counsel suggested including an applicable definition and one was located in the dictionary to serve the purpose.

REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN said the term enhanced is often used when fry are introduced into creeks.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN stated support for having the definition of rehabilitation included in the proposed CS.

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REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS moved to report the proposed CS for HB 107, Version 30-LS0396\U, Bullard, 3/4/17, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 107(FSH) was reported from the House Special Committee on Fisheries.

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CHAIR STUTES thanked the participants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Fisheries meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.