

AMENDMENT # |

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BJORKMAN

TO: SCS CSHB 295(RES)

1 Page 1, line 2, following "lakes":

2 Insert "; and relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial
3 set net entry permits"

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5 Page 1, following line 7:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 **** Sec. 2.** AS 16.43.200 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

8 (c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this section, for the purposes of issuing
9 entry permits and controlling entry into the commercial set net fishery on the east side
10 of Cook Inlet, the commission shall establish the area administered on December 31,
11 2024, identified by the Department of Fish and Game as of January 1, 2024, as
12 statistical areas 244-21, 244-22, 244-31, 244-32, 244-41, and 244-42 of the Upper
13 Subdistrict of the Cook Inlet Central District as a distinct administrative area separate
14 from the Cook Inlet administrative area.

15 (d) An entry permit that entitled a person to set net commercially in the area
16 that was administered on December 31, 2024, by the commission as the Cook Inlet
17 administrative area does not entitle that person to set net commercially in the
18 administrative area established under (c) of this section unless the commission
19 reassigns the permit to that administrative area.

20 *** Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 **TRANSITION: REASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN COOK INLET AREA SET NET**
23 **ENTRY PERMITS.** (a) On January 1, 2025, an individual holding an entry permit that entitles

1 the individual to commercially set net in the Cook Inlet administrative area may have the
2 individual's entry permit renewed as an entry permit for the Cook Inlet set net administrative
3 area under AS 16.43.150(c), consistent with the boundaries of that administrative area
4 established under AS 16.43.200, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, unless the individual
5 provides proof satisfactory to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission of the
6 individual's participation in the fishery in the areas identified by the Department of Fish and
7 Game as of January 1, 2024, as statistical areas 244-21, 244-22, 244-31, 244-32, 244-41, and
8 244-42 of the Upper Subdistrict of the Cook Inlet Central District within the two years
9 preceding December 31, 2023. Proof satisfactory of participation under this subsection may
10 include a shore fisheries lease, an area registration, a buoy tag, or previous submission of
11 fishing statistics for the area.

12 (b) An individual who provides proof satisfactory to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries
13 Entry Commission of the individual's participation in the fishery in the areas identified by the
14 Department of Fish and Game as of January 1, 2024, as statistical areas 244-21, 244-22, 244-
15 31, 244-32, 244-41, and 244-42 of the Upper Subdistrict of the Cook Inlet Central District
16 under (a) of this section shall be reassigned an entry permit on January 1, 2025, for the new
17 administrative area established under AS 16.43.200(c), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act.

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

20 APPEAL OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO ASSIGN AN APPLICANT'S
21 PERMIT TO NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AREA. (a) An individual may appeal a decision by
22 the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to renew the entry permit held by the
23 individual that allows the individual to commercially fish in the Cook Inlet administrative
24 area, as the area's boundaries are amended by AS 16.43.200(c), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act,
25 instead of issuing the individual an entry permit for the administrative area established by
26 AS 16.43.200(c), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act. An appeal under this section must be made to
27 the superior court on or before March 1, 2025.

28 (b) The commission shall provide an individual who is appealing a decision of the
29 commission under this section a provisional entry permit for the administrative area
30 established by AS 16.43.200(c), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act."