

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 4/9/25

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JIMMIE, Foster, Kopp, Burke, Dibert, Story, Galvin, Carrick

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to membership of the Board of Fisheries."**

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

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

4 (a) For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources
5 of the state, there is created the Board of Fisheries composed of seven members
6 appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of
7 the legislature in joint session. The governor shall appoint each member on the basis
8 of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of
9 action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of
10 view in the membership. The appointed members shall be residents of the state and
11 shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or geographical location of
12 residence. The commissioner is not a member of the Board of Fisheries, but shall be
13 ex officio secretary. **The governor shall appoint the members as follows:**

14 **(1) two members who represent commercial fishing and have**
15 **knowledge of and experience in the commercial fishing industry;**

1 **(2) two members who represent sport fishing and have knowledge**
2 **of and experience in sport fishing;**

3 **(3) two members who represent subsistence fishing and have**
4 **knowledge of and experience in subsistence fishing;**

5 **(4) one member of the scientific community who has knowledge of**
6 **and experience in fisheries management.**

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

9 TRANSITION. A person who is a member of the Board of Fisheries on the day before
10 the effective date of this Act continues to serve until the expiration of the member's term. An
11 appointment for a vacancy that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act shall be in
12 accordance with AS 16.05.221(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act.