

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing a preference for the taking of fishery resources by residents for
2 personal and family consumption; adding to the factors the Board of Fisheries may
3 consider in allocating certain fishery resources; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.251(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must, consistent with
7 sustained yield and the provisions of AS 16.05.258, provide **that** [A FAIR AND
8 REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR] the taking of fishery resources by **residents**
9 **for** personal **and family consumption has preference over other uses** [USE,
10 SPORT, AND COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN].

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.251(e) is amended to read:

12 (e) The Board of Fisheries may, **subject to the preference set out in (d) of**
13 **this section**, allocate fishery resources among personal use, sport, guided sport, and
14 commercial fisheries. The board shall adopt criteria for the allocation of fishery

1 resources and shall use the criteria as appropriate to particular allocation decisions.

2 The criteria may include factors such as

3 (1) the history of each personal use, sport, guided sport, and
4 commercial fishery;

5 (2) the number of residents and nonresidents who have participated in
6 each fishery in the past and the number of residents and nonresidents who can
7 reasonably be expected to participate in the future;

8 (3) the importance of each fishery for providing residents the
9 opportunity to obtain fish for personal and family consumption;

10 (4) the availability of alternative fisheries resources;

11 (5) the importance of each fishery to the economy of the state;

12 (6) the importance of each fishery to the economy of the region and
13 local area in which the fishery is located;

14 (7) the importance of each fishery in providing recreational
15 opportunities for residents and nonresidents; **and**

16 **(8) whether personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial**
17 **fishermen are provided a fair and reasonable opportunity to take the resource.**

18 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).