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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. LONGWORTH

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to establish requirements for processing of certain fish taken in Alaska; and providing an effective date."

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

Section 1. No person may take out of or send from the State of Alaska any red salmon, species *Oncorhynchus nerka*, or pink salmon, species *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*, unless it has undergone primary processing in the State or its territorial waters.

Sec. 2. Any person, association or corporation violating this Act or contributing to or cooperating in the violation of this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Each unlawful removal of fish is a separate offense. Vessels and equipment used in or in aid of a violation of this Act may be seized and disposed of as provided in Sec. 23, Art. I, Ch. 94, SLA 1959, as amended. Conviction under this Act is grounds for suspension of any fishing license or permit by the Department of Fish and Game.

Sec. 3. For the purposes of this Act, primary processing means evisceration and deheading. Primary processing does not include the holding or keeping of fish by means of freezing, refrigerating, holding in chilled water or brine, treating by chemical means to obtain low temperatures, or any combination of the above.

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Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.