

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR COGHILL

2 SENATE BILL NO. 315

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to sport fishing for king
7 salmon; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The sport fishery for king salmon is
10 at least as valuable to the state and to the people as the com-
11 mercial fishery for king salmon is, and, because many fewer fish
12 are taken by the sport fishery, it causes less damage to the
13 resource. It is the policy of the state to encourage the growth
14 of the sport fishery for king salmon, especially in areas of
15 concentrated population, to the maximum extent consistent with
16 proper conservation. It is the purpose of this Act to implement
17 that policy.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 16.05.255. KING SALMON SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS.

20 The board may not adopt a regulation that applies in an area
21 within 50 miles of a major population area of the state that
22 would

23 (1) close substantially all the streams of the
24 area to sport fishing for king salmon;

25 (2) prohibit a substantial number of sport fisher-
26 men in the area from sport fishing for king salmon in readily
27 accessible streams;

28 (3) set a bag limit for any stream open to king
29 salmon fishing in the area that will prohibit a person from

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taking less than five king salmon a year;

(4) close the first three miles of a stream in the area any part of which is otherwise open to sport fishing for king salmon;

(5) close a stream in the area to sport fishing for king salmon for any reason other than that the sport fishing, as opposed to any other kind of fishing, is jeopardizing the resource.

* Sec. 3. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.05.345. KING SALMON TAGS. The board, by regulation, may prescribe that tags are necessary to take king salmon in any areas in which special controls are necessary to conserve the king salmon resource. The fee for a tag is \$5 for each king salmon a person is authorized to take in the area, with a maximum fee of \$20.

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