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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 828

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a long-range fisheries research
7 and development program for the state; and providing
8 for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to
11 use funds realized by the state from nonrenewable resources to advance the
12 orderly and long-range development of the state's fisheries, a renewable
13 resource. It is intended that the research and development program en-
14 visioned by this Act shall provide a continuing expansion of knowledge and
15 beneficial use of all fisheries resources of the state and continental shelf
16 to the end that these fisheries will be of ever increasing social and eco-
17 nomic value to all citizens. It is the further intent that these fisheries
18 be expanded to their fullest possible feasible potential to insure that
19 Alaska and its citizens will not tend to develop total reliance and depen-
20 dence upon the depletion of nonrenewable resources for economic, governmenta
21 and social benefits.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 44.39 is amended by adding new sections to read:

23 ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF FISHERIES

24 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

25 Sec. 44.39.060. DUTIES OF DIVISION. The division of fisheries
26 research and development shall

27 (1) develop and continually maintain a comprehensive,
28 coordinated state plan for orderly present and long-range research,
29 rehabilitation and development of all aspects of the state's fisheries

1 for the perpetual use, benefit and enjoyment of all citizens;

2 (2) accelerate the responsible development of the fisheries
3 resources by encouraging increased utilization of these resources;

4 (3) research and improve the marketing and transportation
5 aspects of fisheries resources;

6 (4) through research expand the human knowledge of the
7 marine and other water environments of the state;

8 (5) encourage the investment by private enterprise in the
9 technological development and economic utilization of the fisheries
10 resources;

11 (6) improve the role of the state as a leader in the marine
12 sciences and the development of the fisheries resources;

13 (7) develop and improve the capabilities, performance, use
14 and efficiency of vehicles, equipment and instruments for use in
15 research, surveys and recovery;

16 (8) cooperate with other states, the federal government,
17 other nations and national and international organizations in marine
18 science and fisheries activities when cooperation is in the interest
19 of the state;

20 (9) participate in international, national and regional
21 conferences to assure the state's right to and control of the conti-
22 nental shelf;

23 (10) through research, rehabilitation and development programs
24 do all things necessary to insure perpetual and increasing production
25 and use of the food resources of Alaska waters and continental shelf
26 areas.

27 ARTICLE 3. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND
28 DEVELOPMENT WORKING FUND.

29 Sec. 44.39.100. FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORKING FUND.

1 There is created within the Department of Fish and Game a fund, desig-
2 nated as the fisheries research and development working fund. The
3 fund shall be composed of money appropriated to it by the legislature.
4 The money in the fund shall be used to carry out the purposes of sec.
5 60 of this chapter.

6 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
7 or on the day it becomes law without approval.

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