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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 324

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to salmon net gear licenses."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 16.05.536 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

9 Sec. 16.05.536. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE. (a) In
10 commercial fishing areas where conservation, management, enforcement
11 or health and safety problems exist, the Board of Fish and Game may
12 limit issuance of salmon net gear licenses to applicants who either

13 (1) have for any three years held a commercial fishing
14 license and while so licensed have actively engaged in commercial fish-
15 ing in the area or district for which limited issuance of licenses is
16 established; or

17 (2) have completed a course presented by the board and ad-
18 ministered by the department; the course shall relate to the purposes
19 for which entry into the fishery has been limited and shall include
20 but is not limited to

21 (A) instruction in regulations applying to the specific
22 salmon fishery area;

23 (B) visual observations of shore markers and existing
24 buoys identifying specific waters open or closed to commercial
25 fishing in the area in question;

26 (C) visual observation of stream entrances through
27 which a salmon run will pass;

28 (D) instruction in handling of specific salmon net gear
29 with regard to proper employment in the fishery and proper

1 compliance with regulations;

2 (E) instruction in basic seamanship and United States
3 Coast Guard regulations;

4 (F) instruction in radio-telephone frequencies and
5 procedure used in the salmon net gear area in question;

6 (G) instruction in proper fish handling.

7 (b) The board shall establish a uniform fee not in excess of \$200
8 for the course given in a particular area. The board shall provide the
9 applicant the opportunity to take the course. The course shall be given
10 in each salmon regulation area, entry into which is to be limited by
11 the board.

12 (c) Before declaring that issuance of salmon net gear licenses
13 shall be limited in a commercial fishing area as provided in this sec-
14 tion the board shall

15 (1) make findings upon which its limitation of entry is
16 based; these findings may be based upon past experience within the area
17 or upon projections which are reasonable in respect to the area in
18 question;

19 (2) declare what objectives are to be sought in the limita-
20 tion of entry into a commercial fishing area.