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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 102

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to loans for commercial fishing  
7 purposes."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 16.10 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 7. COMMERCIAL FISHING LOAN ACT.

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12 Sec. 16.10.300. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the  
13 state, under secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter, to promote the develop-  
14 ment and continued maintenance of commercial fishing gear and vessels  
15 throughout the state by means of long-term low interest loans.

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Sec. 16.10.310. POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. (a) The department

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(1) make loans to individual commercial fishermen who have  
18 been state residents for a continuous period of five years and have had  
19 a commercial gear license for three years for the repair, restoration  
20 or upgrading of existing vessels and gear;

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(2) designate agents and delegate its powers to them as  
22 necessary;

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(3) adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out its  
24 functions;

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(4) establish amortization plans for repayment of loans,  
26 which may include extensions for poor fishing seasons;

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(5) enter into agreements with private lending institutions,  
28 other state agencies or agencies of the federal government, to carry  
29 out the purposes of secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter.

1 (b) The department shall consult with the Department of Fish and  
2 Game on regulations and procedures established under this chapter.

3 Sec. 16.10.320. LIMITATIONS ON LOANS. A commercial fishing loan  
4 may not exceed \$100,000. A loan may not run longer than 15 years or  
5 bear interest exceeding seven per cent, and it shall be secured by a  
6 chattel mortgage or real estate mortgage or both. The mortgage which  
7 secures a loan may be of any priority if the total indebtedness on the  
8 vessel or gear does not exceed \$200,000, but the loan shall not exceed  
9 75 per cent of value including the value of any prior liens.

10 Sec. 16.10.330. SALE OR TRANSFER OF MORTGAGES AND NOTES. (a)  
11 The commissioner of commerce may sell or transfer at par value or at  
12 a premium or discount to any bank or other private purchaser for cash  
13 or other consideration the mortgages and notes held by the Department  
14 of Commerce as security for loans made under this chapter.

15 (b) The commissioner of commerce may sell or transfer at par  
16 value to the Department of Revenue the mortgages and notes held by the  
17 Department of Commerce as security for loans made under this chapter.  
18 The Department of Revenue shall purchase all such mortgages and notes  
19 offered.

20 Sec. 16.10.340. CREATION OF FUND. There is a commercial fishing  
21 revolving loan fund which shall not exceed \$1,000,000 to carry out the  
22 purpose of secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter.

23 Sec. 16.10.350. ADMINISTRATION OF FUND. The commissioner shall  
24 administer the loan fund.

25 Sec. 16.10.360. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter

26 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce;

27 (2) "department" means the Department of Commerce.

28 Sec. 16.10.370. SHORT TITLE. Secs. 300 - 370 of this chapter may  
29 be cited as the Commercial Fishing Loan Act.