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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 300

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to commercial fishing license fees."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 16.05.480(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing shall obtain a  
10 commercial fishing license at fees for residents and nonresidents to  
11 be determined by the board. [THE FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$10 for  
12 residents, and \$30 for nonresidents.] All commercial fishing licenses  
13 are nontransferable and shall be retained in the possession of the  
14 licensee, readily accessible for inspection at all times.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.530 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 16.05.530. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF VESSEL LICENSE. Upon annual  
17 payment of a license fee to be determined by the board [OF \$10 FOR A  
18 RESIDENT AND \$30 FOR A NONRESIDENT], and filing of the name and address  
19 of the owner and operator of the vessel, the name and number of the  
20 vessel, a description of the vessel and fishing gear, vessel license  
21 number, if any, the area to be fished, and other reasonable information  
22 required by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Revenue shall  
23 issue a number plate and a vessel license. If the vessel has a  
24 number plate, the Department of Revenue shall issue a vessel license  
25 and tab designating the year. The tab shall be placed in the space  
26 provided on the permanent number plate.

27 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.540 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 16.05.540. LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF FISHING GEAR LICENSES.  
29 The fishing gear licenses mentioned in sec. 545 [SECS. 550 - 650] of

1 this chapter shall be issued one to the applicant and only for the  
2 area in which the applicant qualifies under sec. 536 of this chapter.  
3 Each applicant shall personally operate or assist in the operation of  
4 the licensed fishing gear. Each applicant for the fishing gear licenses  
5 mentioned in sec. 545(a)(3) and (4) [SECS. 570 AND 580] of this  
6 chapter shall also personally own or lease the licensed fishing gear.  
7 The license is transferable as provided under sec. 670 of this chapter.

8 \* Sec. 4. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 16.05.545. SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE FEES. (a)

10 The board, by regulation, shall establish resident and nonresident  
11 commercial fishing license fees reasonably related to the necessary  
12 expenses of conservation and management of the resource in the area  
13 for which the license is issued for the use of the following types  
14 of gear:

15 (1) troll line; for the purposes of this chapter, a hand  
16 line, jigger line, or a line that is used with a rod and reel is a  
17 troll line when it is used in the taking or catching of fish for  
18 commercial purposes in the waters of the state;

19 (2) set or long line;

20 (3) drift gill net; however, the gear for each vessel  
21 shall be separately licensed;

22 (4) set or stake gill net;

23 (5) beach or drag seine;

24 (6) purse seine and hand purse seine;

25 (7) beam trawl, otter trawl;

26 (8) scallop dredge;

27 (9) otter trawl;

28 (10) shellfish pot.

29 (b) A clam digger's license, at a fee to be determined by the

1 board, is required of a person who digs clams for commercial purposes  
2 from the waters or beaches of the state.

3 (c) A person licensed as a commercial fisherman in the state  
4 who employs, in commercial fishing, only one vessel which is not more  
5 than 16 feet in length and has aboard one or more motors of no more  
6 than 10 horsepower in the aggregate shall pay a reduced annual vessel  
7 license fee, to be determined by the board, and a reduced gear license  
8 fee, to be determined by the board, for the use of troll lines, set  
9 lines, or long lines as prescribed in secs. 550 - 560 of this chapter  
10 in the taking or catching of fish for commercial purposes in the  
11 waters of the state.

12 \* Sec. 5. AS 16.05.670(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A fishing gear license issued under secs. 545(a)(1) and (2),  
14 545(a)(5) - (10), and 545 (b) and (c) [SECS. 550, 560, AND 590 - 650]  
15 of this chapter may be transferred only if sickness, injury, death,  
16 unavailability or other incapacitation of the licensee keep or may keep  
17 a commercial fishing vessel in port because of the lack of other  
18 licensed fishing gear to take its place. A fishing gear license  
19 issued under sec. 545(a)(3) and (4) [SECS. 570 AND 580] of this chapter  
20 may be transferred only if sickness, injury, or death of the licensee  
21 keep or may keep a commercial fishing vessel in port because of the  
22 lack of other licensed fishing gear to take its place.

23 \* Sec. 6. AS 16.05.550.- 16.05.650 are repealed.  
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