

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSTON

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a long-range fisheries research,
7 rehabilitation and development program; 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 establish a permanent fisheries research, rehabilitation and development
12 investment fund of \$100,000,000 from a portion of state revenues derived
13 from the sale, lease, or other disposition of nonrenewable natural resources,
14 the earnings of which shall be used exclusively to advance the orderly
15 development of the state's fisheries, a renewable resource. It is the in-
16 tent that the permanent fund created by this Act shall provide a continuing
17 source of revenue dedicated to continuing expansion of knowledge and bene-
18 ficial use of all fisheries resources of the state and continental shelf so
19 that the fisheries resources will be of increasing social and economic value
20 to all citizens. It is the further intent that the fisheries resources
21 be expanded to their fullest possible potential to insure that the state and
22 its citizens do not develop total reliance and dependence upon the depletion
23 of nonrenewable resources for economic, governmental and social benefits.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.050 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (11) plan and implement long-range programs of fisheries
26 research, rehabilitation and development.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 37 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

28 CHAPTER 14. FISHERIES RESEARCH, REHABILITATION
29 AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT FUND.

1 Sec. 37.14.010. FISHERIES RESEARCH, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOP-
2 MENT INVESTMENT FUND. There is created a fund, designated as the
3 fisheries research, rehabilitation and development investment fund.
4 The Department of Revenue is the custodian of the fund and shall ad-
5 minister it. The fund shall consist of money appropriated by the
6 legislature. A sum of \$100,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated to
7 the fund.

8 Sec. 37.14.015. DEDICATION OF PROCEEDS. Proceeds from the sale,
9 lease, or other disposition of nonrenewable natural resources of the
10 state, not exceeding \$100,000,000 are hereby dedicated to the fisheries
11 research, rehabilitation and development investment fund. No receipts
12 from a state tax or license within the meaning of art. IX, sec. 7 of
13 the state constitution may be dedicated to the fund unless that section
14 is repealed or amended.

15 Sec. 37.14.020. INVESTMENT OF FUND. (a) When the commissioner
16 of revenue determines that it is in the best interests of the state
17 he shall invest the fund or a part of it in any of the following:

18 (1) bonds, notes, and bills which constitute direct obliga-
19 tions of the United States;

20 (2) obligations of agencies and instrumentalities of the
21 United States;

22 (3) bank certificates of deposit which are secured as to
23 the payment of principal and interest in accordance with Alaska law;

24 (4) commercial paper of prime or equivalent quality, as
25 rated by a nationally recognized rating organization, which is issued
26 by corporations organized and operating in the United States with
27 assets in excess of \$500,000,000;

28 (5) bonds, notes, debentures and other evidence of indebted-
29 ness of corporations.

1 (b) Earnings of the fund become a part of the fund.

2 Sec. 37.14.030. TRANSFER OF EARNINGS. Annually, on July 1, five
3 per cent of the fund, but not exceeding fund earnings, shall be trans-
4 ferred to the fisheries research, rehabilitation and development
5 working fund within the Department of Fish and Game for the purposes
6 provided for in AS 16.05.050(11).

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

8 Sec. 16.05.215. FISHERIES RESEARCH, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOP-
9 MENT WORKING FUND. (a) There is created within the Department of
10 Fish and Game a fisheries research, rehabilitation and development
11 working fund. The fund shall consist of money transferred to it from
12 the fisheries research, rehabilitation and development investment fund
13 as provided in AS 37.14.030. The money in the fund shall be used
14 exclusively to advance the orderly development of the state's fisheries,
15 a renewable resource, in accordance with the following guidelines. The
16 commissioner shall

17 (1) develop and continually maintain a comprehensive,
18 coordinated state plan for orderly present and long-range research,
19 rehabilitation and development of all aspects of the state's fisheries
20 for the perpetual use, benefit and enjoyment of all citizens;

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

23 (3) research and improve the marketing and transportation
24 aspects of fisheries resources;

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

27 (5) encourage the investment by private enterprise in the
28 technological development and economic utilization of the fisheries
29 resources;

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

3 (7) develop and improve the capabilities, performance, use
4 and efficiency of vehicles, equipment and instruments for use in
5 research, surveys and recovery;

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

10 (9) participate in international, national and regional
11 conferences to assure the state's right to and control of the continen-
12 tal shelf;

13 (10) through research, rehabilitation and development pro-
14 grams do all things necessary to insure perpetual and increasing
15 production and use of the food resources of Alaska waters and continen-
16 tal shelf areas;

17 (11) develop ways and means for surveillance, prevention,
18 control and correction of pollution involving danger to water life in
19 Alaska waters and continental shelf areas.

20 (b) The department shall annually submit a program plan for the
21 expenditures from this fund to the governor and the legislature. No
22 expenditures may be made from the fund without the approval of the
23 program plans by the governor with the concurrence of a majority of the
24 membership of each house of the legislature.

25 (c) At the end of each fiscal year the unexpended balance of the
26 fisheries research, rehabilitation and development working fund shall be
27 transferred to the general fund.

28 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
29 or on the day it becomes law without approval.