

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Bristol Bay Regional
7 Development Council; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. The legislature recognizes that circumstances and events
11 beyond state or local control have thrust the Bristol Bay regional popula-
12 tion into a desperate plight and that the direct and proximate cause of
13 this human distress is the total destruction of the Bristol Bay red salmon
14 fishery by Japanese high-seas fishing sanctioned by the federal government.
15 Because of this distressed situation caused by federal inaction, the
16 legislature recognizes that economic alternatives are needed to complement
17 rehabilitation of the traditional fishery by the state. Therefore, it is
18 the purpose of this Act to provide for the orderly consideration of the
19 severe economic distress of the Bristol Bay region and to make possible
20 the development of programs to resolve the problems of the region.

21 * Sec. 2. There is established in the Office of the Governor the Bristol
22 Bay Regional Development Council. The council consists of the commissioner
23 of economic development who is chairman, the commissioner of community and
24 regional affairs, the commissioner of fish and game, and six public members
25 appointed by the governor. Members receive no compensation but are entitled
26 to per diem and travel allowances established for state boards and commis-
27 sions. The public members may not be state officers or employees. The
28 public members shall be chosen from the Bristol Bay region and shall repre-
29 sent a cross section of the economic interests of the region.

1 * Sec. 3. The Bristol Bay Regional Development Council may

2 (1) hire staff and consultants to carry out its responsibilities
3 under this Act;

4 (2) promulgate regulations under the Administrative Procedure
5 Act (AS 44.62) that it considers necessary to carry out its responsibilities
6 under this Act;

7 (3) hold meetings and public hearings in the Bristol Bay region.

8 * Sec. 4. The Bristol Bay Regional Development Council has the authority
9 and responsibility to

10 (1) explore the short term and long term economic factors and
11 federal and state programs and policies affecting the Bristol Bay region
12 with a view toward producing a long term economic and social development
13 program for the region consistent with the living patterns of the resident
14 population and integrating natural resources development with the environ-
15 mental concerns of the region;

16 (2) present to the governor before the convening of the
17 first session Ninth Legislature its proposed long term economic and social
18 development program for the region.

19 * Sec. 5. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the
20 Bristol Bay Regional Development Council by furnishing all necessary
21 material not prohibited by law.

22 * Sec. 6. This Act expires June 30, 1975.

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