

1 IN THE SENATE

BY POLAND

2 SENATE BILL NO. 214

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the regulation of shellfish pots."

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

8 * Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to require positive
9 identification of shellfish pots and buoys in order to

- 10 (1) more adequately enforce shellfish pot limits;
- 11 (2) assist in preventing the theft of gear;
- 12 (3) prevent the transfer of gear to prohibited areas; and
- 13 (4) better manage the fishery by providing a visible means of
14 determining how much gear is actually being fished.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.630 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

16 (b) Shellfish registration tags shall be issued with each license
17 under (a) of this section, under regulations promulgated by the board.
18 Registration tags shall

- 19 (1) be individually numbered, designating the year of issu-
20 ance;
- 21 (2) be permanently affixed to each shellfish pot;
- 22 (3) conform to other requirements considered appropriate by
23 the board; and

24 (4) be issued and renewed for a fee and under procedures
25 considered appropriate by the Department of Revenue.

26 (c) In addition to meeting other requirements, each shellfish pot
27 licensed under this section shall be connected to one durable "sea
28 lion" buoy of an appropriate type and diameter as specified by the
29 board. The buoy shall conform to other specifications considered appro-

private by the board.

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