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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 CS SENATE BILL NO. 688

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to fish hatcheries; and providing for
7 an effective date."

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

9 * Sec. 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to produce fish for the
10 common property fisheries of the state.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 16.10.400 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

12 (e) The commissioner shall designate regions of the state for the
13 purpose of enhancing salmon production, and shall develop and amend as
14 necessary a comprehensive salmon enhancement plan for each region.
15 Each plan shall be developed in cooperation with the appropriate
16 regional association or corporation, if any, of commercial fishermen
17 and with other user groups in the region.

18 (f) The department shall encourage the formation of the
19 several associations of commercial fishermen into regional associa-
20 tions or regional corporations which may also include representatives
21 of other user groups interested in the fisheries and of the munici-
22 palities within the region. The board of directors of a regional
23 association or corporation shall include no less than one representa-
24 tive of each user group included in the regional association or corpora-
25 tion. A regional corporation, or a local corporation designated by the
26 regional association or corporation, has a preference right to a permit
27 if its proposed hatchery is provided for in the comprehensive plan
28 established under (e) of this section.

29 (g) Except permits issued as of the effective date of this Act,

1 no permit may be issued for construction or operation of a hatchery
2 utilizing a stream which has not been classified for artificial
3 reproduction; until so classified by the commissioner, all anadromous
4 fish streams are classified for natural recruitment.

5 (h) After a comprehensive plan for a region is developed, to
6 the extent practicable no permit may be issued which is not consistent
7 with a comprehensive plan developed under (e) of this section, and,
8 except upon classification of the stream to be utilized by the
9 proposed hatchery for artificial reproduction, no permit may be issued
10 for construction or operation of a hatchery which is not provided for
11 in the comprehensive plan.

12 (i) In this section, "user group" includes, but is not limited
13 to sport fishermen, processors, commercial fishermen, subsistence
14 fishermen, and local communities.

15 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with
16 AS 01.10.070(c).