

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GARDINER

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 444

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the confidentiality of fishery re-  
7 ports."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 16.05.815 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.815. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF CERTAIN RECORDS. Reports  
11 required by regulations of the department concerning the landing of  
12 fish, shellfish, or fishery products, and annual statistical reports of  
13 buyers and processors required by regulations of the department, insofar  
14 as they are in the form of individual records, are confidential. They  
15 may be released to the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public  
16 Safety, and the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to assist them in  
17 carrying out their statutory responsibilities. They may also be re-  
18 leased to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the University  
19 of Alaska, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development in  
20 conjunction with research and statistics projects. However, the com-  
21 missioner may not release a report if he determines that to do so would  
22 abuse the intent of this section, and he may limit or condition any  
23 release to insure that proper confidentiality is maintained. Confiden-  
24 tial reports held by the department, or received from the department by  
25 the agencies and organizations mentioned in this section, may not be  
26 communicated or distributed in the form of individual records to any  
27 other agency, organization, or individual unless required by a court  
28 order.

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