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REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE
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Committee on Bottomfish)

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to underutilized fish species."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 16.05.090 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (d) There is established in the Department of Fish and Game a
10 section of underutilized fish species within the division of commercial
11 fisheries.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 16.05.096. DUTIES OF SECTION OF UNDERUTILIZED FISH SPECIES.

14 (a) The section of underutilized fish species shall

15 (1) compile existing data and conduct studies, either in-
16 dependently or in coordination with other agencies to accomplish the
17 duties established in (2) - (4) of this subsection;

18 (2) encourage investment by private enterprise in the techno-
19 logical development and economic utilization of the underutilized
20 fisheries resources;

21 (3) develop and maintain a comprehensive, coordinated state
22 plan for the present and long-range enhancement and development of the
23 state's underutilized fisheries;

24 (4) promote increased use of the underutilized fisheries food
25 resources of Alaska waters and continental shelf areas;

26 (5) report annually to the legislature regarding its accomp-
27 lishments under this section and proposals of plans and activities for
28 the next fiscal year, not later than 20 days after the convening of each
29 regular session.

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(b) The commissioner shall, by regulation, define "underutilized fish species" for the purposes of this section.