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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 516

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the office of fisheries develop-
7 ment."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 11. OFFICE OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT.

11 Sec. 44.33.502. OFFICE OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT. There is estab-
12 lished within the Department of Commerce and Economic Development the
13 office of fisheries development.

14 Sec. 44.33.504. COORDINATION OF STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVI-
15 TIES. (a) The office shall coordinate all fisheries-related studies,
16 recommendations and activities made or conducted by the departments and
17 agencies of the state. So far as may be practicable, the office shall
18 coordinate the studies conducted, and the recommendations and proposals
19 made, in this state with like activities in other states.

20 (b) The departments and agencies of the state responsible for
21 initiating or pursuing studies, recommendations, or proposals relating
22 to fisheries development shall keep the office fully and currently
23 informed as to their activities relating to fisheries development.

24 (c) When, in the opinion of the office, it is necessary for the
25 efficient development of the fisheries of the state and for the per-
26 formance of the duties of the office under (a) of this section, the
27 office may

28 (1) direct a department or agency of the state to refrain
29 from conducting a study or other activity relating to fisheries de-

1 velopment until the department or agency has provided the office
2 with complete information relating to the study or other activity;

3 (2) direct a department or agency of the state to include in
4 an on-going study questions which are closely related to the questions
5 being considered in the study and the answers to which would be bene-
6 ficial to another state department or agency;

7 (3) direct a department or agency of the state to refrain
8 from attempting to answer questions in a study if another state de-
9 partment or agency is conducting an on-going study which will answer the
10 same questions satisfactorily;

11 (4) make suggestions to departments and agencies of the state
12 with respect to appropriate studies, recommendations and activities
13 which would further the efficient development of the state's fisheries.

14 (d) An action taken under (c)(1) - (3) of this section shall be
15 reported by the office to the governor immediately. A department or
16 agency which has been directed to act or refrain from acting under
17 (c)(1) - (3) of this section may appeal the decision of the office to
18 the governor for a final determination of the matter.

19 Sec. 44.33.506. ANNUAL REPORT. The office shall prepare an annual
20 report. The report shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, a
21 summary of fisheries development activities in the state, a description
22 of the actions taken by the office to coordinate the activities, and
23 suggestions for the more efficient development of the fisheries in the
24 state. The office shall distribute copies of the report to the governor
25 and to each legislator.

26 Sec. 44.33.510. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of AS 44.33.502 -
27 44.33.510 "office" means the office of fisheries development.
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