

Introduced: 2/8/80  
Referred: Resources and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY OSTERBACK AND FULLER

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development the office  
13 of fisheries development. The head of the office shall be appointed by  
14 and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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

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

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

29 (1) direct a department or agency of the state to refrain

1 from conducting a study or other activity relating to fisheries de-  
2 velopment until that department or agency has provided the office with  
3 complete information relating to the study or other activity;

4 (2) direct a department or agency of the state to include in  
5 a study additional questions which are closely related to the questions  
6 being considered in the study and the answers to which would be benefi-  
7 cial to other state departments or agencies;

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

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

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

20 Sec. 44.33.506. COMPREHENSIVE BOTTOMFISH PLAN. The office of  
21 fisheries development shall establish a comprehensive bottomfish plan  
22 which shall include detailed project schedules and budgets, and a method  
23 for monitoring the performance of bottomfish projects included in the  
24 plan. The office shall amend the plan as necessary.

25 Sec. 44.33.508. ANNUAL REPORT. The office shall prepare an annual  
26 report. The report shall include a summary of fisheries development  
27 activities in the state, a description of the actions taken by the  
28 office to coordinate fisheries development activities, a summary of the  
29 plan established under AS 44.33.506, and suggestions for the more effi-

1       cient development of the fisheries of the state. The office shall  
2       distribute copies of the report to the governor and to each legislator.

3               Sec. 44.33.510. DEFINITION. For the purposes of AS 44.33.502 -  
4       44.33.510 "office" means the office of fisheries development.

5       \* Sec. 2. (a) The office of fisheries development established in AS 44.-  
6       33.502, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, shall conduct a study to determine

7               (1) types of private investment in the Alaska bottomfish industry  
8       which are most likely to occur before January 1, 1990;

9               (2) types of organizations for the harvesting, processing, and  
10       marketing of bottomfish species which are consistent with market conditions  
11       and conducive to participation by Alaska residents;

12               (3) methods for the state to assist residents with the formation  
13       of the organizations determined under (2) of this subsection, including  
14       enabling legislation, organizational grants, educational assistance, and  
15       direct organizational and technical assistance; and

16               (4) economic incentives and other means to encourage development  
17       of the bottomfish industry in a manner consistent with market conditions and  
18       beneficial to the Alaska economy and to Alaska residents.

19       (b) The office shall prepare a report summarizing the findings of the  
20       study required by this section and shall distribute copies of the report to  
21       the governor and the legislature by February 1, 1982.

22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29