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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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. INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the state

10 (1) encourage and provide for greater development and eventual
11 maximization of Alaska fisheries, consistent with public interest;

12 (2) do everything in its power to assure development and utiliza-
13 tion of Alaska fisheries by residents of the state, alleviating the effects
14 of apparent ownership or control of major segments of the fishing industry by
15 nonresident interests;

16 (3) combine various government agencies dealing with fisheries
17 development into a single, effective agency so that benefits of this develop-
18 ing industry accrue to Alaskans and the effort of the state is not fragmented.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

20 ARTICLE 11. OFFICE OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT.

21 Sec. 44.33.502. OFFICE OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT. There is estab-
22 lished in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development the office
23 of fisheries development.

24 Sec. 44.33.504. COORDINATION OF STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVI-
25 TIES. (a) The office is the lead agency in state government for fish-
26 eries development and as such is responsible for the state's overall
27 planning and coordination of fisheries development activities. The
28 office shall coordinate all studies, recommendations, proposals and
29 activities relating to fisheries development made or conducted by state

1 departments and agencies. To the maximum extent possible, the office
2 shall coordinate the studies, recommendation, and proposals relating to
3 fisheries development made in this state with similar activities in
4 other states.

5 (b) The office shall make suggestions to state departments and
6 agencies with respect to appropriate activities which would further the
7 development of the state's fisheries.

8 Sec. 44.33.506. COMPREHENSIVE BOTTOMFISH PLAN. The office shall
9 establish a comprehensive bottomfish development plan which includes
10 detailed project schedules and budgets and a method for monitoring the
11 performance of bottomfish projects included in the bottomfish development
12 plan. The office shall include in the plan its determination of those
13 projects which most complement the needs of private fishery organiza-
14 tions. The office shall amend the plan as necessary.

15 Sec. 44.33.508. ANNUAL REPORT. The office shall prepare an annual
16 report. The report shall include a summary of fisheries development
17 activities in the state, a description of the actions taken by the
18 office to coordinate fisheries development activities, a summary of the
19 plan established under AS 44.33.506, and suggestions for the more effi-
20 cient development of the fisheries of the state. The office shall
21 distribute copies of the report to the governor, to the commissioners of
22 community and regional affairs, fish and game, revenue, labor, and
23 transportation and public facilities, and to each legislator.

24 Sec. 44.33.510. STUDIES. (a) The office shall conduct annual
25 studies to identify

26 (1) types of private investment in the Alaska fisheries
27 industry which are most likely to occur before January 1, 1990;

28 (2) types of organizations for the harvesting, processing,
29 and marketing of bottomfish species which are consistent with market

1 conditions and conducive to participation by Alaska residents;

2 (3) methods for the state to assist residents with the forma-
3 tion of the organizations described in (2) of this subsection, including
4 enabling legislation, organizational grants, educational assistance, and
5 direct organizational and technical assistance; and

6 (4) economic incentives and other means to encourage develop-
7 ment of the fish and shellfish industry in a manner consistent with
8 market conditions and beneficial to the Alaska economy and to Alaska
9 residents.

10 (b) The office shall prepare a report summarizing the findings of
11 the studies required by this section and shall distribute copies of the
12 report to the legislature by February 1 of each year.

13 Sec. 44.33.512. DEFINITIONS. In AS 44.33.502 - 44.33.512

14 (1) "fisheries development" means the commerce, taxation,
15 finance, marketing, economics, and business aspects of fisheries;

16 (2) "office" means the office of fisheries development.
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