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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 590 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to herring; and providing for an
7 effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND POLICY ON HERRING STRIPPING. (a)
10 Notwithstanding AS 16.10.172, the legislature finds that in certain circum-
11 stances the processing technique described in AS 16.10.172(3), commonly
12 referred to as "stripping", provides benefits of such importance to the state
13 economy that the benefits may outweigh the waste involved in the process.

14 (b) It is the policy of the legislature that notwithstanding AS 16.-
15 10.173 the disposal of herring carcasses is acceptable only if

16 (1) the herring is taken from waters in which the herring popu-
17 lation is large enough to support a stripping industry without substantially
18 reducing the availability of the herring for other uses; and

19 (2) the stripping process is conducted in an area of the state
20 where local industry either does not exist or, if it does exist, it is in-
21 sufficient to provide reasonable economic support to the people who live in
22 the area.

23 * Sec. 2. HERRING STRIPPING. (a) Notwithstanding AS 16.10.173 and until
24 July 1, 1982, the stripping of commercially taken herring for the purpose of
25 removing and selling the roe product is authorized if the herring is taken
26 from and the carcass disposal process occurs in the Bering Sea.

27 (b) The Board of Fisheries shall adopt regulations in accordance with
28 the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) regarding disposal of herring
29 carcasses for each administrative area where disposal occurs.

1 (c) The provisions of AS 46.03.100 apply to the disposal of herring
2 carcasses under this section.

3 * Sec. 3. AS 16.10 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to
4 read:

5 Sec. 16.10.175. REMOVAL OF HERRING FROM STATE. (a) It is unlaw-
6 ful for a person to remove herring from the state before the herring has
7 been frozen or otherwise processed for shipment.

8 (b) In this section, "processed for shipment" includes, but is not
9 limited to, icing, stripping or salting of the herring; however, it does
10 not include salting of the herring if five percent or more of the body
11 weight of the herring consists of roe.

12 * Sec. 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect September 1, 1980.
13 Section 3 of this Act takes effect September 1, 1981.

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