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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 51

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 the confidential nature of certain  
7 reports required by the Department of Fish and Game."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 16.05.815 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.815. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF CERTAIN RECORDS. Reports  
11 required by regulations of the department concerning the landing of  
12 fish, shellfish, or fishery products, and annual statistical reports  
13 of buyers and processors required by regulations of the department,  
14 insofar as they are in the form of individual records, are confiden-  
15 tial. A report may be released to the individual operator whose fish-  
16 ing activity is the subject of the report and to the Department of  
17 Revenue, the Department of Public Safety, and the Commercial Fisheries  
18 Entry Commission to assist them in carrying out their statutory re-  
19 sponsibilities. Reports which do not identify individual fishermen,  
20 buyers, or processors may also be released to the North Pacific Fish-  
21 eries Management Council, the National Marine Fisheries Service of the  
22 United States Department of Commerce, the University of Alaska, and  
23 the Department of Commerce and Economic Development in conjunction  
24 with research and statistics projects. However, the commissioner may  
25 not release a report if he determines that to do so would abuse the  
26 intent of this section, and he may limit or condition any release to  
27 insure that proper confidentiality is maintained. Confidential reports  
28 held by the department, or received from the department by the agen-  
29 cies and organizations mentioned in this section, may not be communi-

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cated or distributed in the form of individual records to any other agency, organization, or individual unless required by a court order signed by a superior court judge.