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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 51 (Rules)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the confidential nature of certain reports required by the Department of Fish and Game."

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

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 AS 16.05.815 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

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Sec. 16.05.815. CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF CERTAIN RECORDS. Reports required by regulations of the department concerning the landing of fish, shellfish, or fishery products, and annual statistical reports of buyers and processors required by regulations of the department, insofar as they are in the form of individual records, are confidential. A report may be released to the individual operator whose fishing activity is the subject of the report and to the National Marine Fisheries Service as required for preparation and implementation of North Pacific Fisheries Management Council fishery management plans, and to the legislative auditor, the Department of Revenue and the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to assist them in carrying out their statutory responsibilities. Reports which do not identify individual fishermen, buyers, or processors may also be released to the University of Alaska and to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development in conjunction with research and statistics projects. However, the commissioner may not release a report if he determines that to do so would abuse the intent of this section, and he may limit or condition any release to insure that confidentiality is maintained. Confidential reports held by the department, or received from the department by the agencies and organizations mentioned in this section, may not be communicated or distributed

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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.