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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR 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 AS 16.05.815 is repealed and re-enacted to read: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 of
13 buyers and processors required by regulations of the department, insofar
14 as they are in the form of individual records, are confidential. A
15 report may be released to (1) the individual operator whose fishing
16 activity is the subject of the report; (2) the National Marine Fisheries
17 Service as required for preparation and implementation of North Pacific
18 Fisheries Management Council fishery management plans within the fisher-
19 ies conservation zone; and (3) the Department of Revenue and the Commer-
20 cial Fisheries Entry Commission to assist them in carrying out their
21 statutory responsibilities. Reports which do not identify individual
22 fishermen, buyers, or processors may also be released to the University
23 of Alaska and to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development in
24 conjunction with research and statistics projects. However, the commis-
25 sioner may not release a report if he determines that to do so would
26 abuse the intent of this section, and he may limit or condition any
27 release to insure that confidentiality is maintained. Confidential
28 reports held by the department, or received from the department by the
29 agencies and organizations mentioned in this section, may not be com-

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