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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 249

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to fisheries information planning and
7 evaluation; and providing for an effective date.

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. (a) The legislature finds that
10 there is a need for the state

11 (1) to plan for the continuing development and evaluation of
12 comprehensive information regarding the identification and separation,
13 enumeration, distribution, migration patterns, run timing, biological
14 characteristics, and habitat requirements of all significant fish popula-
15 tions and stocks, including underutilized species; and

16 (2) to continually improve its effort to address major fisheries
17 resource allocations among user groups and gear types with effective in-
18 season management resulting from comprehensive data and knowledge of the
19 fisheries populations and stocks upon which Alaskans rely for food, income,
20 and recreation.

21 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to initiate and consolidate an
22 ongoing planning process for the state to continually identify informational
23 needs for the sustained yield and equitable management of the fisheries
24 populations and stocks, for the development and evaluation of that informa-
25 tion, and to assist the in-season management of those stocks to minimize the
26 social and economic effects of resource allocation decisions among user
27 groups and gear types.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.090(c) is amended to read:

29 (c) There is established in the Department of Fish and Game a

1 section of subsistence hunting and fishing and a section of fisheries
2 information planning and evaluation.

3 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 16.05.095. DUTIES OF THE SECTION OF FISHERIES INFORMATION
5 PLANNING AND EVALUATION. The section of fisheries information planning
6 and evaluation shall

7 (1) locate, gather, and make available for public inspection
8 all known information and data, from all known sources, regarding
9 identification and separation, enumeration, migration patterns and run
10 timing, biological characteristics, and habitat requirements and any
11 other relevant data, of all significant fish populations and stocks in
12 the state, including underutilized species;

13 (2) identify, on a continuing basis, the data and informa-
14 tion necessary or advisable to ensure that the department may effective-
15 ly address major fisheries resource allocations among user groups and
16 gear types with improved in-season management;

17 (3) identify, on a continuing basis, the fisheries informa-
18 tion that is in need of evaluation for effective use by the department;

19 (4) assist the department and the Board of Fisheries in
20 identifying fisheries and areas that are in need of or will need
21 special information and data collection and evaluation projects to
22 effectively and equitably manage the fish stocks;

23 (5) assist the department in identifying and evaluating the
24 information and data necessary or advisable to improve the state's
25 position in all international agreements, negotiations or discussions;

26 (6) participate with all other sections and divisions in the
27 preparation of statewide and regional management plans so that those
28 plans are based on the best information available or recognize informa-
29 tion and data that should be developed;

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(7) prepare an annual report to the legislature, to be submitted not later than 10 days after the legislature convenes in each regular session; the report shall detail the state of information and data available for each fisheries stock, including underutilized species.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).