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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 393

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the operation of state-owned  
7 salmon hatcheries."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that declining state  
10 revenues and the newly imposed constitutional spending limit require a  
11 reduction in expenditures for state-operated salmon hatcheries. This  
12 reduction is likely to result in the closure of many, if not all, state  
13 hatcheries. State hatcheries play an important role in the conservation  
14 and management of the state's fisheries resources and benefit all fishermen  
15 - commercial, subsistence, and sport - who depend on salmon stocks. There-  
16 fore, it is in the public interest to provide for the transfer of operation  
17 of the hatcheries by lease to private nonprofit operators.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 16.10.435. OPERATION OF STATE HATCHERIES. (a) The commis-  
20 sioner shall by lease transfer the operation of state-owned salmon  
21 hatcheries to regional associations that are qualified under AS 16.-  
22 10.380, or to local nonprofit hatchery corporations approved by a  
23 qualified regional association.

24 (b) A lease to operate a state-owned salmon hatchery shall  
25 provide that the lessee shall be solely responsible for the operation  
26 and maintenance of the hatchery and shall indemnify the state against  
27 liability for harm or loss arising from the operation of the hatchery  
28 during the period of the lease.

29 (c) Application for the transfer of the operation of a state-

1 owned salmon hatchery shall be made on a form provided by the depart-  
2 ment.