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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON FISHERIES
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 393 (Fisheries)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 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. This reduction may result in the closure of
12 state hatcheries. State hatcheries play an important role in the conserva-
13 tion and management of the state's fisheries resources and benefit all
14 fishermen - commercial, subsistence, and sport - who depend on salmon
15 stocks. Therefore, it is in the public interest to provide for the trans-
16 fer of operation of certain hatcheries by lease to regional aquaculture
17 associations.
18 * Sec. 2. AS 16.10 is amended by adding new sections 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 listed in AS 16.10.436 to regional associations that
22 (1) are qualified under AS 16.10.380;
23 (2) apply for a transfer under (c) of this section; and
24 (3) comply with the requirements for a permit under AS 16.-
25 10.400 - 16.10.470.
26 (b) A lease to operate a state-owned salmon hatchery shall
27 provide that the lessee shall
28 (1) operate the hatchery in compliance with AS 16.10.420;
29 (2) be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the

1 hatchery; and

2 (3) indemnify the state against liability for harm or loss
3 arising from the operation of the hatchery during the period of the
4 lease.

5 (c) Application for the transfer of the operation of a state-
6 owned salmon hatchery shall be made on a form provided by the depart-
7 ment.

8 Sec. 16.10.436. TRANSFER OF HATCHERY OPERATIONS. Operation of
9 the following state-owned salmon hatcheries shall be transferred in
10 accordance with AS 16.10.435:

- 11 (1) Beaver Falls hatchery;
- 12 (2) Cannery Creek hatchery;
- 13 (3) Main Bay hatchery;
- 14 (4) Klawock hatchery; and
- 15 (5) East Creek hatchery.