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SENATE BILL NO. 473

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Fisheries Council;

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and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 44.39 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 2. ALASKA FISHERIES COUNCIL.

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Sec. 44.39.110. COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. (a) There is established

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in the Department of Fish and Game the Alaska Fisheries Council. The

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council is composed of seven members appointed by the governor. Three

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members shall be commercial fishermen, one member shall be a sports

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fisherman, two members shall be fish processors, and one member shall

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be a representative of seafood processing workers. The council shall

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elect a chairman from among its members.

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(b) The term of a member of the council is four years. An

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appointment to a vacancy is for the unexpired term.

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Sec. 44.39.120. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS. Members of the council

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are entitled to per diem and travel expenses provided for boards and

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commissions under AS 39.20.180.

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Sec. 44.39.130. MEETINGS. The council shall schedule regular

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meetings during the year, and may hold special meetings upon the call

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of the chairman or four members of the council.

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Sec. 44.39.140. QUORUM. Four members of the council constitute

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a quorum. An affirmative vote of at least four members is necessary

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to approve an action of the council.

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Sec. 44.39.150. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. (a) The

1 council may

2 (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management and regu-
3 lation of its affairs;

4 (2) maintain an office any place in the state;

5 (3) employ an executive director who shall be in the par-
6 tially exempt service under AS 39.25.120;

7 (4) consult with the advisory committees of the Board of
8 Fisheries and the Board of Game on subjects of mutual concern;

9 (5) conduct studies on fisheries-related issues; and

10 (6) recommend legislation to the governor to improve the
11 state's regulation and support of the seafood industry.

12 (b) The council shall

13 (1) in cooperation with the commissioners of fish and game
14 and of commerce and economic development, develop a long-term fisher-
15 ies policy that includes a statement of goals to identify the benefits
16 from utilization of the state's fisheries resources for the people of
17 Alaska and present the proposed policy to the governor;

18 (2) contract for the preparation of an annual report on the
19 economic status of the state's seafood industry;

20 (3) review the portions of state agency budgets relating to
21 fisheries activities to ensure consistency with the state's fisheries
22 policy; and

23 (4) periodically meet with the Board of Fisheries to dis-
24 cuss and identify areas of mutual concern that require attention.

25 * Sec. 2. AS 39.25.120(c)(9) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to
26 read:

27 (L) Alaska Fisheries Council;

28 * Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the terms of office specified for members of
29 the Alaska Fisheries Council in AS 44.39.110, enacted in sec. 1 of this

1 Act, the terms of the first appointees shall be one member serving a term
2 ending June 30, 1985, two members serving terms ending June 30, 1986, two
3 members serving terms ending June 30, 1987, and two members serving terms
4 ending June 30, 1988.

5 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1984.