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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 231

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the taking of fish and game for  
7 subsistence and personal use; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

11 (1) the taking of fish stocks and game populations for  
12 personal and family consumption and related uses is essential to the  
13 health, safety, and general welfare of Alaskans domiciled in rural  
14 communities or rural areas in which the taking of fish and game for  
15 such uses is a significant part of the economy of the community or  
16 area; and

17 (2) the taking of fish stocks and game populations for  
18 personal, sport, and commercial uses is also of economic and recre-  
19 ational importance to Alaskans who reside anywhere in the state.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.251(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) The Board of Fisheries may adopt regulations it considers  
22 advisable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.-  
23 62) for

24 (1) setting apart fish reserve areas, refuges, and sanctu-  
25 aries in the waters of the state over which it has jurisdiction,  
26 subject to the approval of the legislature;

27 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the  
28 taking of fish;

29 (3) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex and

1 size limitations on the taking of fish;

2 (4) establishing the means and methods employed in the  
3 pursuit, capture and transport of fish;

4 (5) establishing marking and identification requirements  
5 for means used in pursuit, capture and transport of fish;

6 (6) classifying as commercial fish, sport fish, personal  
7 use fish, or predators or other categories essential for regulatory  
8 purposes;

9 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,  
10 conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation and stocking of  
11 fish;

12 (8) investigating and determining the extent and effect of  
13 disease, predation, and competition among fish in the state, exercis-  
14 ing control measures considered necessary to the resources of the  
15 state;

16 (9) prohibiting and regulating the live capture, posses-  
17 sion, transport, or release of native or exotic fish or their eggs;

18 (10) establishing seasons, areas, quotas and methods of  
19 harvest for aquatic plants;

20 (11) establishing the times and dates during which the  
21 issuance of fishing licenses, permits and registrations and the trans-  
22 fer of permits and registrations between registration areas is al-  
23 lowed; however, this paragraph does not apply to permits issued or  
24 transferred under AS 16.43;

25 (12) personal use fishing.

26 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.940(23) is amended to read:

27 (23) "subsistence uses" means the customary and traditional  
28 uses by rural [IN] Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for  
29 direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel,

1 clothing, tools, or transportation, for the making and selling of  
2 handicraft articles out of nonedible by-products of fish and wildlife  
3 resources taken for personal or family consumption, and for the cus-  
4 tomary trade, barter, or sharing for personal or family consumption;  
5 for the purposes of this paragraph, "family" means all persons related  
6 by blood, marriage, or adoption, and any person living within the  
7 household on a permanent basis;

8 \* Sec. 4. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (28) "personal use fishing" means the taking, fishing for,  
10 or possession of finfish, shellfish, or other fishery resources, by  
11 Alaska residents for personal use and not for sale or barter, with  
12 gill or dip net, seine, fish wheel, long line, or other similar means  
13 defined by the Board of Fisheries.

14 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
15 10.070(c).

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