

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SHULTZ

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 110

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to emergency orders of the Depart-
7 ment of Fish and Game."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05.060 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (b) Before issuing an emergency order under (a) of this section
11 relating to sport fishing, hunting, or subsistence fishing or hunting,
12 the commissioner shall give reasonable written notice of the order to
13 the local fish and game advisory committees in the areas affected by
14 the order. The notice must include the biological information avail-
15 able to the commissioner that forms the factual basis justifying the
16 opening or closure. If the advisory committees in the affected areas
17 vote unanimously to oppose the opening or closure, then the commis-
18 sioner, personally and as soon as practicable after being notified of
19 the committees' votes, shall review the decision to issue the emer-
20 gency order, and shall affirm or rescind the decision.

21 (c) In the case of an emergency closure due to depleted stocks,
22 if the commissioner affirms the decision to issue the emergency order,
23 then the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game, as appropriate,
24 shall at the next regular meeting of the board consider the factual
25 basis justifying the closure and take corrective actions necessary to
26 alleviate or eliminate the stock depletions.