

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 493

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to marine garbage collection; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.47 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 ARTICLE 12A. MARINE GARBAGE COLLECTION GRANTS.

11 Sec. 44.47.750. MARINE GARBAGE COLLECTION FUND. (a) There is
12 established in the department the marine garbage collection fund as an
13 account in the general fund. The fund consists of money appropriated
14 to it. Money in the fund may be used to make grants to municipalities
15 and unincorporated communities for the collection of marine garbage in
16 state water.

17 (b) The department shall adopt regulations for the determination
18 of entitlement to marine garbage collection grants, application and
19 approval of grants, and administration of grants.

20 (c) In making grants under this section, the department shall
21 consider

22 (1) the number of vessels engaged in commercial fishing or
23 related activities, including processing, in water adjacent to or
24 within the applicant's jurisdiction;

25 (2) the volume of garbage that is dumped by vessels in the
26 area or that drifts into the area after being dumped by vessels oper-
27 ating outside state water;

28 (3) the effect of marine garbage on the environment in the
29 area;

1 (4) other resources available to the applicant; and
2 (5) other factors that the department establishes by regu-
3 lation that are relevant to a determination of the applicant's need
4 for financial assistance to alleviate the locality's marine garbage
5 problem.

6 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).