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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 309 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the definition of commercial
7 fisherman under statutes regulating commercial fish-
8 ing."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. AS 16.05.940(4) is amended to read:
11 (4) "commercial fisherman" means an individual who fishes
12 commercially for, takes, or attempts to take fish, shellfish, or other
13 fishery resources of the state by any means, and includes every indi-
14 vidual aboard a boat operated for fishing purposes who participates
15 directly or indirectly in the taking of these raw fishery products,
16 whether participation is on shares or as an employee or otherwise;
17 however, this definition does not apply to anyone aboard a licensed
18 vessel as a visitor or guest who does not directly or indirectly
19 participate in the taking; [AND THE TERM] "commercial fisherman" in-
20 cludes the crews of tenders or other floating craft used in transport-
21 ing fish, but does not include processing workers on floating fish
22 processing vessels who do not operate fishing gear or engage in activ-
23 ities related to navigation or operation of the vessel; in this para-
24 graph "operate fishing gear" means to deploy or remove gear from state
25 water, remove fish from gear during an open fishing season or period,
26 or possess a gill net containing fish during an open fishing period;