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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 394

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to utilization of pollock."

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

8 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND POLICY ON UTILIZATION OF POLLOCK.

9 (a) The legislature finds

10 (1) extensive and valuable populations of pollock are available  
11 for harvest in the water of and off Alaska;

12 (2) commercial markets are available for pollock processed in  
13 several forms;

14 (3) one processing technique presently employed involves strip-  
15 ping roe from female pollock and then discarding the carcasses of both male  
16 and female pollock.

17 (b) The legislature declares that stripping roe from pollock without  
18 utilizing the flesh is wasteful and does not constitute utilization of this  
19 resource for the maximum benefit of the people. Therefore, it is the  
20 policy of the state that this process be eliminated to the fullest extent  
21 possible.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.10 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to  
23 read:

24 Sec. 16.10.165. UTILIZATION OF COMMERCIALY TAKEN POLLOCK. (a)  
25 A person may not waste or cause to be wasted commercially taken  
26 pollock.

27 (b) The Board of Fisheries may adopt regulations under the  
28 Administration Procedure Act (AS 44.62) it considers necessary for  
29 implementation of this section. The board may delegate its authority

1 under this section to the commissioner.

2 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class A  
3 misdemeanor.

4 (d) In this section

5 (1) "flesh" means all muscular body tissue surrounding the  
6 skeleton;

7 (2) "person" includes a joint venture;

8 (3) "waste" means the failure to use the flesh of commer-  
9 cially taken pollock for human consumption, reduction to meal, produc-  
10 tion of food for domestic animals or fish, or scientific or educa-  
11 tional purposes, but does not include normal, inadvertent loss of  
12 flesh associated with processing that cannot be prevented by practical  
13 means.