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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 555

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Commission on Subsistence
7 Use of Fish and Game; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. COMMISSION ON SUBSISTENCE USE OF FISH AND GAME ESTABLISH-
11 ED. (a) There is established in the Department of Fish and Game the
12 Commission on Subsistence Use of Fish and Game. The commission consists of
13 nine members. Members of the commission serve without compensation, but
14 are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and
15 commissions under AS 39.20.180. Members of the commission serve until the
16 repeal of this Act as provided under sec. 3 of this Act.

17 (b) The nine members of the commission consist of

18 (1) the speaker of the house of representatives, or the speak-
19 er's designee;

20 (2) the president of the senate, or the president's designee;

21 (3) two members representing Alaska Natives, appointed by the
22 governor, who shall consider nominations made by the Alaska Federation of
23 Natives and other Native organizations;

24 (4) two members representing sport fishermen and hunters, ap-
25 pointed by the governor, who shall consider nominations made by the Alaska
26 Outdoor Council and other sport hunting and fishing organizations;

27 (5) two members representing commercial fishermen, appointed by
28 the governor, who shall consider nominations made by the United Fishermen
29 of Alaska and other commercial fishermen's organizations; and

1 (6) one member representing the public, appointed by the gover-
2 nor.

3 (c) The commission, by majority vote of the membership, shall elect a
4 chair and other officers it considers necessary from among its membership.

5 (d) In this section, "commission" means the Commission on Subsistence
6 Use of Fish and Game.

7 * Sec. 2. The Commission on Subsistence Use of Fish and Game shall
8 study the question of how to best resolve the issue of subsistence use of
9 fish and game in the state. The commission shall recommend to the legis-
10 lature definitions for "rural," "customary trade and barter," "wild renew-
11 able resources," and other key terms used in federal and state laws, and
12 shall make recommendations as to when a subsistence preference should be
13 implemented, and how and to whom the preference should be applied. The
14 commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature
15 no later than the 10th legislative day of the First Session of the
16 Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature. The commission's report may include
17 recommended changes in state and federal laws and regulations.

18 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed January 21, 1993.

19 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).