

HOUSE BILL NO. 541

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LINCOLN

**Introduced: 2/18/92
Referred: Resources**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the management of mixed stock fisheries by the Board of Fisheries."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 16.05.251 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

**4 (h) The Board of Fisheries shall adopt regulations, consistent with the following, for the
5 management of mixed stock fisheries:**

**6 (1) the board shall accord first priority to the conservation of fish stocks over
7 social or economic considerations;**

**8 (2) the board shall discourage the development of new mixed stock fisheries and
9 the expansion of existing mixed stock fisheries if the stocks taken in those fisheries can be
10 harvested as more discrete stocks in another fishery;**

**11 (3) the board may allow new or expanded fisheries on mixed fish stocks when
12 a large harvestable surplus of fish is expected and the new or expanded mixed stock fishery will
13 result in fuller utilization of the harvestable surplus of fish;**

14 (4) the board may continue long-standing fisheries on mixed stocks, if it is not

1 feasible for the fishermen who participate in those fisheries to relocate to other fisheries taking
2 more discrete stocks and if fishing effort on the stocks taken in the mixed stock fishery does not
3 increase and the rate of harvest of the stocks taken in the mixed stock fishery is not detrimental
4 to the individual stocks that are taken in the fishery;

5 (5) the board may continue long-standing fisheries on mixed stocks, even though
6 the fishermen who participate in those fisheries may feasibly relocate to other fisheries taking
7 more discrete stocks of fish; however, the board shall give preference to fisheries that are more
8 consistent with this subsection and best serve the interests of the state.