

SB

281

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SB 281; An Act relating to waste of salmon and parts of salmon; relating to permits for and operation of a salmon hatchery; and providing for an effective date. (Work Order No. 8-GS2028\A)

TO: Senator Robin Taylor, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

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You have requested a sectional summary of SB 281; An Act relating to waste of salmon and parts of salmon; relating to permits for and operation of a salmon hatchery; and providing for an effective date. SB 281 was drafted by the Department of Law and introduced by the Governor.

A sectional summary of a bill is not an authoritative interpretation of the bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill repeals and reenacts AS 16.05.831. Subsection (a) prohibits the waste of salmon and defines "waste." Subsection (b) authorizes the commissioner of fish and game to issue permits that (1) allow the discard of carcasses of hatchery fish if the fish are taken in specified locations, the eggs are removed, and the carcasses are unfit for human consumption or (2) allow other uses of salmon that are consistent with maximum and wise use of the resource. Subsection (c) authorizes the commissioner to adopt regulations to implement subsection (b). Subsection (d) prescribes the penalty for violating this section or regulations adopted under this section.

Sections 2 - 5 of the bill amend provisions of AS 16.10.420, 16.10.440(b), 16.10.450(a), and 16.10.470(a) to allow nonprofit salmon enhancement facilities to sell salmon eggs from surplus brood stock and from hatchery salmon that were taken in specified locations and were not fit for human consumption.

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Section 6 of the bill amends AS 16.40.210(b) to clarify that the sale of eggs from surplus salmon brood stock or from hatchery salmon that were taken in specified locations and were not fit for human consumption does not violate the prohibition against finfish farming.

Section 7 of the bill provides that the bill takes effect immediately.

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