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AN ACT

Creating the Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea.

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

* Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to establish a commission for the development of a state policy on resources in the coastal marine environment vital to Alaska, international fishery rights, and the law of the sea as it relates to both. In implementing this policy it is intended that efforts be made to assure that Alaskan interests be represented at all Law of the Sea Conferences, and that before any conference, the policies formulated be coordinated with Canada and other interested coastal states.

* Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 9G.

Sec. 44.19.789. CREATION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea.

Sec. 44.19.791. COMPOSITION. The Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea is composed of the following persons:

- (1) a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) the director of international fisheries to

serve as executive secretary of the commission;

(4) four members to be appointed by the governor.

Sec. 44.19.793. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND COMPENSATION.

(a) The term of office of each elected member of the commission does not survive his resignation or removal. Appointed members serve for overlapping six-year terms. The first members appointed serve as follows: one member for one year, two members for two years, and two members for four years.

(b) Members receive no salary, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

Sec. 44.19.795. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least twice a year, and shall submit a written report to the legislature on February 1 of each year.

Sec. 44.19.797. DUTIES. The duties of the Commission on the Conference of the Law of the Sea include, but are not limited to,

(1) gathering, analyzing, and compiling basic data on resources found in the sea or in the seabed off the coast of Alaska;

(2) developing a state position on

(A) the management, harvest or utilization, and conservation of the various resources in the marine environment vital to Alaska, including but not limited to, minerals, oil and gas, and fish and shellfish; and

(B) the extent of the maximum limits of jurisdiction, including the territorial limits, most appropriate for the state;

(3) actively working to assure that adequate and fair representation is given to Alaska in the Conference on the Law of the Sea in 1973, and at all subsequent conferences, and that permanent conference advisors from Alaska are appointed by the U.S. State Department.

Sec. 44.19.799. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission may

(1) employ necessary personnel, including an executive director;

(2) hold hearings throughout the state to collect data related to its duties in sec. 797 of this chapter;

(3) solicit and obtain the services of other state departments and agencies in collecting and compiling data necessary to carry out its duties under sec. 797 of this chapter;

(4) seek the cooperation of and enter into

agreements with other coastal states for the wise development and conservation of marine resources;

(5) receive and expend grants and appropriations from private and governmental sources for the purpose of carrying out its duties under sec. 797 of this chapter.