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A RESOLUTION
Concerning the Custom Processing of Noncommercially Caught Seafood
By
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
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WHEREAS, the Board has heard anecdotal information regarding sport fisheries exceeding bag and possession limits, and the unlawful sale of fish taken in sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries;

WHEREAS, there are current statutes, including AS 16.05.690, and regulations, including 5 AAC 39.130, that require the keeping of records and reports by persons, companies, and firms that buy and process seafood for re-sale;

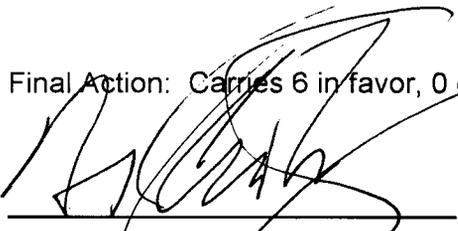
WHEREAS, there are currently no comparable regulations that require guides, lodges, or so-called "custom processors" who sell or offer for sale the services of seafood processing, but who do not own seafood being processed; and,

WHEREAS, the Board believes that imposing reporting requirements on guides, lodges, or "custom processors" who provide seafood processing services would aid in the enforcement of statutes and regulations concerning bag and possession limits and the sale of fish taken in sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

The Board requests that the Legislature provide statutory authority authorizing the Board and/or the Department to adopt regulations requiring the keeping of reports and records by guides, lodges, or "custom processors" who provide seafood processing services.

Final Action: Carries 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent



Dr. John White, Chair
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