

SENATE BILL NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR KAWASAKI

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Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the Board of Fisheries to prioritize personal use fisheries when**
2 **implementing fishing restrictions to achieve a management goal."**

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

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

5 (j) Except as provided in AS 16.05.258, when the harvest of a stock or species
6 is limited to achieve a management goal, the Board of Fisheries shall place restrictions
7 on all other fisheries before restricting personal use fisheries. In this subsection,
8 "management goal" means the escapement or estimated population size of the
9 exploited stock that provides the greatest potential for sustained yield as established by
10 the board.