

HOUSE BILL NO. 116

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE STORY

Introduced: 3/27/19

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the renewal or extension of aquatic farming and hatchery site**
2 **leases."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 38.05.070(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) The director may renew a lease issued under this section, AS 38.05.075,
6 **38.05.083**, or 38.05.810 upon its expiration if the lease is in good standing and the
7 lease renewal is determined to be in the best interests of the state. A renewal issued
8 under this subsection is not subject to AS 38.05.035(e). A lease may be renewed only
9 once for a term not longer than the initial term of the lease. The director shall provide
10 notice of the lease renewal decision.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 38.05.083(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The commissioner may offer to the public for lease at public auction or by
13 sealed bid under AS 38.05.075 or by negotiation under AS 38.05.070 a site for aquatic
14 farming or related hatchery operations. Before a final decision to issue [OR RENEW]

1 a lease under this section, the commissioner shall give notice and allow opportunity
2 for comment in accordance with AS 38.05.945 and may hold a hearing to take
3 testimony. Before a final decision to issue [OR RENEW] a lease under this section,
4 the commissioner shall consider all relevant comment or testimony submitted under
5 this section, AS 38.05.945, or 38.05.946.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 38.05.083(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) The commissioner, for good cause, may deny an application for issuance
8 [OR RENEWAL] of a lease under this section but shall provide the applicant with
9 written findings that explain the reasons for the denial.

10 * **Sec. 4.** AS 38.05.083 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (g) The commissioner may, under AS 38.05.070(e) - (g), renew or extend a
12 lease issued under this section.