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LD 489 An Act to Provide for a Vessel Breakdown License Exception for Commercial Halibut Fishing License Holders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 60 provides that the holder of a commercial halibut fishing license may fish for, take, possess, ship, transport or sell halibut that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license and adds an exception to this provision. Public Law 2025, chapter 60 also allows a commercial halibut fishing license holder to request authorization from the Commissioner of Marine Resources to use a vessel other than the vessel identified on that license holder's license when that license holder's vessel is temporarily inoperable. This special authorization may not be granted to the license holder in two consecutive years.

Public Law 2025, chapter 60 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 9, 2025.

LD 816 An Act Regarding the Emptying of Elver Fyke Nets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 28 amends the law governing elver fishing to permit a license holder to whom a tag is issued to allow an individual who also holds an elver fishing license to empty the elver fyke net of the license holder whose tag is on the net while under that license holder's direct supervision.

Public Law 2025, chapter 28 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2025.

LD 1094 An Act to Prohibit a Person from Obtaining an Elver Dealer's License for a Minimum of 5 Years in Cases of Repeat Violations of License Conditions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 370 amends the laws governing the licensing of elver dealers to provide that an elver dealer's license may not be issued to any person using the same business address as a person who has violated the conditions of the person's license for five years following the violation. Public Law 2025, chapter 370 also provides that it is unlawful for a person whose license or right to obtain a license is under suspension to hold a direct and substantial financial interest in any business that buys, possesses, transports or sells elvers if that person has had that person's elver dealer's license or right to obtain an elver dealer's license suspended or revoked.