



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 69

**Short Title:** Board of Fisheries Conflicts of Interest

**Summary:**

- Changes the conflict of interest policy for the Board of Fisheries – members will declare their conflict, but still participate in discussion and voting.
- Provides a sunset date of June 30, 2009 – if date not extended or repealed, conflict of interest policy reverts back to current form.

**Benefits:**

- Increases the efficiency of the Board of Fisheries by allowing members with the most knowledge and experience in a particular area to participate and vote instead of having to decline because of a conflict.

**Background:**

SB 69 implements changes recommended by the Joint Salmon Industry Task Force to the Board of Fisheries conflict of interest policy. The Task Force realized that the board is not as effective as it should be when members with the most knowledge and experience in certain areas must excuse themselves when those issues arise.