

**HOUSE BILL NO. 216**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

Introduced: 4/6/09

Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act prohibiting power assisted retrieval of sport fish."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 16.05.406. Power assisted retrieval of sport fish prohibited.** (a) A  
5 person may not take fish under a sport fishing license using power assisted retrieval  
6 equipment.

7 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person may take fish under a sport  
8 fishing license using an electric reel attached to a fishing rod if the person

9 (1) has in possession a valid copy of an official certification of  
10 physical disability from a federal or state government agency;

11 (2) is 65 years of age or older;

12 (3) is 10 years of age or younger; or

13 (4) has obtained a specific exemption relating to power assisted  
14 retrieval of sport fish from the department under regulations adopted by the  
15 department.