

Ballot Measure No. 4

An Act Providing for Protection of Bristol Bay Wild Salmon and Waters Within or Flowing Into the Existing 1972 Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY SUMMARY

The Act requires legislative approval of certain mines. The Act applies only to mines larger than 640 acres in the watershed of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve. The Act applies only to mines that extract metal from sulfur bearing rock. The legislature must find that a mine is not a danger to the Bristol Bay fishery to approve it. The Act has findings that explain the intent of the Act. The Act allows the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations. The Act applies only to mines that do not have all required permits, licenses, or approvals before the Act's effective date.