

# REPRESENTATIVE DAN ORTIZ

*Alaska State Legislature / Ketchikan, Saxman, Wrangell, Hydaburg, Metlakatla, Hyder, Loring and Meyers Chuck*

SESSION ADDRESS:

Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
Phone: 907-465-3824  
Toll Free: 1-800-686-3824  
Fax: 907-465-3175



INTERIM ADDRESS:

1900 First Avenue, Suite 310  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901  
Phone: 907-247-4672  
907-465-5269  
Fax: 907-225-8546

## **Sponsor Statement**

### **House Bill 354**

#### **An Act Relating to Dive Fishery Management Assessment Procedures**

This bill streamlines the process in which the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) can amend an assessment. SARDFA is a nonprofit association that represents all dive fishery permit holders in the Southeast commercial fishing region. SARDFA is the only dive fishery association in the state regulated under AS 43.76.150-210. Current statutes require a majority of permit holders to participate in the election to modify an assessment. Due to the Southeast Alaska dive fishery becoming a limited entry fishery in the 1990's, many of the permits are nontransferable and are no longer actively being fished. The proposed legislation allows for a change in assessment to be initiated by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote from the dive fishery association Board of Directors and pass with a majority vote of permit holders participating in the election.