

Fishing fees must be paid

JUNEAU—Commercial fishermen could not renew their limited entry permits until all of their fees for previous years are paid, under a bill unanimously approved by the Senate Sunday.

Also, the measure requested by Gov. Jay Hammond would allow the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to issue permits without conducting a lottery if the number of permits exceeds the number of applicants by five percent or 10 permits.

The measure (SB49) now goes to the House.

In other action, the life of the state Board of Parole would be extended through June 30, 1982 under a bill (CSHB510 HESS am) sent to Hammond's desk with a unanimous Senate

vote.

Sen. Charlie Parr, D-Fairbanks, said lawmakers opted to continue the board for just one year because several proposals to change the parole system will be considered next session. The governor has submitted a plan to wipe out the board.

The bill also asks the board to determine whether there were unjustified disparities in prisoners' sentences. Parr said several years ago "persons of certain races were receiving longer sentences than people of other races." He said the sentencing bias appears to have been eliminated, but people who received unjust sentences in the past still may be incarcerated.

The Senate also voted unanimously to continue the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board through June 30, 1984 (HB485 amS).

However, the House has voted to continue the board for only one year so the bill must go back to the House.

Senators gave their support to a House measure (HCR28) asking Department of Transportation and Public Facilities officials to install curb ramps wide enough for wheelchairs at the intersections of new sidewalks and on sidewalks that are repaired.