

## ***Regulations—***

# **Purchasing, Selling, Processing of Fish**

**JUNEAU**—Commercial fishermen and fish buyers should be aware of state regulations concerning the selling, purchasing or processing of fish or fish by-products, the Department of Fish and Game said today.

Roy Rickey, director of commercial fisheries, said that each person, company, firm or other organization purchasing unprocessed fish or processing fish or by-products of fish shall:

- Furnish to the Department of Fish and Game a written statement of intent to operate. The forms are available from the Fish and Game Department, and must be furnished to the department before operating.

- Submit, no later than Jan. 31, an accurate and complete summary of the previous year's operation, on Fish and Game Form 122.

- Furnish, verbally or in writing, purchasing or processing records as requested by the Fish and Game Department.

Most important, said Rickey, is that each buyer of fish or shellfish shall keep a record of each purchase on fish tickets or other forms supplied by the department. Fish tickets shall be submitted to the local Fish and Game Department representative at least once each week, or as otherwise specified.

Rickey said the requirements apply to retail markets or individuals, as well as to larger processors, when fish are bought directly from the fishermen.

It is also urged that buyers of fish and shellfish consult the 1972 Commercial Fishing Regulations or a Department of Fish and Game representative for additional information.