



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR BILL WALKER

Department of Fish and Game

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
Headquarters Office

1255 West 8th Street  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526  
Main: 907.465.4100  
Fax: 907.465.2332

**Sectional Analysis, SB 61**  
**Game Refuge/Critical Habitat Area Boundaries**  
**February 17, 2017**

**Sec. 1** This section amends AS 16.20.030(a)(14) and (15) to include the all the tidelands in Izembek Lagoon in the legal description of Izembek SGR, and all the tidelands in Chagyan to Cape Newenham SGR by adding a series of sections to the lists in the Public Land Survey System descriptions. AS 16.20.030(a)(14)(M) would be edited by replacing one phrase with an equivalent description consistent with the bill's formatting.

**Sec. 2** This section amends AS 16.20.032(a)(3) by adding portions of the bed of Palmer Slough and the historic Matanuska River bed to the legal description of the boundary of the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge, by eliminating parcel-based descriptions in the relevant parts and/or including all state lands, including tide and submerged lands.

**Sec. 3** This section amends AS 16.20.550 by correcting the Range numbers for the northern portion of the Port Moller CHA boundary description. (e.g., Range 74 replaces Range 75)

**Sec. 4** This section amends AS 16.20.565(1) by replacing "S" with "N" to include the correct half section in the Egegik CHA legal boundary description.

**Sec. 5** This section amends AS 16.20.570(8) by replacing "32" with "31" to correctly designate a Township in the legal boundary description of the Pilot Point CHA.

**Sec. 6** This section amends AS 16.20.580 to include all the tide and submerged lands at the head of Kachemak Bay in the Fox River Flats CHA.

**Sec. 7** This section amends AS 16.20.590 by adding an additional township to the list of townships which would then include the all tide and submerged lands and waters of Kachemak Bay (except the Homer Harbor) in the legal boundary description of the Kachemak Bay CHA.

**Sec. 8** This section amends AS 16.20.610 by adding two additional tracts of lands, and the adjacent streambed of Dude Creek, to the legal boundary description of the Dude Creek CHA.

**Sec. 9** This section amends AS 16.20.610 by adding a new subsection that would protect access to school trust and private lands through the acquired tracts, if necessary, through agreement between ADF&G, ADNR, and private property owners.

**Sec. 10-11** These sections amend current uncodified law by incorporating the amendments to AS16.20.030(a)(14) and (15) in Sec. 1 of the bill into the conditional amendments to the legal description of the Izembek SGR boundary described in ch. 119, SLA 2010, in the 2010 Temporary and Special Acts. These sections have no other impact on the 2010 session law regarding the potential land exchange between the state and the U.S Department of the Interior.