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Sectional Analysis – CS House Bill 216()

“An Act relating to obstruction or interference with a person’s free passage on or use of navigable water; and amending the definition of ‘navigable water’ under the Alaska Land Act.”

Sec. 1 – AS 38.05.128(a)

Amends this section by effectively combining subsections (1) and (2) and deleting subsection (2), thus eliminating redundancy in this section relating to the allowance of blocking accessibility to navigable waters.

Sec. 2 – AS 38.05.965(14)

Amends this section to increase the number of activities that are allowed on ‘navigable water’ within the State of Alaska. Activities that are being added to the definition are: harvesting of ice, state or federal military training, operation of watercraft, hovercraft, snow machines, ATV’s, and other vehicles, and storage of vehicles. The language “waterfowl and aquatic animals” is deleted to allow for all forms of hunting on navigable waters.

This section is also amended to allow for all activities listed in the section to be conducted on navigable water during any season.

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