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HOUSE BILL 137: EXPLANATION OF CHANGES: FROM VERSION S.A(PRIOR) and VERSION V (CURRENT)

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1. Page 1, Lines 1-5: Changes the title of the bill by adding the following semicolons: "An Act relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of fish and game; establishing an intensive management surcharge; providing for the repeal of the intensive management surcharge; establishing an anadromous sockeye salmon tag for certain rivers;"
2. Page 2, Lines 2-9: Adds a new Section. 1 of the bill, inserting legislative intent that educational programs funded by the Department of Fish and Game using funds from the fish and game funds shall include a component on the history and principles of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model.
3. Page 2, Lines 10-13: Adds a new Section. 2, adding a new paragraph (22) to AS 16.05.050(a) "Entitled: Powers and Duties of the Commissioner," which directs the Commissioner of Fish and Game to maintain and improve land used to access both subsistence and personal use dip-net fisheries, and to maintain and operate sanitary facilities provided for the use of dip-net fishing.
4. Page 3, Line 5: Amends Section. 4 [Prior Version Section. 2] by raising the listed age from "62" to "65" years of age; this change in age will conform throughout the Committee Substitute.
5. Page 5, Line 1: Amends Section. 7 [Prior Version Section. 5] by raising the resident hunting license from "30" dollars in the previous version of the bill, to "40" dollars.
6. Page 5, Line 3: Amends Section. 8 [Prior Version Section. 6] by raising the resident hunting and trapping license from "45" dollars in the previous version of the bill, to "60" dollars.

7. Page 5, Line 5: Amends Section. 9 [Prior Version Section. 7] by raising the resident trapping license from “20” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “25” dollars.
8. Page 5, Line 7: Amends Section. 10 [Prior Version Section. 8] by raising the resident hunting and sport fishing license from “45” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “60” dollars.
9. Page 5, Line 9: Amends Section. 11 [Prior Version Section. 9] to conform to the changes in Section. 10 by raising the resident hunting and sport fishing license from “54” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “69” dollars. Also corrects the amount in statute that is being removed because of the legislation, from “45” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “60” dollars.
10. Page 5, Line 11: Amends Section. 12 [Prior Version Section. 10] by raising the resident hunting, fishing, and sport fishing license from “60” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “80” dollars.
11. Page 5, Line 25: Amends Section. 13 [Prior Version Section. 11] to conform to the changes in Section. 12 by raising the resident hunting, trapping and sport fishing license from “69” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “89” dollars. Also corrects the amount in statute that is being removed because of the legislation, from “60” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “80” dollars.
12. Page 6, Lines 5-6: Amends Section. 14 [Prior Version Section. 12] by raising the nonresident sport fishing license by the following provisions:
 - a. The 14 day license is increased from “60” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “75” dollars.
 - b. The seven day license is increased from “40” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “45” dollars.
13. Page 6, Lines 12-13: Amends Section. 15 [Prior Version Section. 13] to conform to the changes in Section. 14 by raising the nonresident sport fishing license by the following provisions:
 - a. The 14 day license is increased from “69” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “84” dollars. Also corrects the amount in statute that is being removed because of the legislation, from “60” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “75” dollars.
 - b. The seven day license is increased from “49” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “54” dollars. Also corrects the amount in statute that is being removed because of the legislation, from “40” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “45” dollars.
14. Page 6, Line 23: Amends Section. 19 [Prior Version Section. 17] by increasing the nonresident hunting and trapping license from “350” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “375” dollars.

15. Page 7, Lines 1-2/Page 7, Lines 5-7/Line 15: Amends Section. 20 [Prior Version Section. 18] by changing the amounts of various nonresident big game tags to include:
- a. Lowering the black bear tag from “600” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “450” dollars.
 - b. Lowering the brown or grizzly tag from “1200” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “1000” dollars.
 - c. Raises the deer tag from “275” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “300” dollars.
 - d. Raises the elk tag from “575” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “600” dollars.
 - e. Raises the goat tag from “575” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “600” dollars.
 - f. Raises the wolverine tag from “350” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “375” dollars.
16. Page 7, Line 25: Amends Section. 21 [Prior Version Section. 19] by raising the applicable age from 60 years of age to 65 years of age.
17. Page 8, Line 29 to Page 9, Line 5: Adds a new Section. 25, establishing a “15” dollar fee for the Chitina dip net fishing permit. Existing statute for the permit charges a “0” dollar fee.
18. Page 9, Line 14: Amends Section. 26 [Prior Version Section. 23] by raising the applicable age from 60 years of age to 65 years of age.
19. Page 10, Lines 2-28: Adds a new Section. 28, establishing an anadromous sockeye salmon tag for the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers under the same restrictions and provisions as the statewide king salmon tag, and fees would be assessed under the following schedule:
- a. Residents would be charged “15” dollars
 - b. Nonresidents would be charged
 - i. “15” dollars for a one day tag
 - ii. “30” dollars for a three day tag
 - iii. “45” dollars for a seven day tag
 - iv. “75” dollars for a 14 day tag
 - v. “150” dollars for an annual tag

20. Page 10, Lines 29-31 to Page 11, Lines 1-8: Adds a new Section. 29, establishing an intensive management surcharge for the purpose of funding the intensive management of the state's game populations under AS 16.05.255(e). The surcharge will be assessed on hunting licenses in the amount of "10" dollars for all applicable schedules. Individuals qualifying for a "5" dollar license or a free license would be exempt from the surcharge.
21. Page 11, Line 30: Amends Section. 31 [Prior Version Section. 26] by raising the applicable age from 62 years of age in the previous version of the bill, to 65 years of age.
22. Page 14, Line 4: Adds a new Section. 37, repealing the newly created Section. 29 (Intensive Management Surcharge). This is part of a sun-setting process that will be concluded later in the bill.
23. Page 14, Lines 8-26: Amends Section. 39 by conforming the order of sections referenced; raising the applicable age from 62 years of age in the previous version of the bill, to 65 years of age; extends the sunset dates from January 1, 2019 in the previous version of the bill, to January 1, 2020; and extends the sunset dates from December 31, 2018 in the previous version of the bill, to December 31, 2019.
24. Page 15, Lines 5-7: Amends Section. 41 by conforming the renumbered sections to the conditional effects referenced in the legislation.
25. Page 15, Lines 8-10: Amends Section. 42 by conforming the renumbered sections to the respective effective dates referenced in Section. 41 of the legislation.
26. Page 15, Line 11: Adds a new Section. 43, creating an effective date of December 31, 2020, for Section. 37 of the bill (the repeal language of the Intensive Management Surcharge).
27. Page 15, Lines 12-13: Amends Section. 44 by extending the effective date to all provisions not otherwise designated to January 1, 2017.