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HOUSE BILL 137: Explanation of Changes From Version V to Version U (Uniform) Prepared by: Akis Gialopsos, Staff to Senate Resources Committee

1. Page 1, Lines 1, 3, and 12: Amends the title to remove the language related to the powers and duties of the commissioner of fish and game; replaces the word rivers with watersheds; and adds a new semicolon related to the Chitina dip net fishery.
2. Page 2, Lines 2-7: Adds a new Section. 1, creating the sustainable wildlife account as a separate account in the fish and game fund. The account would receive moneys accruing from the intensive management surcharge imposed by a later section of the bill (Section. 23).
3. Removes the former Sections. 1, 2, and 3 of the prior version "V" of the bill (those items were: intent language related to the North American Wildlife Conservation model; a new paragraph related to the powers and duties of the commissioner of fish and game; and a section removing language related to hatchery bonds).
4. Page 4, Line 10: Lowers the resident hunting license in Section. 4 (Prior Version Section. 7) from "40" dollars in the prior version of the bill, to "35" dollars.
5. Removes the former Sections. 6, 11, 13, 15, and 17 of the prior version "V" of the bill. Those sections related to maintaining the prior hatchery surcharge on several licenses after the bonds had been paid and the authorizing language had been repealed.
6. Page 8, Line 19: Amends Section. 20 (Prior Version Section. 27) to reword "the age of 16" to "16 years of age."

7. Page 8, Lines 25, 28: Amends Section. 21 (Prior Version Section. 28) by adding the word “watersheds” after the words “Kenai and Kasilof rivers” on lines 25 and 28, respectively.
8. Page 9, Lines 21-31: Adds a new Section. 22, repealing certain hatchery surcharge provisions (effective date is further in the bill with other effective dates related to the expiration of the hatchery surcharge)
9. Page 10, Line 13: Amends Section. 23 (Prior Version Section. 29) by increasing the intensive management surcharge on nonresidents from “10” dollars in the previous version of the bill, to “30 dollars.” The resident surcharge of “10” remains the same.
10. Page 13, Lines 9-20: Adds a new Section. 31, amending the existing AS 16.10.570 (Article 11: Chitina Dip Net Fishery), by adding the duties of maintaining and improving state-owned land used to access the Chitina dip net fishery, and maintaining and operating sanitary facilities provided for the use of persons participating in the Chitina dip net fishery, to the Department of Fish & Game.
11. Page 13, Line 21: Amends Section. 32 (Prior Version Section. 37) by adding a repeal provision for the sustainable wildlife account (Section. 1).
12. Page 13, Line 22: Amends Section. 33 (Prior Version Section. 38) by adding a repeal provision to the fish and game fund statute for payment of revenue bonds related to hatcheries.
13. Page 14, Lines 13-21: Amends Section. 35 (Prior Version Sections. 40, 41) by making the effects of Sections. 22 and 33 conditional on the Commissioner of Fish & Game notifying the revisor of statutes in writing that the bonds, interest and any other applicable obligations have been met and fully discharged.
14. Amends Section. 37 (Prior Version Section. 43) by extending the sunset date of the intensive management surcharge from “2020” in the previous version of the bill, to “2022.”