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### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

#### *House Bill 14 – Legislative Approval for Bristol Bay Sulfide Mine*

There are three changes to the original version of the House Bill 14 that occur in the Committee Substitute. First, the original version protected the “fisheries” of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve. The term ‘fisheries’ was defined within the bill as meaning “subsistence, personal use, sport, or commercial fisheries as [they are defined in existing statute.]” This definition read only to include those species and habitats as they relate to human use. The Committee Substitute has added in the terms ‘fish’ and ‘wildlife’ to offer more broad protections to life within the Reserve, not just those species and areas used by humans. These terms are inserted into other areas of the bill where appropriate.

Further, the geographic area described in the original bill was the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve which is a distinct area delineated in statute and administrative regulations. The Committee Substitute expands this area to include the entire watershed of the Reserve, a significantly larger scope. The definition of watershed can be found in state and common law jurisprudence.

Finally, the term ‘modification’ was inserted under the definition of ‘permits and authorizations’ to increase specificity.