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Chapter No.

AN ACT

Relating to predator control programs; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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3 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.783(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person may not shoot or assist in shooting a free-ranging wolf or [,]
5 wolverine [, FOX, OR LYNX] the same day that a person has been airborne.
6 However, the Board of Game may authorize a predator control program as part of a
7 game management plan that involves airborne or same day airborne shooting
8 [INVOLVING SHOOTING FROM THE AIR] if

9 [(1)] the board has determined based on information provided by
10 the department

11 (1) in regard to an identified big game prey population under
12 AS 16.05.255(g) that [COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND GAME ACTING UNDER
13 A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF GAME MAKES WRITTEN FINDINGS
14 BASED ON PREY POPULATION] objectives set by the board for the population
15 have not been achieved and [UNDER AS 16.05.255(g)] that

[(A)] predation is an important cause for the failure to achieve the objectives set by the board [FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO A LOW OR DECLINING PREY POPULATION THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH A GAME MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF GAME], and that a reduction of predation can reasonably be expected to aid in the achievement of the objectives [RESULT IN AIDING AN INCREASE IN THE PREY POPULATION OR IN ARRESTING THE DECLINE OF THE PREY POPULATION]; or

(2) that [(B)] a disease or parasite of a predator population

(A) [i] is threatening the normal biological condition of the predator population; or

(B) [(ii)] if left untreated, would spread to other populations [;

(2) THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT AIRBORNE OR SAME DAY AIRBORNE SHOOTING IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH A GAME MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF GAME].

* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.783 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) When the Board of Game authorizes a predator control program that includes airborne or same day airborne shooting, the board shall have the prerogative to establish predator reduction objectives and limits, methods and means to be employed, who is authorized to participate in the program, and the conditions for participation of individuals in the program.

(f) The use of state employees or state owned or chartered equipment, including helicopters, in a predator control program is prohibited without the approval of the commissioner.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).