

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 250(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/28/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS SHARP, Taylor, Wilken

REPRESENTATIVE James

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to management of game, to the fish and game fund and
2 federal aid for restoration of wildlife and fish, and to the duties of the
3 commissioner of fish and game; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that providing for high
6 levels of harvest for human consumptive use, consistent with the sustained yield principle, is
7 the highest and best use of big game prey populations in most areas of the state and that big
8 game prey populations should be biologically managed for abundance.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) The commissioner shall annually submit a report to the Board of Game
11 regarding the department's implementation during the preceding three years of intensive
12 management programs that have been established by the board under AS 16.05.255 for
13 identified big game prey populations.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (1) a listing of the reimbursable services agreements that are to be
13 funded with money appropriated under this subsection;

14 (2) a description of the services to be provided under those agreements;
15 and

16 (3) a listing of the entities that are parties to those agreements.

17 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.255(g)(2) is amended to read:

23 * **Sec. 5.** AS 16.05.255(g) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

29 (4) "high level of human harvest" means the allocation of a sufficient
30 portion of the harvestable surplus of a game population to achieve a high probability
31 of success for human harvest of the game population based on biological capabilities

1 of the population and considering hunter demand;

2 (5) "sustained yield" means the achievement and maintenance in
3 perpetuity of the ability to support a high level of human harvest of game, subject to
4 preferences among beneficial uses, on an annual or periodic basis.

5 * **Sec. 6.** AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (h) The Board of Game shall establish population and harvest goals and
7 seasons for intensive management of identified big game prey populations to achieve
8 a high level of human harvest.

9 * **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.