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

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* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.050(b) is amended to read:

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1	(b) The commissioner shall annually submit a report to the
2	(1) Board of Game regarding the department's implementation during
3	the preceding three years of intensive management programs that have been
4	established by the board under AS 16.05.255 for identified big game prey populations
5	(2) legislature regarding the Board of Game's allocation of big
6	game hunting opportunities in the preceding calendar year; the commissioner
7	shall file the report with the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of
8	representatives on or before February 1 and notify the legislature that the repor
9	is available; the report must include
10	(A) a summary description of the big game hunting
11	opportunities provided to residents and nonresidents;
12	(B) a detailed description of how big game hunting
13	opportunities for each big game species were allocated
14	(i) to residents, guided nonresidents, nonprofi
15	organizations for auction under AS 16.05.343(a) and (c), and, is
16	applicable, nonguided nonresidents;
17	(ii) by hunt type;
18	(iii) within each game management unit; and
19	(C) other information and data relevant to allocation of big
20	game hunting opportunities in the state by the Board of Game.
21	* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
22	(g) Money accruing to the state from the intensive management surcharge
23	imposed under AS 16.05.340(k) shall be deposited in a separate account known as the
24	sustainable wildlife account in the fish and game fund. Money in the sustainable
25	wildlife account shall be allocated to intensive management programs intended to
26	sustain and enhance big game prey populations under AS 16.05.255(e).
27	* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.251(a) is amended to read:
28	(a) The Board of Fisheries may adopt regulations it considers advisable in
29	accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for
30	(1) setting apart fish reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the
31	waters of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the

1	legislature;
2	(2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of
3	fish; if consistent with resource conservation and development goals, the board may
4	adopt regulations establishing restricted seasons and areas necessary for
5	(A) persons 60 years of age and older to participate in sport,
6	personal use, or subsistence fishing; or
7	(B) <u>residents under 18 years of age and nonresidents</u>
8	[PERSONS] under 16 years of age to participate in sport fishing;
9	(3) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex and size
10	limitations on the taking of fish;
11	(4) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit,
12	capture, and transport of fish;
13	(5) establishing marking and identification requirements for means
14	used in pursuit, capture, and transport of fish;
15	(6) classifying as commercial fish, sport fish, guided sport fish,
16	personal use fish, subsistence fish, or predators or other categories essential for
17	regulatory purposes;
18	(7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,
19	conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of fish;
20	(8) investigating and determining the extent and effect of disease,
21	predation, and competition among fish in the state, exercising control measures
22	considered necessary to the resources of the state;
23	(9) prohibiting and regulating the live capture, possession, transport, or
24	release of native or exotic fish or their eggs;
25	(10) establishing seasons, areas, quotas, and methods of harvest for
26	aquatic plants;
27	(11) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of
28	fishing licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations
29	between registration areas is allowed; however, this paragraph does not apply to
30	permits issued or transferred under AS 16.43;
31	(12) regulating commercial, sport, guided sport, subsistence, and

1	personal use fishing as needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of
2	fisheries;
3	(13) requiring, in a fishery, observers on board fishing vessels, as
4	defined in AS 16.05.475(d), that are registered under the laws of the state, as defined
5	in AS 16.05.475(c), after making a written determination that an onboard [ON-
6	BOARD] observer program
7	(A) is the only practical data-gathering or enforcement
8	mechanism for that fishery;
9	(B) will not unduly disrupt the fishery;
10	(C) can be conducted at a reasonable cost; and
11	(D) can be coordinated with observer programs of other
12	agencies, including the National Marine Fisheries Service, North Pacific
13	Fishery Management Council, and the International Pacific Halibut
14	Commission;
15	(14) establishing nonexclusive, exclusive, and superexclusive
16	registration and use areas for regulating commercial fishing;
17	(15) regulating resident or nonresident sport fishermen as needed for
18	the conservation, development, and utilization of fishery resources;
19	(16) requiring unlicensed fishing vessels present in or transiting the
20	waters of the state to report to the department the quantity, species, and origin of fish
21	on board; in this paragraph, "unlicensed fishing vessel" means a fishing vessel that is
22	not licensed under AS 16.05.490 - 16.05.530;
23	(17) promoting fishing and preserving the heritage of fishing in the
24	state.
25	* Sec. 4. AS 16.05.340(a)(1) is amended to read:
26	(1) Resident sport fishing license
27	However, the fee is $\underline{50}$ [25] cents for a resident who is blind.
28	* Sec. 5. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:
29	(2) Resident hunting license
30	* Sec. 6. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:
31	(3) Resident hunting and trapping license

1	* Sec. 7. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:
2	(4) Resident trapping license
3	* Sec. 8. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:
4	(5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license
5	* Sec. 9. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:
6	(6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license <u>75</u> [53];
7	(A) however, the fee is \$5 for an applicant who
8	[(i) IS RECEIVING OR HAS RECEIVED
9	ASSISTANCE DURING THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS UNDER
10	ANY STATE OR FEDERAL WELFARE PROGRAM TO AID THE
11	INDIGENT; OR
12	(ii)] has an annual family or household [GROSS]
13	income equal to or [OF] less than the most recent poverty guidelines
14	for the state set by the United States Department of Health and
15	Human Services [\$8,200] for the year preceding application;
16	(B) a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping, and
17	sport fishing license must provide proof of eligibility under this paragraph
18	when requested by the department.
19	* Sec. 10. AS 16.05.340(a)(7) is amended to read:
20	(7) Nonresident sport fishing license - valid for the period inscribed or
21	the license
22	(A) For 14-day license
23	(B) For seven-day license
24	(C) For three-day license
25	(D) For one-day license
26	* Sec. 11. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:
27	(9) Nonresident hunting license
28	* Sec. 12. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:
29	(11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license
30	* Sec. 13. AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:
31	(15) Nonresident big game tags

1	A nonresident may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a
2	numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under this paragraph. The tag must
3	be affixed to the animal before leaving the kill site [IMMEDIATELY UPON
4	CAPTURE] and must remain affixed until the animal is prepared for storage,
5	consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not used for an animal may be used to satisfy
6	the tagging requirement for an animal of any other species for which the tag fee is of
7	equal or less value.
8	(A) Bear, black, each
9	(B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each <u>1,000</u> [500]
10	(C) Bison, each
11	(D) Caribou, each
12	(E) Deer, each
13	(F) Elk, each
14	(G) Goat, each
15	(H) Moose, each
16	(I) Sheep, each
17	(J) Wolf, each
18	A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident wolf tag to take a wolf in a
19	game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive
20	management program under AS 16.05.255(e) [AS 16.05.255] for all or a
21	portion of the game management unit.
22	(K) Wolverine, each
23	(L) Musk oxen, each
24	* Sec. 14. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:
25	(17) Waterfowl conservation tag <u>10</u> [5]
26	(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without
27	having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's actual possession, unless
28	that person
29	(i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this
30	subsection;
31	(ii) is a resident under 18 years of age [THE AGE OF

1	16];
2	(iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;
3	(iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under
4	AS 16.05.341.
5	(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the
6	requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas or
7	the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2)
8	(4).
9	* Sec. 15. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:
10	(19) Nonresident small game hunting license
11	* Sec. 16. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:
12	(20) Nonresident alien hunting license
13	A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a
14	numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under (21) of this subsection. The
15	tag must be affixed to the animal before leaving the kill site [IMMEDIATELY
16	UPON CAPTURE] and must remain affixed until the animal is prepared for storage
17	consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not used for an animal may be used to satisfy
18	the tagging requirement for an animal of any other species for which the tag fee is o
19	equal or less value.
20	* Sec. 17. AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is amended to read:
21	(21) Nonresident alien big game tags
22	(A) Bear, black, each
23	(B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each
24	(C) Bison, each
25	(D) Caribou, each
26	(E) Deer, each
27	(F) Elk, each
28	(G) Goat, each
29	(H) Moose, each
30	(I) Musk oxen, each
31	(J) Sheep, each

1	(K) Wolf, each
2	A nonresident alien is not required to have a nonresident alien wolf tag to take
3	a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an
4	intensive management program under AS 16.05.255(e) [AS 16.05.255] for all
5	or a portion of the game management unit.
6	(L) Wolverine, each
7	* Sec. 18. AS 16.05.340(a)(22) is amended to read:
8	(22) Chitina dip net fishing permit
9	The members of the family of a person who has obtained a Chitina dip net fishing
10	permit are not required to have a Chitina dip net fishing permit while they are engaged
11	in dip net fishing at Chitina if they are engaged in fishing in the presence of the person
12	and the person has the Chitina dip net fishing permit in the person's physical
13	possession. In this paragraph, "family" means persons who are related by blood,
14	marriage, or adoption and who live in the same household on a permanent basis.
15	* Sec. 19. AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:
16	(23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag
17	A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without
18	having the current year's anadromous king salmon tag in the resident's actual
19	possession, unless that person
20	(A) qualifies for a $\underline{50}$ [25] cent license fee under (1) of this
21	subsection;
22	(B) is under 18 years of age [THE AGE OF 16];
23	(C) is 60 years of age or older and has been a resident of the
24	state for at least one year;
25	(D) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under
26	AS 16.05.341; or
27	(E) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection.
28	* Sec. 20. AS 16.05.340(a)(24) is amended to read:
29	(24) Nonresident anadromous king salmon tag - valid for the period
30	inscribed on the tag
31	(A) for a one-day tag <u>15</u> [10]

1	(B) for a three-day tag <u>30</u> [20]
2	(C) for a seven-day tag
3	(D) for a 14-day tag
4	(E) for an annual tag 100
5	A nonresident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon
6	without having a valid anadromous king salmon tag in the person's actual
7	possession, unless that person is under [THE AGE OF] 16 years of age.
8	Members of the military service on active duty who are permanently stationed
9	in the state, and their dependents, who do not qualify as residents under
10	AS 16.05.415, may obtain an annual nonresident military anadromous king
11	salmon tag for §30 [\$20].
12	* Sec. 21. AS 16.05.340(i) is amended to read:
13	(i) If the commissioner determines that residents of the state are entitled to
14	obtain licenses for sport fishing, including sport fishing for anadromous king salmon,
15	in Yukon, Canada, for the same fees that are charged to residents of Yukon for
16	comparable sport fishing licenses, the commissioner may adopt regulations
17	authorizing residents of Yukon to receive
18	(1) nonresident annual sport fishing licenses for the fees charged to
19	residents under (a) [AND (j)] of this section for a resident sport fishing license; and
20	(2) nonresident anadromous king salmon annual tags for the fee
21	charged to residents under (a) of this section for a resident anadromous king salmon
22	tag.
23	* Sec. 22. AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
24	(k) In addition to the fees for a hunting license set out in (a) and (d) of this
25	section, each person who purchases a hunting license shall pay an intensive
26	management surcharge as set out in this subsection for the purpose of providing
27	funding for the intensive management of the state's game populations under
28	AS 16.05.255(e). A person who is eligible for a \$5 resident hunting, trapping, and
29	sport fishing license under (a)(6) of this section or a free license under AS 16.05.341 is
30	exempt from payment of the surcharge imposed under this subsection. The amount of

the surcharge attached to each hunting license must be clearly disclosed on the license.

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- (1) resident hunting license available under this section is \$10; and
- (2) nonresident hunting license available under this section is \$30.
- * Sec. 23. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.05.352. Fish and game conservation decal. The department shall annually produce and make available to the public fish and game conservation decals. The department shall, by appropriate means, provide for the selection of designs for fish and game conservation decals and for the production and sale of the decals. The department may produce and sell different decals in quantities that the commissioner considers appropriate. Upon payment of a \$20 fee, a person may purchase a fish and game conservation decal from the department. Subject to appropriation by the legislature, money received under this section may be used by the department to fund programs benefiting fish and wildlife conservation.

* **Sec. 24.** AS 16.05.400 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.05.400. Persons exempt from <u>annual licensing requirements</u> [LICENSE REQUIREMENT]. (a) A license is not required of a resident <u>under 18</u> <u>years of age</u> or <u>a</u> nonresident [PERSON] under [THE AGE OF] 16 years <u>of age</u> for sport fishing nor is a license required of a resident under <u>18 years of age</u> [THE AGE OF 16] for hunting or trapping.

(b) <u>Upon request, and without charge, the commissioner shall issue a sport fishing, hunting, or trapping identification card to [A SPORT FISHING, HUNTING, OR TRAPPING LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED OF] a resident who is 60 years of age or <u>older</u> [MORE]. The commissioner shall issue a permanent identification card without charge to <u>a person</u> [PERSONS] who <u>qualifies</u> [QUALIFY] by age and residence and who <u>completes</u> [COMPLETE] the forms required by the commissioner for implementation of this subsection. A person who is issued a permanent identification card under this subsection <u>may not sport fish, hunt, or trap without having a valid identification card issued under this subsection or the appropriate license [SHALL HAVE IT] in possession [WHILE SPORT FISHING, HUNTING, OR TRAPPING].</u></u>

* Sec.	25. AS	16.05.403	(c) is	amended	to	read:
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- (c) A resident who is 65 years of age or older may obtain from the department upon payment of the fee prescribed in AS 16.05.330 16.05.430 and upon submission of satisfactory proof of age a resident hunting license, a resident sport fishing license, a resident subsistence fishing permit, or a resident personal use fishing permit indicating that the purchaser is a person who is 65 years of age or older. This subsection does not limit the right of a resident person who is 65 years of age or older to **obtain a permanent identification card** [CLAIM AN EXEMPTION FROM HUNTING OR SPORT FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS] under AS 16.05.400(b).
- * Sec. 26. AS 16.05.403 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
 - (d) A resident who is a person with developmental disabilities may obtain from the department upon payment of the fee prescribed in AS 16.05.330 16.05.430 and upon submission of satisfactory proof of developmental disabilities a resident hunting license, a resident sport fishing license, a resident subsistence fishing permit, or a resident personal use fishing permit indicating that the purchaser is a person with developmental disabilities. This subsection does not require the department to issue a license or permit to a person with a developmental disability who is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition under 18 U.S.C. 922 as a result of an involuntary commitment or an adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence.

* **Sec. 27.** AS 16.05.405(b) is amended to read:

- (b) Notwithstanding AS 16.05.420(c), a resident holding a valid resident hunting license may take game on behalf of a person who is blind, a person with physical **or developmental** disabilities, or a person who is 65 years of age or older if the resident possesses on the resident's person
- (1) a document signed by the person on whose behalf the game is taken, stating that the resident possesses the person's hunting license or permanent identification card **issued under AS 16.05.400(b)** in order to take game on behalf of that person; and
 - (2) the person's
 - (A) resident hunting license issued under AS 16.05.403 or

1	permanent identification card issued under AS 16.05.400(b); and
2	(B) harvest ticket, tag, stamp, or other document required by
3	law as a condition of taking the game being hunted.
4	* Sec. 28. AS 16.05.405(c) is amended to read:
5	(c) Notwithstanding AS 16.05.420(c), a resident holding a valid
6	noncommercial fishing license may take fish on behalf of a person who is blind, a
7	person with physical or developmental disabilities, or a person who is 65 years of age
8	or older if the resident possesses on the resident's person
9	(1) a document signed by the person on whose behalf the fish is taken,
10	stating that the resident possesses the person's sport fishing license, subsistence fishing
11	permit, personal use fishing permit, or permanent identification card issued under
12	AS 16.05.400(b) in order to take fish on behalf of that person;
13	(2) the person's
14	(A) resident sport fishing license issued under AS 16.05.403 or
15	permanent identification card issued under AS 16.05.400(b);
16	(B) resident subsistence fishing permit issued under
17	AS 16.05.403; or
18	(C) resident personal use fishing permit issued under
19	AS 16.05.403; and
20	(3) all other documents issued to the person that are required by law as
21	a condition of taking the fish being pursued.
22	* Sec. 29. AS 16.05.405(e) is amended to read:
23	(e) A resident who takes, or attempts to take, fish or game on behalf of a
24	person under this section may also simultaneously engage in fishing or hunting for the
25	resident's use; however, the resident may not take or attempt to take fish or game by
26	proxy for more than one person at a time. For the purposes of this subsection, a
27	resident is engaged in taking, or attempting to take, fish or game by proxy while the
28	resident has possession of
29	(1) another person's
30	(A) license, permit, or identification card <u>issued under</u>
31	AS 16.05.400(b) and all other documents issued to the person that are required

1	by law as a condition of taking the fish or game being pursued; and
2	(B) signed document under (b)(1) or (c)(1) of this section; or
3	(2) fish or game taken on behalf of another person.
4	* Sec. 30. AS 16.05.415(i) is amended to read:
5	(i) In this section, "license" means a license, tag, permit, stamp, identification
6	card issued under AS 16.05.400(b), or other indicia of permission to engage in an
7	activity subject to AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430.
8	* Sec. 31. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
9	(38) "person with developmental disabilities" means a person who
10	presents to the department an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice
11	medicine in the state stating that the person is experiencing a severe, chronic disability
12	(A) attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a
13	combination of mental and physical impairments;
14	(B) that is manifested before the person reaches 18 years of
15	age;
16	(C) that is likely to continue indefinitely;
17	(D) that results in substantial functional limitations in three or
18	more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and
19	expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for
20	independent living, and economic self-sufficiency;
21	(E) that reflects the person's need for a combination and
22	sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other
23	services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned
24	and coordinated;
25	(F) and that the person is not a danger to themselves or others;
26	and
27	(G) and that the person does not suffer from a mental illness; in
28	this subparagraph, "mental illness" means an organic, mental, or emotional
29	impairment that has substantial adverse effects on a person's ability to exercise
30	conscious control of the person's actions or ability to perceive reality or to
31	reason or understand.

1	* Sec. 32. AS 16.10.570 is amended to read:
2	Sec. 16.10.570. [ACCESS TO THE] Chitina dip net fishery. The
3	department, with the cooperation of the Department of Transportation and Public
4	Facilities and the Department of Natural Resources, shall

(1) maintain and improve state-owned land used to access the Chitina dip net fishery;

(2) maintain and operate sanitary facilities provided for the use of persons participating in the Chitina dip net fishery; and

- (3) prepare a publication showing public access routes to fishing sites on public land for the Chitina dip net fishery; the [. THE] department shall distribute the publication to persons who obtain a Chitina dip net fishing permit and to the public.
- * **Sec. 33.** AS 16.05.130(g) and 16.05.340(k) are repealed December 31, 2022.
- * **Sec. 34.** AS 16.05.100(2), 16.05.130(e), 16.05.130(f), 16.05.340(j); AS 37.15.765,
- 15 37.15.770, 37.15.773, 37.15.777, 37.15.780, 37.15.783, 37.15.787, 37.15.790, 37.15.793, and
- 16 37.15.799 are repealed.

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- * Sec. 35. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:
 - CONDITIONAL EFFECT; NOTIFICATION. (a) Sections 21 and 34 of this Act take effect only if the commissioner of fish and game notifies the revisor of statutes in writing as required under (b) of this section.
 - (b) The commissioner of fish and game shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing of the date that the principal amount of the bonds issued under AS 37.15.765 37.15.799, together with the interest on them and any interest owing on unpaid installments of interest, and all other obligations with respect to the bonds, has been fully met and discharged.
- * Sec. 36. If, under sec. 35 of this Act, secs. 21 and 34 of this Act take effect, they take effect January 1 of the calendar year following the year of notice under sec. 35 of this Act.
- * Sec. 37. Except as provided in sec. 36 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2017.