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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary CCS HB 137
(Work Order No. 29-LS0625\Q)

TO: Representative David Talerico
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, note that this sectional summary should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game to provide a report to the legislature regarding the Board of Game's allocation of big game hunting opportunities in the preceding calendar year.

Section 2. Requires that funds received by the state from the intensive management surcharge (established under sec. 22 of the bill) be deposited in a separate "sustainable wildlife account" within the Fish and Game fund.

Section 3. Amends AS 16.05.251(a), to allow the Board of Fisheries to adopt regulations to establish restricted seasons and areas necessary for residents under 18 years of age to participate in sport fishing.

Section 4. Raises the costs of resident sport fishing licenses.

Section 5. Raises the cost of a resident hunting license.

Section 6. Raises the cost of a combined resident hunting and trapping license.

Section 7. Raises the cost of a resident trapping license.

Section 8. Raises the cost of a combined resident hunting and sport fishing license.

Section 9. Raises the cost of a combined resident, hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license and changes the qualifications necessary for certain residents to receive a discounted combined hunting, trapping, and fishing license.

Section 10. Raises the costs of nonresident sport fishing licenses.

Section 11. Raises the cost of a nonresident hunting license.

Section 12. Raises the cost a of combined nonresident hunting and trapping license.

Section 13. Raises the costs of nonresident big game tags. Clarifies when a big game tag must be affixed to an animal.

Section 14. Raises the cost of a waterfowl conservation tag. Includes a change (relating to the age at which a resident must have a tag to take waterfowl) that conforms the waterfowl tag requirement to a change made by sec. 24.

Section 15. Raises the cost of a nonresident small game hunting license.

Section 16. Raises the cost of a nonresident alien hunting license. Clarifies when a big game tag must be affixed to an animal.

Section 17. Raises the costs of nonresident alien big game tags.

Section 18. Raises the cost of a Chitina dip-net fishing permit.

Section 19. Amends the statutory provision establishing a resident anadromous king salmon tag for state residents to conform the provision with changes made by sec. 4 (increase in the cost of a resident sport fishing license for the blind) and sec. 43 (sport fishing license not required for residents under 18 years of age).

Section 20. Raises the costs of nonresident anadromous king salmon tags.

Section 21. Amends AS 16.05.340(i) to conform with the repeal of the sport fishing facility bonds at sec. 34.

Section 22. Establishes an intensive management surcharge that will be paid by every person purchasing a state hunting license. The surcharge will be used for intensive management of the state's game populations. Residents will be assessed \$10 and nonresidents \$30.

Section 23. Directs the Department of Fish and Game (department) to produce and make available fish and game conservation decals. A person may buy a decal from the department for \$20. Money received from the sale of decals may be used by the department to fund programs benefitting fish and game conservation.

Section 24. Amends AS 16.05.400 to provide that residents under 18 years of age do not need a hunting, trapping, or sport fishing license. Clarifies who is exempt from annual hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licensing requirements.

Section 25. Amends AS 16.05.403(c) to clarify that while a state resident over 65 years of age may purchase certain licenses and permits, the person is also eligible for a permanent identification card from the department.

Section 26. Establishes a special sport fishing license, subsistence fishing permit, and personal use fishing permit for certain residents with developmental disabilities.

Section 27. Amends AS 16.05.405(b) to allow a resident with a valid hunting license to take game on behalf of a person with developmental disabilities. Clarifies language relating to permanent identification cards issued by the department under AS 16.05.400(b).

Section 28. Amends AS 16.05.405(c) to allow a resident with a valid noncommercial fishing license to take fish on behalf of a person with developmental disabilities. Clarifies language relating to permanent identification cards issued by the department under AS 16.05.400(b).

Section 29. Amends AS 16.05.405(e) to clarify the provision's language relating to permanent identification cards issued by the department under AS 16.05.400(b).

Section 30. Amends AS 16.05.415(i) to clarify language relating to permanent identification cards issued by the department under AS 16.05.400(b).

Section 31. Provides a definition of "person with developmental disabilities" for the purposes of AS 16.05.

Section 32. Amends AS 16.10.570, to require the department, with the cooperation of the Department of Public Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources, to maintain and improve state-owned land used to access the Chitina dip-net fishery and maintain and operate sanitary facilities for persons participating in the Chitina dip-net fishery.

Section 33. Repeals the intensive management surcharge (established by sec. 22) and the sustainable wildlife account within the Fish and Game fund (established by sec. 2) on December 31, 2022.

Section 34. Repeals all statutory provisions relating to the sport fishing facility surcharge, the Alaska sport fishing enterprise account within the Fish and Game fund (where money from the surcharge accrued), and the revenue bonds (that the surcharge pays down) established to finance the construction and renovation of fisheries rehabilitation, enhancement, and development projects that benefit sport fishing.

Section 35. Adds an uncodified provision that makes secs. 21 and 34 of the bill contingent on the commissioner notifying the revisor of statutes that the sport fishing

facility revenue bonds, and all other obligations relating to the bonds, have been fully met and discharged.

Section 36. Provides that if secs. 21 and 34 take effect, they take effect January 1 of the calendar year following the year that the commissioner notifies the revisor that the bonds, and other related obligations, have been paid.

Section 37. Gives the bill, except as is provided by sec. 36, an effective date of January 1, 2017.

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