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HB 356

No Net Loss of Hunting Lands

House Bill 356 would require the state to manage land under its authority to prevent, to the greatest extent practicable, any net loss of acreage available for trapping and sport and subsistence hunting. The purpose of this would be to maintain at least the level of public hunting land that currently exists.

Hunters understand and appreciate the importance of conservation as much as any outdoor enthusiast. Through preservation of hunting lands, we are ensuring that hunters will continue to protect the wildlife habitats valued by all Alaskans. License and tag fees match federal dollars and help protect the conservation of wildlife statewide. Every license lost through receding public hunting lands would negatively impact the management and protection of our wildlife resources and habitats.

The goal of this legislation is to create a baseline number of public hunting areas to make sure we have the same number of hunting opportunities tomorrow as we do today.

Support HB 356 and help keep public hunting opportunities and sporting heritage from diminishing for future generations of Alaskans.