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## AN ACT

Creating the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge.

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

\* Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.20.034. SUSITNA FLATS STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The following state-owned land, including tide and submerged land, and all land, including tide and submerged land, acquired in the future by the state lying within the parcels described in this subsection is established as the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge:

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| Meridian | (1) Township 13 North, Range 4 West, Seward<br>Section: 6       |
| Meridian | (2) Township 13 North, Range 5 West, Seward<br>Sections: 1 - 10 |
| Meridian | (3) Township 13 North, Range 6 West, Seward<br>Sections: 1 - 18 |
| Meridian | (4) Township 13 North, Range 7 West, Seward<br>Sections: 1 - 18 |
| Meridian | (5) Township 13 North, Range 8 West, Seward<br>Sections: 1 - 24 |
|          | (6) Township 13 North, Range 9 West, Seward                     |

- Meridian Sections: 1 - 36
- Meridian (7) Township 13 North, Range 10 West, Seward  
Sections: 13, 23 - 26, 36 (excluding uplands above the toe of the bluff)
- Meridian (8) Township 14 North, Range 4 West, Seward  
Sections: Lots 1 - 6, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 6
- Meridian (9) Township 14 North, Range 5 West, Seward  
Sections: W1/2 1, 2 - 11, W1/2 12, 13 - 36
- Meridian (10) Township 14 North, Ranges 6 - 9 West, Seward  
Sections: All
- Meridian (11) Township 14 North, Range 10 West, Seward  
Sections: 12 - 14, 22 - 27, 34 - 36
- Meridian (12) Township 15 North, Range 5 West, Seward  
Sections: 3 - 10, 15 - 22, SW1/4 26, 27 - 35, SW1/4 36
- Meridian (13) Township 15 North, Range 6 West, Seward  
Sections: All
- Meridian (14) Township 15 North, Range 7 West, Seward  
Sections: 1 - 4, E1/2 5, 7 - 36
- Meridian (15) Township 15 North, Range 8 West, Seward  
Sections: 1, 2, 8 - 36
- Meridian (16) Township 15 North, Range 9 West, Seward  
Sections: 23 - 28, 32 - 36
- Meridian (17) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward  
Sections: 19 - 22, 27 - 34
- Meridian (18) Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Seward  
Sections: 21 - 28, 31 - 36
- Meridian (19) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward  
Sections: 22 - 27, 34 - 36

(b) The Susitna Flats State Game Refuge is established

to protect the following:

(1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, particularly waterfowl nesting, feeding and migration areas; moose calving areas; spring and fall bear feeding areas; salmon spawning and rearing habitats;

(2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat, particularly waterfowl, moose and bear hunting; viewing; photography; and general public recreation in a high quality environment.

(c) Entry upon the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge for purposes of exploration and development of oil and gas resources shall be permitted when compatible with the purposes specified in (b) of this section; however, all existing leases shall be valid and continue in full force and effect according to their terms.

(d) Land selected by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough within the area described in (a) of this section shall be included in the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge, subject to borough approval. If the borough relinquishes the selection of these lands, the selected lands become part of the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge.

(e) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned land within state-owned land specified in (a) of this section for inclusion in the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge. The Department of Natural Resources may adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), zoning regulations governing privately owned land within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge, only to the extent that these regulations may insure compatibility with the intended use of the refuge.

(f) Egress and ingress to and from private property within the parcels described in (a) of this section shall be allowed through access corridors established through agreement between the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, and the private property owners involved. The establishment of a refuge under this section does not impair or alter existing rights of access to set net site leases.

(g) The establishment of a refuge under this section does not impair or alter existing rights of a borough or city to select state land under AS 29.18.190 - 29.18.200.