

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/95

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS SHARP, Taylor, Miller

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act amending the Fish and Game Code by removing 'wolf' from the
2 definition of 'big game'; relating to the classification and taking of wolves; and
3 providing for a harvest incentive on wolves taken in areas designated by the
4 Board of Game."

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 16.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

7 **ARTICLE 2. WOLF.**

8 Sec. 16.35.210. WOLF. (a) The wolf is an unclassified game animal and a
9 fur bearing animal. The department and the Board of Game may not classify the wolf
10 as a big game animal and shall designate the wolf as an unclassified game animal.

11 (b) A wolf may be taken by any method or means approved for unclassified
12 game or furbearers in the game management unit or subunit in which the wolf is taken.

13 Sec. 16.35.220. HARVEST INCENTIVE. (a) The department shall pay a
14 harvest incentive of \$200 for each wolf taken in a harvest incentive area designated

1 by the Board of Game and presented for identification and sealing or marking at an
2 office of the department designated by the commissioner or at a regional office of the
3 department designated by the commissioner. The harvest incentive may be paid only
4 to residents.

5 (b) A person who claims the harvest incentive on a wolf shall present the raw
6 skin with the right foreleg, including ulna and radius bones, attached in a natural state.
7 The department shall remove the right foreleg and seal or mark each skin presented
8 to indicate that the harvest incentive had been paid for that skin. The claimant may
9 retain the skin after it is sealed or marked. The department shall pay the harvest
10 incentive to the claimant within 30 days after presentment of the skin.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.54.590(2) is amended to read:

12 (2) "big game" means brown bear, grizzly bear, caribou, moose, black
13 bear, bison, Sitka blacktail deer, elk, mountain goat, musk-ox, [WOLF,] wolverine,
14 mountain or Dall sheep;

15 * **Sec. 3.** TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 16.35.210, as added by sec. 1 of this Act
16 and sec. 4 of this Act, a person who holds an unused big game tag for wolf issued under
17 AS 16.05.340(a) before the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act may take a wolf before
18 January 1, 1996, under big game hunting regulations for wolf as those regulations existed on
19 the day before the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.

20 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.340(a)(15)(J) and 16.05.340(a)(21)(K) are repealed.