



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to predator control programs; and providing for an effective date.

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

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1 Relating to predator control programs; and providing for an effective date.

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 16.05.783(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person may not shoot or assist in shooting a free-ranging wolf **or** [,]  
5 wolverine [, FOX, OR LYNX] the same day that a person has been airborne.  
6 However, the Board of Game may authorize a predator control program **as part of a**  
7 **game management plan that involves airborne or same day airborne shooting**  
8 **[INVOLVING SHOOTING FROM THE AIR]** if

9 [(1)] the **board has determined based on information provided by**  
10 **the department**

11 **(1) in regard to an identified big game prey population under**  
12 **AS 16.05.255(g) that** [COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND GAME ACTING UNDER  
13 A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF GAME MAKES WRITTEN FINDINGS  
14 BASED ON PREY POPULATION] objectives set by the board **for the population**  
15 **have not been achieved and** [UNDER AS 16.05.255(g)] that

1                    [(A)] predation is an important **cause for the failure to achieve the**  
2 **objectives set by the board** [FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO A LOW OR  
3 DECLINING PREY POPULATION THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH A GAME  
4 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF GAME], and  
5 that a reduction of predation can reasonably be expected to **aid in the achievement of**  
6 **the objectives** [RESULT IN AIDING AN INCREASE IN THE PREY  
7 POPULATION OR IN ARRESTING THE DECLINE OF THE PREY  
8 POPULATION]; or

9                    **(2) that** [(B)] a disease or parasite of a predator population

10                    **(A)** [(i)] is threatening the normal biological condition of the  
11 predator population; or

12                    **(B)** [(ii)] if left untreated, would spread to other populations [;

13                    AND

14                    (2) THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT AIRBORNE OR  
15 SAME DAY AIRBORNE SHOOTING IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH A  
16 GAME MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF  
17 GAME].

18 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.783 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

19                    (e) When the Board of Game authorizes a predator control program that  
20 includes airborne or same day airborne shooting, the board shall have the prerogative  
21 to establish predator reduction objectives and limits, methods and means to be  
22 employed, who is authorized to participate in the program, and the conditions for  
23 participation of individuals in the program.

24                    (f) The use of state employees or state owned or chartered equipment,  
25 including helicopters, in a predator control program is prohibited without the approval  
26 of the commissioner.

27 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).