

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 155(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/17/03

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): SENATOR SEEKINS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to hunting on the same day airborne and airborne hunting; and
2 providing for an effective date."

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

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

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

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

12 **(1) in regard to an identified big game prey population under**
13 **AS 16.05.255(g) that** [COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND GAME ACTING UNDER
14 A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF GAME MAKES WRITTEN FINDINGS

1 BASED ON PREY POPULATION] objectives set by the board **for the population**
 2 **have not been achieved and** [UNDER AS 16.05.255(g)] that

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

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

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

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

15 AND

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

20 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.783 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

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