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HOUSE BILL NO. 711 *By Rep.*

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to establish an Alaska Wildlife Commission and create a Territorial Department of Game; prescribe the duties and powers of the Commission and Department; provide for a licensing system and Wildlife Fund; to investigate, manage, protect, control, restore or propagate game animals, fur bearing animals, birds and game fishes in Alaska; prescribing penalties; and for other purposes. This Act shall be known by the short title "Alaska Wildlife Act."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. Definitions. That for the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them by this Section:

"Territory" the Territory of Alaska.

"Commission" Alaska Wildlife Commission.

"Department" Alaska Department of Game.

"Director" The Director of the Department appointed by the Commission.

"Person" The plural or the singular, as the case demands, including individuals, associations, partnerships, and corporations, acting to forward a common purpose.

"Take" Taking, pursuing, hunting, capturing, trapping,

1 or killing game animals, fur animals, game or non-game birds, or
2 game fishes; attempting to take, pursue, hunt, capture, trap, or
3 kill such animals, birds, or game fishes, or setting or using a
4 net, trap, or other device for taking them, or collecting the
5 nests or eggs of such birds.

6 "Transport" Shipping, transporting, carrying, import-
7 ing, exporting, or receiving or delivery for shipment, transporta-
8 tion, carriage or export, unless the context otherwise requires.

9 "Open Season" The time during which animals, birds, or
10 game fishes may lawfully be taken. Each period of time prescribed
11 as an open season shall be construed to include the first and
12 last days thereof.

13 "Closed Season" The time during which animals, birds
14 or game fishes may not be taken.

15 "Game Animals" Deer, moose, caribou, elk, mountain
16 sheep, mountain goat, bison, muskox, walrus, polar bear, and the
17 large brown, grizzly and black bears, which shall be known as
18 big game, and such other animals as may be found and declared by
19 the Commission to be game animals or big game animals, if so
20 designated, in the declaration.

21 "Fur Animals" Beaver, muskrat, marmot, racoon, pika,
22 squirrel, fisher, fox, lynx, marten or sable, mink, weasel or
23 ermine, sea otter, fur seal, land otter, wolverine, coyote, wolf
24 and such other animals as may be found and declared by the
25 Commission to be fur animals.

26 "Game Birds" Anatidae, commonly known as waterfowl,
27 including ducks, geese, brant, and swans; Haematopodidae,
28 Charadriidae, Scolopacidae, and Phalaropodidae, commonly known
29 as shorebirds, including oyster catchers, plover, sandpipers,

1 snipe, curlew and phalaropes; Gruidae, commonly known as crane;
2 and the several species of grouse, ptarmigan and pheasants, and
3 such other birds as may be found and declared by the Commission
4 to be game birds.

5 "Non-game Birds" All wild birds except game birds.

6 "Game Fishes" Rainbow, steelhead, cutthroat, eastern
7 brook, and dolly varden and mackinaw or lake trout, and grayling,
8 and such other fishes as may be found and declared by the Commis-
9 sion to be game fishes.

10 "Hunting" The taking, as herein defined, of game ani-
11 mals, game birds and non-game birds.

12 "Trapping" The taking, as herein defined, of fur
13 animals.

14 "Fishing" The taking, as herein defined, of game
15 fishes.

16 "Guiding" To accompany and guide non-resident or alien
17 big game hunters.

18 "Resident" Any citizen, or alien who has a petition
19 for naturalization pending before the District Court, who has re-
20 sided in the Territory for a continuous period of 12 months and
21 shall have been a bona fide inhabitant of Alaska for at least six
22 months during each calendar year thereafter and who maintains his
23 residence in Alaska and who has not accepted resident privileges
24 or exercised a right of franchise outside of Alaska.

25 "Non Resident" Any citizen of the United States who
26 does not qualify as a resident.

27 "Alien" Any person, not a citizen of the United States
28 and who does not have a petition for naturalization pending before
29 the District Court.

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"Visitor" Any person, not a resident of the Territory who is temporarily sojourning in the Territory as a visitor or tourist.

Section 2. Department of Game Created. There is hereby created a Department to be known as the Alaska Department of Game for the purpose of carrying out the intent and purposes of this Act.

Section 3. Alaska Wildlife Commission Created. A Commission to be known as the Alaska Wildlife Commission is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of five members, appointed by the Governor of Alaska, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the Legislature; one member from each of the four judicial divisions of Alaska and the fifth from the Territory at large, each of whom shall before his appointment have been for five years a resident of Alaska and shall be well informed on wildlife and game fish matters in Alaska.

Term of original appointments shall begin on the effective date of this Act and one member shall serve for one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years, one to serve four years, and one to serve five years as the Governor may determine, and thereafter their successors to be appointed in a like manner to serve for five years and until his successor is appointed unless sooner removed. The Governor may fill any regular vacancy or for the balance of an unexpired term for service on an interim basis.

The Governor may remove a Commissioner only for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, giving him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity to be publicly heard in person, or by counsel in his own defense upon not less

1 than 10 days notice.

2 Pending the investigation of such charges, the Governor may
3 suspend such Commissioner and if such member is removed following
4 a hearing, a complete statement of all charges and findings shall
5 be filed in the Office of the Secretary of Alaska and there shall
6 be no further right of review.

7 Section 4. Compensation, etc., of Commission Members. The
8 members of the Commission shall receive not less than \$8.00 per
9 day as compensation for time spent in performance of their offi-
10 cial duties and per diem for time away from home in a travel
11 status, the combination of which shall not exceed \$20.00, plus
12 transportation. All compensation and expenses of the Commission
13 shall be paid from monies available to the Department.

14 Section 5. Commission Meetings. The members of the Commis-
15 sion shall meet at Juneau within 60 days after the effective
16 date of this Act and shall organize by electing a chairman from
17 their membership and adopt a set of by-laws to govern the conduct
18 of their business. One regular meeting shall be held annually
19 at the capital and one or more additional meetings shall be held
20 annually at such other times and places in the Territory as the
21 Commission may select and deem necessary for the proper trans-
22 action of its business.

23 Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the total membership shall
24 constitute a quorum for the transaction of Commission business.
25 A majority vote of the total membership shall be necessary for
26 the exercise of any power, duty, or to approve or reject any
27 matter proper to be brought before the Commission.

28 Section 7. Powers and Duties of the Commission. The Commis-
29 sion is charged with proper management and protection of the wild

1 game, fur bearing animal, bird and game fish resources on all of
2 the land and water areas of Alaska, except on such areas where
3 local management is excluded by laws of the United States Govern-
4 ment. In performance of these duties and functions the Commis-
5 sion, working through the Department, may:

6 (a) Conduct investigations and engage in research per-
7 taining to wild animals, birds and fishes, and engage in wildlife
8 and game fish management, activities including propagation, re-
9 stocking or control, and habitat improvement and establishment of
10 refuge or sanctuaries, etc.

11 (b) Make and enforce regulations providing for adequate
12 protection, cropping, control and other management of wild ani-
13 mals, birds and game fish. These may include, but not be limited
14 to limitations on kind or sex, open and closed seasons or areas,
15 bag limits, methods and means of take, etc.

16 (c) Prescribe such licenses, permits, seals or tags as
17 are deemed necessary, establish requirements and eligibility for
18 each and set the fees therefore.

19 (d) Authorize employment of such technical, adminis-
20 trative or other field assistants and means as are deemed neces-
21 sary and purchase or otherwise procure such aircraft, vessels,
22 vehicles, and other equipment and administrative and other facili-
23 ties required for maintenance and operation to properly carry out
24 the provisions of this Act and sale of obsolete or worn out per-
25 sonal property owned by the Department.

26 (e) Authorize acquisition by purchase, condemnation,
27 exchange, gift, lease, agreement or other device, such lands,
28 buildings, rights of way, waters or other necessary property for
29 administrative sites, offices, residences and hangars, etc.,

1 hatcheries or fish ways, wildlife or game fish management or re-
2 fuge areas and access ways to public lands and waters or sale of
3 unnecessary real estate owned by the Department.

4 (f) Capture, propagate, transport, buy, sell, or
5 exchange any species of wild animals, birds or game fishes or
6 eggs needed for propagating, scientific or stocking purposes.

7 (g) Investigate and determine the extent of and effect
8 of predation and competition among wildlife and game fish in
9 Alaska and exercise such control measures as are deemed necessary
10 and beneficial to these resources in the Territory.

11 (h) Direct the conduct of a conservation education and
12 information program in the Department and through cooperative
13 agreements with Territorial, Federal or other educational insti-
14 tutions to promote greater public appreciation, understanding
15 and cooperation in the wildlife and game fish programs and aid
16 in training for management of game and fish.

17 (i) Enter into cooperative agreements with Federal
18 agencies, municipalities, corporations, organized groups, associa-
19 tions and individuals and with adjoining Canadian provinces where
20 involved, for assistance in management, study and development of
21 the game fish, bird, game and fur animal resources in the Terri-
22 tory.

23 (j) Authorize receipt and acceptance of monies from
24 any source under conditions requiring use of such money for carry-
25 ing out the purposes of this Act.

26 (k) Authorize establishment of such departmental organ-
27 ization and positions as it may deem necessary for the conduct of
28 the work of the Commission and shall approve a salary and compen-
29 sation schedule and establish policies for the guidance of the

Director regarding the distribution of funds and other operational matters.

Section 8. The Director of the Department. The Commission shall select and appoint a qualified executive in wildlife administration having a broad knowledge and experience in management, protection and conservation of wildlife and game fish resources, as Director of the Department of Game and they shall determine his salary and he shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses when in official travel status. The Director shall be appointed for a term of four years subject, however, to removal by the Commission, for incompetence, nonfeasance or malfeasance in office. He shall post a bond consistent with Territorial requirements for similar offices.

Section 9. Duties and Powers of the Director. The Director shall be ex-officio secretary of the Alaska Wildlife Commission, attend its meetings and keep a record of the business transacted by it. He shall, within the policies set by the Commission, provide for due administration of the functions of the Commission in accomplishing the provisions of this Act and may authorize expenditures of any funds available therefore.

He may appoint, suspend and remove personnel under such policies as the Commission may adopt, Provided that if a merit system, adequate for inclusion of any Department employee, exists within the Territory, they shall be selected from or included in that system and the Director's authority to appoint and remove such personnel shall then be within the limits of such system.

He shall have general supervision and control of all activities, functions and employees of the Department, and shall enforce all the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations of the

1 Territory relating to wild animals, birds, and game fish and
2 shall exercise all necessary powers incident thereto not specifi-
3 cally conferred on the Commission. However, the Director may,
4 when so authorized by the Commission, exercise any of the duties
5 or powers specifically assigned to the Commission.

6 Section 10. Political Activity Prohibited. While retaining
7 the right to vote as he may please and to express privately his
8 opinion on all political subjects, no employee of the Department
9 shall take any active part in political management or in politi-
10 cal campaigns, nor shall he use his official authority or influ-
11 ence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting
12 the results thereof, or for the purpose of coercing the political
13 action of any person or body.

14 Section 11. Ineligibility for Bounties. It shall be unlaw-
15 ful for any employee or special hunter of the Department to re-
16 ceive or attempt to receive any bounty provided by the Territory,
17 or to transfer the scalp or other part or evidence of any animal,
18 bird, or fish to another person for the purpose of collecting
19 any bounty. Any action contrary to this Section shall be a
20 violation of this Act.

21 Section 12. Wildlife Fund Established. There is hereby
22 created a special "Wildlife Fund" in the Territorial Treasury
23 which shall be used exclusively to carry out the purposes and
24 provisions of this Act and the specific purposes for which re-
25 ceived when so provided.

26 Said fund shall be made up of the following receipts which
27 shall be deposited therein and made available to the Department:

28 (a) All monies received from the sale of licenses,
29 permits, seals or tags prescribed under authority of this Act,

1 less any fees authorized to be retained by issuing officers.

2 (b) Proceeds from sale of furs, skins and specimens
3 taken by employees whose compensation is paid out of the "Wild-
4 life Fund" or of any real or personal property disposed of by
5 the Department.

6 (c) Monies received from other sources under conditions
7 requiring use of such monies for carrying out specific purposes
8 in support of this Act.

9 (d) Interest earned on any monies in the Fund.

10 Disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the Territorial
11 Treasurer on presentation of vouchers signed by the Director or
12 his authorized agent and approved by the Auditor.

13 Section 13. Diversion of Funds Prohibited. No funds
14 accruing to the Territory from any license, permit, seal or tag
15 required by this Act, shall be diverted to any other than the
16 stated purpose of this Act.

17 Section 14. Appropriation of Funds. The Legislature of the
18 Territory of Alaska shall appropriate at its sessions monies as
19 it shall deem necessary to supplement and be deposited in the
20 "Wildlife Fund" for capital outlay, salaries and wages and for
21 administrative, operational and other expenses of the Commission
22 and the Department to accomplish the objectives of this Act.

23 Section 15. Assent to Provisions of Federal Aid Acts. The
24 Territory assents to the provision of the Federal Aid to Wildlife
25 Restoration Act of September 2, 1937 and to the Federal Aid in
26 Fish Restoration Act of August 9, 1950. It is desired that the
27 Department participate in the Federal Aid program on the same
28 basis as the 48 States.

29 Section 16. Acceptance of Facilities. The Department may

1 receive any property, equipment, facilities, buildings and lands
2 that can be made available to it by any Federal, Territorial or
3 private agency, organization or individual, suitable and needed
4 for the conduct of its duties.

5 Section 17. Regulations. The Commission is hereby author-
6 ized to:

7 (a) determine, within the provisions of this Act, when
8 and where, and to what extent, if at all, and by what methods or
9 means game animals, fur animals, game birds, non-game birds, and
10 nests or eggs of birds, and game fishes may be taken, possessed,
11 transported, bought, or sold, and

12 (b) adopt suitable regulations, within the provisions
13 of this Act, permitting and governing the same in accordance with
14 such determinations, which regulations shall become effective
15 on the date specified therein.

16 Section 18. Certain Acts made Unlawful. Unless and except
17 as permitted by this Act or by regulations made pursuant to this
18 Act, it shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, trans-
19 port, sell, offer to sell, purchase, or offer to purchase any
20 game animal, fur animal, game fish, game bird, non-game bird, or
21 any part thereof, or any nest or egg of any such bird; and, no
22 person shall knowingly disturb, injure, or destroy any notice,
23 signboard, seal, tag, aircraft, boat, vessel, automobile, para-
24 phernalia, equipment, building or other improvement or property
25 of the Department used in the administration or enforcement of
26 the provisions of this Act, or any poster or notice to the public
27 concerning the provisions of this Act or any regulation adopted
28 pursuant hereto, or any marker indicating the boundary of any
29 area closed to hunting, trapping, fishing, or other special use

1 under the provisions of this Act, or shall knowingly destroy,
2 remove, tamper with, or imitate any seal or tag issued or used
3 by this Commission or attached under its authority to any skin,
4 portion, or specimen of a wild animal, bird, game fish, or other
5 article for purposes of identification or authentication in
6 accordance with the provisions of this Act or any regulations
7 adopted hereunder; Provided, that nothing in this Act shall be
8 construed to prevent the collection or exportation of such animals,
9 birds, game fishes, parts thereof or nests or eggs of birds for
10 scientific or educational purposes, or of like animals, game
11 fishes, birds or eggs of birds for propagation or exhibition pur-
12 poses under a permit which the Commission is hereby authorized to
13 issue and prescribe the terms thereof.

14 Section 19. Licenses, Export Permits and Fees.

15 (a) The Commission may by regulation require:

16 (1) appropriate licenses to authorize take,
17 possession, transport, sale or purchase of any of the ani-
18 mals, birds, or fishes, or parts thereof protected by this
19 Act;

20 (2) permits to control their export from the
21 Territory;

22 (3) licenses to authorize fur dealing, fur farm-
23 ing, game animal, bird or fish farming, or taxidermy;

24 (4) licenses for guiding in the Territory;

25 (5) tags or seals for identification or authenti-
26 cation on big game; and

27 (6) prescribe a schedule of fees and qualifica-
28 tions for the issuance of the above licenses and permits.

29 It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise permitted by this

1 Act or regulations made hereunder, for any person to take or ex-
2 port from the Territory, any of the animals, birds or fishes, or
3 parts thereof, protected by this Act, or to engage in the business
4 of dealing in furs or farming game or fur bearing animals, game
5 birds or game fish, or in the business of taxidermy or act as a
6 guide for nonresidents or aliens taking big game animals, without
7 having procured such license, permit, tag or seal as may be re-
8 quired to authorize such act; provided, that no license shall be
9 required of any person under the age of sixteen for fishing or a
10 resident under the age of sixteen for hunting.

11 (b) Records and Reports. Each person to whom a license
12 is issued shall keep such records and make such reports as the
13 Commission may deem necessary, and may by regulation require.

14 Such records shall at all times be subject to inspection and
15 examination by any officer or other person empowered to enforce
16 this Act. Any person who shall fail correctly to keep such re-
17 cords or who shall fail to submit such reports or who shall in
18 any such report knowingly falsely state any such data, or who
19 shall refuse to exhibit his records for inspection and examination
20 as herein required, shall be guilty of a violation of this Act.

21 (c) Licenses and Export Permits shall be issued by the
22 Commission through agents authorized in writing to sell such li-
23 censes and permits. Application blanks for licenses and permits
24 shall be furnished by the Commission and shall be in such form as
25 the Commission may by regulation determine. Each application
26 shall be subscribed and sworn to by the applicant. Persons
27 authorized in writing by the Director to issue licenses are here-
28 by authorized to administer the necessary oaths.

29 Any false statement in an application for a license or permit

1 as to citizenship, place of residence, or other material fact
2 shall render null and void the license or permit issued upon it.
3 Any person who shall make any false statements in an application
4 for a license or permit, alter, change, loan, or transfer to
5 another any license, permit, seal or tag issued to him in pursu-
6 ance of this Act or any person other than the one to whom it is
7 issued use such license, permit, seal or tag shall be guilty of
8 a violation of this Act.

9 All licenses, except visitors, required under authority of
10 this Act, shall expire at the close of the 31st day of March
11 following their issuance.

12 Any person, except salaried employees of the Territory of
13 Alaska, appointed to issue licenses as authorized by this Act,
14 shall receive the sum of 25 cents for issuance of each license,
15 permit or authorized seal or tag for which a fee is prescribed
16 which sum shall be retained for his services.

17 Subject to the withholding of any compensation so authorized,
18 each officer or person selling licenses, permits or tags shall,
19 as soon as practicable after the last day of each calendar month,
20 transmit all proceeds from such sales during the month past, to-
21 gether with a report thereof, to the Territorial Treasurer for
22 deposit in the "Wildlife Fund."

23 (d) Special Regulations, Permits and Licenses. In
24 addition to the hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses or per-
25 mits required by regulations authorized to be issued thereunder,
26 the Commission may from time to time prescribe regulations re-
27 quiring residents, nonresidents and aliens to obtain special
28 licenses upon the payment of fees if any are fixed by such regula-
29 tions, prior to the taking of specified game or fur animals in

1 specified areas, and may by such regulations limit further the
2 number, kind, and sex of such animals that may be taken in such
3 areas, and also may restrict the number of persons who may hunt
4 or trap in each such area. Whenever such additional restrictions
5 are imposed by regulation, the Director shall issue to qualified
6 applicants, upon receipt of the proper application, and fee if
7 required, the special licenses or permits required by such regula-
8 tions in the number designated by the regulations, and in an
9 equitable manner.

10 Section 20. Penalties. A person who violates any provision
11 of this Act or of any order or regulation adopted pursuant to
12 this Act, or who fails to perform any duty imposed by this Act or
13 by any order or regulation adopted pursuant to this Act, is guilty
14 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not
15 less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000.00, or be imprisoned not
16 more than six months or both; and, in addition thereto, shall
17 forfeit the related form of license held under this Act, and shall
18 surrender it upon demand to any person authorized to receive it
19 and shall not be entitled to, or be granted, a license conveying
20 the same privilege during the same license year and upon a second
21 conviction he shall not be entitled to, nor shall he be granted,
22 a license of such form for a period of one year from date of such
23 forfeiture, and upon a third or successive conviction, for a
24 period of five years from the date of such forfeiture; and all
25 monies from fines shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Court
26 to the Treasurer of the Territory for deposit in the General Fund

27 Any licensed guide who shall fail or refuse to report promptly
28 to the Commission any violation of this Act or regulations made
29 thereunder, of which he may have knowledge, shall have his license

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revoked and shall not be eligible to act as a licensed guide for
a period of five years from the time of establishment of proof of
such failure.

Section 21. Enforcement Authority. This Act shall be en-
forced by:

(a) Any employee of the Department of Game or other
person authorized by the Commission;

(b) Any Enforcement Agent of the Fish and Wildlife
Service; and

(c) Any Territorial Police officer in the Territory.

It shall be the duty of any of the named persons to arrest
without warrant any person committing a violation of this Act
or any regulation made under authority of this Act, in his pres-
ence or view, and to take such person immediately for examination
or trial before an officer or court of competent jurisdiction.

He shall have power to execute any warrant or other process
issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction for the
enforcement of the provisions of this Act; and he shall have
authority, with a search warrant, to search any place at any
time. Any officer or other person empowered to enforce this Act
shall have authority without warrant to search any camp, camp out-
fit, fish creel, pack or pack animals, automobile, aircraft, or
other vehicle, sled, or any boat, vessel, or other craft on the
Territorial waters of Alaska, when such officer or employee has
reasonable cause to believe that such camp, camp outfit, fish
creel, pack or pack animals, automobile, aircraft, or other
vehicle, sled, boat, vessel, or other craft has therein or there-
on any of the animals, birds or fishes, or parts thereof, or
nests or eggs of birds, protected by this Act.

1 The several judges of the courts having jurisdiction may
2 upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue
3 warrants in all such cases.

4 All guns, traps, nets, fishing tackle, boats, aircraft, or
5 other vehicles, dogs, sleds, and other paraphernalia used in or
6 in aid of a violation of this Act may be seized, and all animals,
7 birds, game fishes, or parts thereof, or nests or eggs of birds,
8 taken, transported, or possessed contrary to the provisions of
9 this Act shall be seized within the Territory by any officer or
10 person authorized to enforce this Act, and upon conviction of
11 the offender or upon judgment of the court having jurisdiction
12 that the same were being used or were taken, transported, or
13 possessed in violation of this Act, shall be forfeited to the
14 Territory and disposed of as directed by such court, and if sold
15 the proceeds of sale shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of
16 Alaska for deposit in the General Fund.

17 Persons authorized to enforce this Act are hereby authorized
18 and empowered to administer to or take from any person, an oath,
19 affirmation, or affidavit whenever such oath, affirmation, or
20 affidavit is for use in any prosecution or proceeding under or in
21 the enforcement of this Act.

22 Section 22. Burden of Proof. That the possession of any
23 wild animal, game fish, wild bird, or parts thereof, or any nest
24 or egg of such bird, during the time when the taking of it is
25 prohibited, shall, in any action, constitute prima facie evidence
26 that it was taken, possessed, bought, sold, or transported in
27 violation of the provisions of this Act, and the burden of proof
28 shall be upon the possessor or claimant of it to overcome the
29 presumption of illegal possession and to establish the fact that

1 it was obtained and is possessed lawfully.

2 Section 23. Separability of Provisions. That if any clause,
3 sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act shall for any reason be
4 adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid,
5 such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remain-
6 der thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,
7 sentence, paragraph, or parts thereof directly involved in the
8 controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

9 Section 24. Repeal of Conflicting Laws. Chapter 93, Session
10 Laws of 1951, and all other acts or parts of acts in conflict
11 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

12 Section 25. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective
13 at such time as the Congress of the United States authorizes the
14 Territory to manage, make regulations and otherwise control wild-
15 life including game fish resources, including licensing of hunt-
16 ing, fishing and trapping, etc., related thereto. The existing
17 laws and regulations promulgated under the "Alaska Game Law"
18 (48 USC 192-211) insofar as they can be applied, shall govern the
19 management and control of wildlife and game fish during any
20 transition period required to place the provisions of this Act
21 in operation.
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