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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to classification of public lands."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 38 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 13. PUBLIC LAND CLASSIFICATION.

10 Sec. 38.13.010. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this chapter to  
11 establish a liaison between the Department of Natural Resources and the  
12 Department of Fish and Game so that the expertise of both departments  
13 in determining the proper primary use of public lands may be fully  
14 utilized for the ultimate benefit of all Alaskans.

15 Sec. 38.13.020. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENTS. (a) The Department of  
16 Fish and Game shall on a continuing basis

17 (1) identify key habitat lands for fish and wildlife which  
18 are currently under management by the state and request these lands  
19 be classified to afford protection of fish and wildlife habitat;

20 (2) identify key habitat lands for fish and wildlife which  
21 are currently under federal jurisdiction but eligible for state selec-  
22 tion, and request state selection of those lands;

23 (3) report all enforcement actions affecting operations  
24 authorized by the Department of Natural Resources within a reasonable  
25 time.

26 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall on a continuing  
27 basis

28 (1) classify and manage those lands requested by the Depart-  
29 ment of Fish and Game which are under state jurisdiction or come

1 under state jurisdiction in a manner prescribed by the Department of  
2 Fish and Game, that will provide maximum protection to fish and wild-  
3 life habitat under the primary use concept;

4 (2) select and classify key fish and wildlife habitat lands  
5 under federal jurisdiction, as mutually agreed upon with the Department  
6 of Fish and Game;

7 (3) review and coordinate with the Department of Fish and  
8 Game all plans for permits, leases, or sales on lands covered under  
9 this chapter;

10 (4) incorporate in all contracts, leases, or permits covered  
11 under this chapter, all restrictions or stipulations of the Department  
12 of Fish and Game designed to provide maximum protection to the fish and  
13 wildlife resources;

14 (5) designate appropriate officers of the Department of Fish  
15 and Game as authorized officers of the Department of Natural Resources  
16 for the purposes of field enforcement of the Department of Natural  
17 Resources regulations and stipulations to protect the wildlife re-  
18 sources;

19 (6) close areas to surface use, where appropriate, upon  
20 request of the Department of Fish and Game.

21 (c) The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Natural  
22 Resources shall

23 (1) enter into specific supplemental agreements for indi-  
24 vidually designated areas;

25 (2) enter into cooperative agreements as may be necessary  
26 with other agencies in order to carry out the provisions of this  
27 chapter.

28 Sec. 38.13.030. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter "primary  
29 use" means that classification of land which establishes the order of

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importance of its utilization and once this is established all other  
utilizations must be such that they accommodate this classification.