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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 154

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 wildlife photography."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 4. WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY AREAS.

10 Sec. 16.20.200. LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION. The legislature
11 recognizes that the harvest of wildlife is not its only legitimate
12 use, and that wildlife photography is rapidly becoming a widespread
13 public interest which can be provided for by reserving, where consistent
14 with sound mangement principles, specific areas of the state, where
15 only photographic use of wildlife is permitted.

16 Sec. 16.20.210. WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY AREAS. The board shall,
17 consistent with sound wildlife management principles, designate and
18 reserve by regulation certain wildlife photography areas. Other uses
19 not in conflict with the primary purpose of photography may be autho-
20 rized, but no hunting may be permitted within the area designated as
21 a wildlife photography area.

22 Sec. 16.20.220. TROPHY PHOTOGRAPH CERTIFICATES. In recognition
23 of the public interest and effort involved in wildlife photography,
24 the Department of Fish and Game, under rules of entry and administra-
25 tion established by it, shall award annually trophy photograph certi-
26 ficates to persons for exceptional wildlife photographs. The selected
27 wildlife photographs may, with the photographer's permission, be
28 displayed in exhibits statewide for the general public interest and as
29 a tourist attraction.