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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 408

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the protection of fish and game."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18.65 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 3. DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION.

10 Sec. 18.65.350. CREATION OF DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PRO-
11 TECTION. There is created within the department a separate division of
12 fish and wildlife protection.

13 Sec. 18.65.360. DUTIES OF DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION.
14 Protection officers within the division of fish and wildlife protection
15 shall enforce all pertinent statutes, regulations and orders. In dis-
16 charging this responsibility, protection officers may pursue and appre-
17 hend offenders, obtain legal evidence, institute criminal proceedings,
18 execute warrants of arrest or search and seizure, or other criminal
19 process issuing from any court of the state, or any other function
20 determined by the commissioner to be necessary to the enforcement of
21 the fish and game laws of the state. Each protection officer has the
22 power of a peace officer of the state or municipality and those powers
23 usually and customarily exercised by peace officers.

24 Sec. 18.65.370. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION; COOPERATION WITH
25 FEDERAL AGENCIES. (a) There shall be the fullest possible cooperation
26 and exchange of information between the Department of Fish and Game,
27 the division of fish and wildlife protection of the Department of Public
28 Safety, and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the Fish and
29 Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior in

1 the administration of the fish and wildlife protection and guiding regu-
2 lation functions of the state.

3 (b) Fish and wildlife protection officers in the Department of
4 Public Safety shall work closely with the personnel of the Department
5 of Fish and Game to achieve maximum effectiveness in the enforcement of
6 the state's fish, game and guiding laws, and the regulations promulgated
7 under them. Essential to the efficiency of this joint effort is the
8 utilization by the Department of Public Safety of the field experience,
9 observation capability, biological investigations and other scientific
10 research of the Department of Fish and Game as well as the transporta-
11 tion, housing and communications services and facilities common to both
12 departments.

13 (c) Field biologists and other personnel of the Department of
14 Fish and Game shall report any violations of the state's fish, game and
15 guiding laws, and regulations promulgated under them, in the performance
16 of their duties and responsibilities to the division of fish and wild-
17 life protection of the Department of Public Safety.

18 (d) With the approval of the governor, the commissioner of fish
19 and game and the commissioner of public safety shall enter into those
20 joint agreements between their departments, and between their depart-
21 ments and any related or interested federal agency, to ensure the
22 efficient and effective enforcement of the state's fish, game and guiding
23 laws and the regulations promulgated under them.
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