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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 782

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 16.20.034. SUSITNA FLATS STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The follow-  
10 ing state-owned land, including tide and submerged land, and all land,  
11 including tide and submerged land, acquired in the future by the state  
12 lying within the parcels described in this subsection is established as  
13 the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge:

14 (1) Township 13 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

15 Section: 6

16 (2) Township 13 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

17 Sections: 1 - 10

18 (3) Township 13 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

19 Sections: 1 - 18

20 (4) Township 13 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

21 Sections: 1 - 18

22 (5) Township 13 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

23 Sections: 1 - 24

24 (6) Township 13 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

25 Sections: 1 - 36

26 (7) Township 13 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

27 Sections: 13, 23 - 26, 36 (excluding uplands above the toe of the  
28 bluff)

29 (8) Township 14 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

1 Sections: Lots 1 - 6, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4,  
2 NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4,  
3 S1/2NE1/4SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 6

4 (9) Township 14 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

5 Sections: W1/2 1, 2 - 11, W1/2 12, 13 - 36

6 (10) Township 14 North, Ranges 6 - 9 West, Seward Meridian

7 Sections: All

8 (11) Township 14 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

9 Sections: 12 - 14, 22 - 27, 34 - 36

10 (12) Township 15 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

11 Sections: 3 - 10, 15 - 22, SW1/4 26, 27 - 35, SW1/4 36

12 (13) Township 15 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

13 Sections: All

14 (14) Township 15 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

15 Sections: 1 - 4, E1/2 5, 7 - 36

16 (15) Township 15 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

17 Sections: 1, 2, 8 - 36

18 (16) Township 15 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

19 Sections: 23 - 28, 32 - 36

20 (17) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

21 Sections: 19 - 22, 27 - 34

22 (18) Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

23 Sections: 21 - 28, 31 - 36

24 (19) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

25 Sections: 22 - 27, 34 - 36

26 (b) The Susitna Flats State Game Refuge is established to protect  
27 the following:

28 (1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, particularly  
29 waterfowl nesting, feeding and migration areas; moose calving areas;

1 spring and fall bear feeding areas; salmon spawning and rearing habi-  
2 tats;

3 (2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat,  
4 particularly waterfowl, moose and bear hunting; viewing; photography;  
5 and general public recreation in a high quality environment.

6 (c) Entry upon the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge for purposes of  
7 exploration and development of oil and gas resources shall be permitted  
8 when compatible with the purposes specified in (b) of this section.

9 (d) Land selected by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough within the area  
10 described in (a) of this section shall be included in the Susitna Flats  
11 State Game Refuge, subject to borough approval. If the borough relin-  
12 quishes the selection of these lands, the selected lands become part of  
13 the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge.

14 (e) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned  
15 land within state-owned land specified in (a) of this section for in-  
16 clusion in the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge. The Department of  
17 Natural Resources may adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Pro-  
18 cedure Act (AS 44.62), zoning regulations governing privately owned land  
19 within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge, only to the extent that  
20 these regulations may insure compatability with the intended use of the  
21 refuge.

22 (f) Egress and ingress to and from private property within the  
23 parcels described in (a) of this section shall be allowed through ac-  
24 cess corridors established through agreement between the Department of  
25 Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, and the private  
26 property owners involved. The establishment of a refuge under this  
27 section does not impair or alter existing rights of access to set net  
28 site leases.

29 (g) The establishment of a refuge under this section does not

1       impair or alter existing rights of a borough or city to select state  
2       land under AS 29.18.190 - 29.18.200.

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