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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 782 am S

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. Pro-
9 vided, however, that all existing leases shall be valid and continue in
10 full force and effect according to their terms.

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

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

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

1 site leases.

2 (g) The establishment of a refuge under this section does not
3 impair or alter existing rights of a borough or city to select state
4 land under AS 29.18.190 - 29.18.200.
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