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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to nongame wildlife and nonconsump-
7 tive use of wildlife."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05.050(8) is amended to read:

10 (8) provide public facilities where necessary or proper to
11 facilitate the taking of fish or game or for the nonconsumptive use of
12 game, and enter into cooperative agreements with any person to effect
13 them;

14 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 16.05.135. NONGAME WILDLIFE FUND. (a) The nongame wild-
16 life fund is established as an account in the general fund to account
17 for contributions received under the wildlife watcher certificate
18 program established by AS 16.05.904; and from contributions received
19 from any other sources, under conditions requiring use of the money
20 for the protection, propagation, investigation, and restoration of
21 nongame wildlife; for the provision of public enjoyment and noncon-
22 sumptive use of game; and for the expenses of administering a nongame
23 wildlife program by the game division of the department.

24 (b) The legislature may appropriate the contributions accounted
25 for in the nongame wildlife fund for the purposes on which the contri-
26 butions were conditioned.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.255(a)(3) is amended to read:

28 (3) establishment of the means and methods employed in the
29 pursuit, capture, [AND] transport, and nonconsumptive use of game;

1 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 6 to
2 read:

3 Sec. 16.05.904. WILDLIFE WATCHER CERTIFICATE. The department
4 shall provide a wildlife watcher certificate to anyone who donates at
5 least \$10 to the department on the condition that the money be used
6 for the protection, propagation, investigation, and restoration of
7 nongame wildlife; for the provision of public enjoyment and noncon-
8 sumptive use of game; and for the expenses of administering a nongame
9 wildlife program by the game division of the department.

10 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.940(9) is amended to read:

11 (9) "game" means any species of bird, [AND] mammal, and
12 reptile, including a feral domestic animal, found or introduced in the
13 state, except domestic birds, llamas and other [AND] mammals, or
14 reptiles; and game may be classified by regulation as big game, small
15 game, fur bearers, nongame wildlife, or other categories considered
16 essential for carrying out the intention and purposes of
17 AS 16.05.010 - 16.05.950;

18 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

19 (30) "nonconsumptive use" means any use of game for human
20 enjoyment, education, art, or science, including photography, viewing,
21 teaching, research, and tourism specifically for wildlife viewing;
22 "nonconsumptive use" does not include harvest of game for sport,
23 subsistence, or commercial purposes;

24 (31) "nongame wildlife" means all species of game that are
25 used for nonconsumptive purposes.