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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 407 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use and sealing of certain
7 game animals."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.783. USE OF GAME AS BAIT. (a) A person may use as
11 bait the following parts of a dead big game animal:

12 (1) the hide, skin, viscera, bones, skinned carcass of
13 bear, head, legs below the distal joint of the tibia-fibula (stifle
14 joint), tallow, fat, and trimmings;

15 (2) the meat that is not edible meat from a big game animal
16 that is found dead from natural causes if the person does not disturb
17 the animal and notifies either the department or the Department of
18 Public Safety of the use and the approximate location where the dead
19 animal was found within three days of the use; and

20 (3) the edible meat that is determined by the department or
21 the Department of Public Safety in a particular situation to be
22 nonedible if the person obtains the written permission of either
23 department for the use.

24 (b) In this section,

25 (1) "dead from natural causes" includes death caused by
26 another animal;

27 (2) "edible meat" means the meat of the ribs, neck,
28 brisket, front quarters as far as the juncture of the humerus and the
29 radius-ulna (knee), hindquarters as far as the distal joint of the

1 tibula-fibula (stifle joint), and that portion of the animal between
2 the front and hindquarters; "edible meat" does not include meat that
3 has been damaged and made inedible by the method of taking;

4 (3) "taking" does not include causing death by a vehicle;

5 (4) "trimmings" means the parts of butchered game animals
6 that are not edible meat and customarily discarded during the butcher-
7 ing process.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.815 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

9 (c) A report or record that is required by regulations of the
10 department concerning the sealing of a game animal taken by trapping
11 or hunting and that identifies an individual trapper or hunter is
12 confidential and may be released by the department only

13 (1) to the Department of Revenue to assist that department
14 in carrying out its statutory responsibilities;

15 (2) as necessary to comply with a court order;

16 (3) on request, the report that accompanies the sealing of
17 a game animal to the person who is identified in the report as having
18 taken the game animal; and

19 (4) to the division of fish and wildlife protection of the
20 Department of Public Safety to assist that department in carrying out
21 its statutory responsibilities.

22 (d) Except to the extent necessary to prosecute a criminal
23 action based on a record or report that is confidential under (c) of
24 this section, a department that receives a confidential record or
25 report from the department under (c) of this section shall also main-
26 tain the confidentiality of the record or report.

27 (e) A record or report received by the department that relates
28 to the sealing of a game animal taken by trapping or hunting and that
29 does not identify an individual trapper or hunter or the specific

1 location where an animal has been taken is public information.

2 (f) In this section, "sealing" means the placement of a metal
3 seal by the department on a portion of the carcass of a game animal
4 taken by trapping or hunting.