

Offered: 2/28/86  
Referred: Rules

Original sponsors: Shultz, Marrou  
and Thompson

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 407 (Rules) am  
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 of, and certain reports  
7 and records concerning 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 skin, viscera, bones, skinned carcass of bear,  
13 head, legs below the distal joint of the tibia-fibula (stifle joint),  
14 tallow, fat, trimmings, and hide, except the hide of a bear;

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 at the earliest opportunity; 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 non-  
22 edible if the animal was killed by a motor vehicle and if the person  
23 obtains the written permission of either 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, bris-  
28 ket, 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 tibia-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 taking, sealing, acquisition of the untanned  
11 skin, or exportation from the state of the fur, of a game animal taken  
12 by trapping or hunting and that identifies an individual trapper or  
13 hunter is confidential and may be released by the department only

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

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

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

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

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

28 (e) A record or report received by the department that relates  
29 to the taking, sealing, acquisition of the untanned skin, or

1       exportation from the state of the fur, of a game animal taken by  
2       trapping or hunting and that does not identify an individual trapper  
3       or hunter or the specific location where an animal has been taken is  
4       public information.

5               (f) In this section, "sealing" means the placement of a seal by  
6       the department on a portion of the carcass of a game animal taken by  
7       trapping or hunting.