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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY FULLER BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 488

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

8 A BILL

8 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the resources management fund
7 established in the Department of Fish and Game; and
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

11 (1) fish and wildlife are among the state's most important
12 natural resources;

13 (2) declining state revenue, increasing human population, and
14 the resulting increasing demand for the development of oil and other min-
15 eral resource extraction projects, the harvesting of forests, and the
16 development of land threaten the long-term health of existing fish and
17 wildlife stocks;

18 (3) recent levels of fish and wildlife management, research, and
19 rehabilitation efforts are likely to decline in the future due to declining
20 state revenue and resulting budget cuts;

21 (4) it is vitally important that funding continue to be made
22 available to ensure that fish and game resources will continue to be man-
23 aged on a sustained-yield basis.

24 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to establish a fund in the Depart-
25 ment of Fish and Game to be used exclusively for the management of fish and
26 wildlife. The fund shall consist primarily of money derived from a portion
27 of the state's mineral resources wealth constitutionally set aside for the
28 purpose.

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

1 Sec. 16.05.135. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FUND. (a) There is estab-
2 lished in the Department of Fish and Game the resources management
3 fund made up of appropriations from the fish and wildlife management
4 fund established in sec. 17, art. IX, Constitution of the State of
5 Alaska, and other appropriations.

6 (b) Fifty percent of appropriations to the resources management
7 fund during a fiscal year shall be used for management of fish re-
8 sources, including related research, rehabilitation programs, and
9 habitat protection programs. The money shall be allocated as follows:

10 (1) one-third to the division of sport fish;

11 (2) one-third to the division of commercial fisheries; and

12 (3) one-third to the division of fisheries rehabilitation,
13 enhancement, and development.

14 (c) Fifty percent of the appropriations to the resources manage-
15 ment fund during a fiscal year shall be used for management of wild-
16 life resources, including related research, rehabilitation programs,
17 and habitat protection programs. The money shall be allocated as
18 follows:

19 (1) 75 percent to the division of game; and

20 (2) 25 percent to the habitat division.

21 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the effective date of an amendment
22 to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating the fish and wildlife
23 management fund.