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HOUSE BILL NO. 542

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to corrective management of threat-
7 ened stocks of game."

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. 16.05.265. MANAGEMENT OF THREATENED STOCKS OF GAME. (a)

11 The Board of Game shall adopt an interim corrective stock management
12 plan by emergency regulation under AS 44.62.250 and 44.62.260 when the
13 board receives scientific data compiled by the department that a stock
14 is threatened and a majority of the advisory committees in or adjacent
15 to the game management unit where the stock is located petitions the
16 board to adopt an interim corrective stock management plan.

17 (b) An interim corrective stock management plan expires after
18 120 days or when the Board of Game adopts a corrective stock manage-
19 ment plan, whichever occurs first.

20 (c) Within 120 days after adopting an interim corrective stock
21 management plan the Board of Game shall adopt a corrective stock
22 management plan in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
23 (AS 44.62).

24 (d) The Board of Game

25 (1) shall include in the corrective stock management plan
26 regulations for intensive management of the threatened stock and for
27 effective and expeditious corrective management of prey and natural
28 predator species of the threatened stock; and

29 (2) may include in the corrective stock management plan

1 guidelines or regulations for human utilization of the threatened
2 stock, for research on the population status and the ecology of the
3 threatened stock, for restoration of habitat, for public education
4 programs, for law enforcement programs, for designation of reserves,
5 ranges, and preserves, and for artificial rearing of the threatened
6 stock.

7 (e) The Board of Game shall review annually each corrective
8 stock management plan and shall

9 (1) receive scientific data compiled by the department on
10 the status of the threatened stock;

11 (2) evaluate the success of the corrective stock management
12 plan;

13 (3) continue, amend, or rescind the corrective stock man-
14 agement plan; and

15 (4) adopt regulations in accordance with the Administrative
16 Procedure Act (AS 44.62) necessary to achieve the corrective goals of
17 the corrective stock management plan.

18 (f) The commissioner shall implement interim corrective stock
19 management plans and corrective stock management plans subject to
20 priorities among plans and to the availability of resources to the
21 department.

22 (g) In this section

23 (1) "corrective stock management plan" means a document
24 that compiles information for the purpose of restoring a stock to
25 sustained-yield population levels, as determined by the department,
26 and the regulations adopted to implement the plan;

27 (2) "interim corrective stock management plan" means a
28 corrective stock management plan that provides for management and
29 conservation of a threatened stock while the Board of Game prepares

1 and adopts a corrective stock management plan;

2 (3) "stock" means a population of a game species identi-
3 fied with a specific geographic area;

4 (4) "threatened" means the prospect for the continued human
5 utilization of the stock is jeopardized due to either

6 (A) reduction of the stock below sustained-yield
7 levels by disease, pollution, predation, or overutilization;

8 (B) overabundance of a game species leading to the
9 imminent

10 (i) depletion of the stock; or

11 (ii) destruction of habitat of the stock;

12 (C) destruction, modification, or reduction of habi-
13 tat; or

14 (D) other natural or man-made factors seriously af-
15 fecting the prospect of continued human utilization of the stock.