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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 542 (Resources)

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to corrective management of threatened stocks of game."

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

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

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

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The Board of Game shall adopt a corrective stock management plan at its next regularly scheduled meeting when the board receives scientific data compiled by the department that a stock is threatened and a majority of the advisory committees in the game management unit where the stock is located, after consultation with the coordinator for the appropriate regional council, pass resolutions requesting the board to adopt a corrective stock management plan.

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(b) The Board of Game

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(1) shall include in the corrective stock management plan

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regulations for intensive management of the threatened stock and for effective and expeditious corrective management of prey and natural predator species of the threatened stock; and

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(2) may include in the corrective stock management plan

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

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1 (c) The Board of Game shall review annually each corrective
2 stock management plan and shall

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

5 (2) evaluate the success of the corrective stock management
6 plan;

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

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

12 (d) The commissioner shall implement corrective stock management
13 plans subject to priorities among plans and to the availability of
14 resources to the department.

15 (e) In this section

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

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

22 (3) "threatened" means the prospect for the continued human
23 utilization of the stock is jeopardized due to either

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

26 (B) overabundance of a game species leading to the
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28 (i) depletion of the stock; or

29 (ii) destruction of habitat of the stock;

1 (C) destruction, modification, or reduction of habi-
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3 (D) other natural or man-made factors seriously af-
4 fecting the prospect of continued human utilization of the stock.