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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Nelchina Public Use Area."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 7. FISH AND GAME PUBLIC USE AREAS.

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Sec. 16.20.400. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 16.20.400 - 16.20.

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420 is to establish the area described in AS 16.20.420 as the Nelchina

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Public Use Area. The Nelchina Public Use Area is established to

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(1) protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat and

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populations, particularly caribou calving areas, trumpeter swan nest-

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ing areas, and other important habitats for moose, Dall sheep, and

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brown bear;

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(2) perpetuate public uses of fish and wildlife and their

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habitat including fishing, hunting, trapping, viewing, photography,

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and general public recreation in a high quality environment;

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(3) allow other public uses of the area when compatible

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with the purposes specified in (1) and (2) of this section.

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Sec. 16.20.410. MANAGEMENT. (a) Management of the surface and

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subsurface estate of the Nelchina Public Use Area is the responsibil-

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ity of the Department of Natural Resources. After adequate public

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hearings the Department of Natural Resources shall develop and adopt

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and may revise a management plan for the Nelchina Public Use Area with

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the concurrence of the Department of Fish and Game.

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(b) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the

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management of fish and game resources and public use of fish and

1 wildlife in the Nelchina Public Use Area consistent with the purposes  
2 in (b) of this section.

3 (c) The Nelchina Public Use Area shall be open to mineral entry,  
4 under regulations the Department of Natural Resources may adopt to  
5 achieve the purposes specified in AS 16.20.400. Each valid existing  
6 mining lease and multiple land use permit shall remain valid and  
7 continue in full force and effect according to its terms.

8 (d) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned  
9 land within or abutting state-owned land described in AS 16.20.420 but  
10 may acquire privately owned land by purchase, exchange, or otherwise  
11 for inclusion in the Nelchina Public Use Area.

12 Sec. 16.20.420. NELCHINA PUBLIC USE AREA ESTABLISHED. The  
13 state-owned land and water, vacant and unappropriated, and all that  
14 acquired in the future by the state, lying within the boundaries  
15 described in this section, are designated as the Nelchina Public Use  
16 Area, are reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary  
17 function as public use lands, and are assigned to the Department of  
18 Natural Resources for control, development, and maintenance:

19 (1) Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian,  
20 Section 1  
21 Section 3, W1/2  
22 Sections 4 - 9  
23 Section 11, E1/2  
24 Sections 12 - 13  
25 Section 14, E1/2  
26 Sections 16 - 20  
27 Section 23, E1/2  
28 Sections 24 - 27  
29 Section 30;

- 1 (2) Township 21 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian,  
2 Sections 1 - 26  
3 Sections 29 - 30  
4 Section 33, S1/2  
5 Section 34, S1/2  
6 Sections 35 - 36;  
7 (3) Township 21 North, Range 8 East Seward Meridian;  
8 (4) Township 21 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;  
9 (5) Township 21 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;  
10 (6) Township 22 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian,  
11 Sections 1 - 22  
12 Sections 24 - 25  
13 Sections 27 - 34  
14 Section 36;  
15 (7) Township 22 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;  
16 (8) Township 22 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;  
17 (9) Township 22 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;  
18 (10) Township 22 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;  
19 (11) Township 22 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;  
20 (12) Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian,  
21 Sections 1 - 24  
22 Sections 27 - 34;  
23 (13) Township 23 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;  
24 (14) Township 23 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;  
25 (15) Township 23 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;  
26 (16) Township 23 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;  
27 (17) Township 23 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;  
28 (18) Township 23 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;  
29 (19) Township 23 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;

- 1 (20) Township 24 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;
- 2 (21) Township 24 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;
- 3 (22) Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;
- 4 (23) Township 24 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;
- 5 (24) Township 24 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;
- 6 (25) Township 24 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;
- 7 (26) Township 24 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;
- 8 (27) Township 25 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;
- 9 (28) Township 25 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;
- 10 (29) Township 25 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;
- 11 (30) Township 25 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;
- 12 (31) Township 25 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;
- 13 (32) Township 25 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;
- 14 (33) Township 25 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;
- 15 (34) Township 25 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;
- 16 (35) Township 25 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;
- 17 (36) Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian;
- 18 (37) Township 26 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;
- 19 (38) Township 26 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;
- 20 (39) Township 26 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;
- 21 (40) Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;
- 22 (41) Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;
- 23 (42) Township 26 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;
- 24 (43) Township 26 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;
- 25 (44) Township 26 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;
- 26 (45) Township 26 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;
- 27 (46) Township 27 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian;
- 28 (47) Township 27 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;
- 29 (48) Township 27 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;

- 1 (49) Township 27 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;
- 2 (50) Township 27 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;
- 3 (51) Township 27 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;
- 4 (52) Township 27 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;
- 5 (53) Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;
- 6 (54) Township 27 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;
- 7 (55) Township 27 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;
- 8 (56) Township 28 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian;
- 9 (57) Township 28 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;
- 10 (58) Township 28 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;
- 11 (59) Township 28 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;
- 12 (60) Township 28 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;
- 13 (61) Township 28 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;
- 14 (62) Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;
- 15 (63) Township 28 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;
- 16 (64) Township 28 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian;
- 17 (65) Township 28 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;
- 18 (66) Township 29 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian;
- 19 (67) Township 29 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;
- 20 (68) Township 29 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;
- 21 (69) Township 29 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;
- 22 (70) Township 29 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;
- 23 (71) Township 29 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;
- 24 (72) Township 29 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian;
- 25 (73) Township 29 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian;
- 26 (74) That portion of Township 29 North, Range 11 East,  
27 Seward Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;
- 28 (75) Township 29 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian;
- 29 (76) Township 30 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian;

- 1 (77) Township 30 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;  
2 (78) Township 30 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;  
3 (79) Township 30 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;  
4 (80) Township 30 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian;  
5 (81) Township 30 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian;  
6 (82) That portion of Township 30 North, Range 9 East, Seward  
7 Meridian, lying southeast of the Susitna River;  
8 (83) That portion of Township 20 North, Range 10 East,  
9 Seward Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
10 (84) That portion of Township 30 North, Range 11 East,  
11 Seward Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
12 (85) That portion of Township 30 North, Range 12 East,  
13 Seward Meridian, lying southeast of the Susitna River and south of the  
14 Tyone River;  
15 (86) That portion of Township 31 North, Range 3 East, Seward  
16 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
17 (87) That portion of Township 31 North, Range 4 East, Seward  
18 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
19 (88) Township 31 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;  
20 (89) Township 31 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;  
21 (90) That portion of Township 31 North, Range 7 East, Seward  
22 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
23 (91) That portion of Township 31 North, Range 8 East, Seward  
24 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
25 (92) That portion of Township 31 North, Range 9 East, Seward  
26 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
27 (93) That portion of Township 31 North, Range 10 East,  
28 Seward Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
29 (94) That portion of Township 32 North, Range 4 East, Seward

1 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
2 (95) That portion of Township 32 North, Range 5 East, Seward  
3 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
4 (96) That portion of Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Seward  
5 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
6 (97) That portion of Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Seward  
7 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;  
8 (98) Township 3 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
9 (99) Township 3 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;  
10 Sections 1 - 30  
11 Sections 33 - 34  
12 (100) Township 3 North, Range 11 West, Copper River Meridian;  
13 (101) Township 4 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
14 all sections except for portions of sections 20 and 29 described as  
15 John Lake Subdivision (ASLS-82-190) in the Spring 1983 State Land  
16 Disposal Brochure (Page 14);  
17 (102) Township 4 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;  
18 (103) Township 4 North, Range 11 West, Copper River Meridian;  
19 (104) Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian;  
20 (105) Township 5 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;  
21 (106) Township 6 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian;  
22 (107) Township 6 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;  
23 (108) Township 7 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian;  
24 (109) Township 7 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;  
25 (110) Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian;  
26 (111) Township 8 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;  
27 (112) That portion of Township 9 North, Range 9 West, Copper  
28 River Meridian, lying west of the Tyone River;  
29 (113) Township 9 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian;

- 1                   (114) That portion of Township 10 North, Range 9 West, Copper  
2                   River Meridian, lying southwest of the Tyone River;  
3                   (115) That portion of Township 10 North, Range 10 West,  
4                   Copper River Meridian, lying south of the Tyone River.