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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 105 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Palmer Hay Flats State Game
7 Refuge; and providing for an effective date."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section 1. The legislature determines that wetlands important to the
10 protection of waterfowl and salmon in the Spring Creek area lie outside of
11 the boundaries of the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. The Spring Creek
12 area also provides one of the major public access points to the hay flats
13 although the land is privately owned. The legislature therefore determines
14 that it is in the public interest to protect the Spring Creek wetlands
15 through extension of the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge under this Act.
16 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20.032(a) is amended to read:
17 (a) The following state-owned land and water is established as
18 the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge:
19 (1) Township 16 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian
20 Sections 1 - 12 inclusive
21 Section 13: N1/2
22 Sections 14 - 18 inclusive
23 (2) Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian
24 Section 25: All
25 Section 26: S1/2, S1/2N1/2, N1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4
26 Section 27: S1/2, SE1/4NE1/4
27 Section 31: Lot 4, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4,
28 S1/2SW1/4NE1/4
29 Section 32: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NE1/4,

1 SE1/4NW1/4
2 Section 33: All
3 Section 34: All
4 Section 35: All
5 Section 36: All
6 (3) Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
7 Section 22:
8 excluding NW1/4NW1/4
9 excluding NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4
10 excluding N1/2NE1/4NW1/4
11 Section 27:
12 excluding S1/2S1/2
13 Section 28: N1/2SE1/4
14 Section 31: Lots 5, 7, 8, 9, 10
15 Section 32: NE1/4
16 Section 33: SW1/4NW1/4, including all state tide
17 and submerged land
18 (4) Township 16 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
19 Section 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9: All
20 Section 17: N1/2
21 Section 18: N1/2
22 All state tide and submerged land
23 (5) Township 16 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
24 Section 2: Portion lying west of the Alaska
25 Railroad
26 Section 3: Lot 1, excluding portions lying east
27 of the Alaska Railroad centerline, Lots, 2, 3,
28 4, 5, 6, NW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4
29 Section 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and portions

1 lying west of the Alaska Railroad
2 Section 15: All state land lying north of the
3 south bank of the Knik River and west of the
4 Alaska Railroad
5 Section 16: All state land lying north of the
6 south bank of the Knik River

7 * Sec. 3. The commissioner of natural resources shall include land
8 acquired from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in the Palmer Hay Flats State
9 Game Refuge established under AS 16.20.032.

10 * Sec. 4. (a) The commissioner of natural resources may dispose of
11 state land located within the Matanuska-Susitna borough in exchange for
12 privately owned land determined desirable for inclusion in the Palmer Hay
13 Flats State Game Refuge. The commissioner of natural resources may also
14 offer to purchase at fair market value from willing sellers privately owned
15 land determined desirable for inclusion in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game
16 Refuge.

17 (b) An offer made by the commissioner of natural resources under this
18 section for a purchase or exchange that remains unaccepted for two years
19 after tender is withdrawn.

20 (c) An exchange or purchase authorized under (a) of this section
21 shall be accomplished under AS 38.50.

22 (d) The commissioner of natural resources shall include land acquired
23 under this section in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge established
24 under AS 16.20.032.

25 * Sec. 5. This Act does not prohibit expansion or improvement to the
26 Glenn Highway or the Parks Highway, the potential Wasilla Bypass, or the
27 construction of the interchange at the Parks and Glenn Highways.

28 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
29 10.070(c).