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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 105 (Finance)
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. AS 16.20.032 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) of this section, the
9 land described in this subsection is excluded from the Palmer Hay
10 Flats State Game Refuge established under (a) of this section for the
11 establishment of a transportation and utility corridor. Land within
12 the transportation and utility corridor that is determined by the
13 commissioner of transportation and public facilities to be unnecessary
14 for future transportation or utility corridors becomes a part of the
15 Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. The commissioner of transporta-
16 tion and public facilities is directed to develop access points to the
17 Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge at the Knik River Bridge and to
18 Rabbit Slough during future development of state highways in the area.
19 The land that is excluded from the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge
20 under this subsection is described as

21 Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
22 Section 22: SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4
23 Section 27: a corridor 300 feet on either side of the
24 existing highway centerline

25 * Sec. 4. The commissioner of natural resources shall include land
26 acquired from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in the Palmer Hay Flats State
27 Game Refuge established under AS 16.20.032.

28 * Sec. 5. (a) The commissioner of natural resources may dispose of
29 state land located within the Matanuska-Susitna borough in exchange for

1 privately owned land determined desirable for inclusion in the Palmer Hay
2 Flats State Game Refuge. The commissioner of natural resources may also
3 offer to purchase at fair market value from willing sellers privately owned
4 land determined desirable for inclusion in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game
5 Refuge.

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8 after tender is withdrawn.

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

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

14 * Sec. 6. The addition of land to the Palmer Hay Flats State Game
15 Refuge under secs. 2 and 4 - 5 of this Act may not be an occasion for the
16 delay in or prohibition of the expansion or improvement of the Glenn High-
17 way, the Parks Highway, or the Wasilla Bypass, or the construction of the
18 interchange at the Parks and the Glenn Highways, nor may it restrict the
19 present or future use of land retained by an owner of land under sec. 5 of
20 this Act.

21 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
22 10.070(c).