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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CS FOR 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 Sections 33 - 36
 3 [SECTION 33: ALL
 4 SECTION 34: ALL
 5 SECTION 35: ALL
 6 SECTION 36: ALL]
 7 (3) Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
 8 Section 19: Lots 3 and 4, E1/2SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4
 9 Section 22:
 10 excluding NW1/4NW1/4
 11 excluding N1/2NE1/4NW1/4
 12 excluding NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4
 13 Section 25: Lots 1 - 6, NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, N1/2-
 14 SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4
 15 Section 26: SE1/4NE1/4, S1/2
 16 Section 27: Lot 1, N1/2, N1/2S1/2, SE1/4SW1/4,
 17 S1/2SE1/4
 18 Section 28: Lots 1 - 2, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4,
 19 S1/2SW1/4
 20 Section 30: Lots 1 - 4, E1/2, E1/2W1/2
 21 Section 31: Lots 1 - 10, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4,
 22 N1/2NE1/4 [LOTS 5, 7, 8, 9, 10]
 23 Section 32: Lots 3 - 7, NE1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, NE1/4-
 24 SE1/4
 25 Section 33: Lots 5 - 9, S1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4,
 26 including all state tide and submerged land
 27 Section 34: Lots 1 - 3, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, E1/2
 28 Section 35: Lots 1 - 5, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4-
 29 SW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

1 Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. The commissioner of transporta-
2 tion and public facilities is directed to provide access to the Palmer
3 Hay Flats State Game Refuge during future development of state
4 highways in the area. The land that is excluded from the Palmer Hay
5 Flats State Game Refuge under this subsection is described as

6 Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

7 Section 22: SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, S1/2-
8 NE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

9 Sections 27 and 34: a corridor 300 feet on either side
10 of the existing highway centerline

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

14 * Sec. 5. (a) The commissioner of natural resources may exchange
15 state land located within the Matanuska-Susitna borough for privately owned
16 land determined desirable for inclusion in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game
17 Refuge. The commissioner of natural resources may also offer to purchase
18 at fair market value from willing sellers privately owned land determined
19 desirable for inclusion in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.

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

23 (c) An exchange or purchase authorized under (a) of this section
24 shall be accomplished under AS 38.05 or AS 38.50.

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

28 * Sec. 6. The addition of land to the Palmer Hay Flats State Game
29 Refuge under secs. 2 and 4 - 5 of this Act may not be an occasion for the

1 delay in or prohibition of the expansion or improvement of the Glenn
2 Highway, the Parks Highway, or the Wasilla Bypass, or the construction of
3 the interchange at the Parks and the Glenn Highways, nor may it restrict
4 the present or future use of land retained by an owner of land under sec. 5
5 of this Act.

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