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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55 (C&RA)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Minto Flats State Game

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Refuge; and providing for an effective date."

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

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* Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 16.20.037. MINTO FLATS STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The follow-

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ing state-owned land and water is established as the Minto Flats State

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Game Refuge:

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(1) Township 1 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian

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Sections 2 - 11

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Sections 14 - 23

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Sections 26 - 34

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(2) Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian

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Sections 1 - 36

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(3) Township 1 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian

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Sections 1 - 16

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Sections 21 - 28

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Section 35: E1/2

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Section 36

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(4) Township 1 North, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian

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Sections 1 - 12

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(5) Township 1 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian

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Sections 1 - 12

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(6) Township 1 North, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian

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Sections 1 - 4

1 Sections 8 - 17
 2 Sections 20 - 29
 3 (7) Township 2 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 4 Sections 1 - 36
 5 (8) Township 2 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 6 Sections 1 - 36
 7 (9) Township 2 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 8 Sections 1 - 36
 9 (10) Township 2 North, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 10 Sections 1 - 36
 11 (11) Township 2 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 12 Section 3
 13 Sections 8 - 10
 14 Section 11: S1/2N1/2, S1/2
 15 Section 12: S1/2N1/2, S1/2
 16 Sections 13 - 36
 17 (12) Township 2 North, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 18 Sections 13 - 15
 19 Sections 22 - 27
 20 Sections 34 - 36
 21 (13) Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 22 Sections 13 - 36
 23 (14) Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 24 Sections 6 - 8
 25 Section 9: S1/2S1/2
 26 Sections 13 - 36
 27 (15) Township 3 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 28 Section 1
 29 Sections 5 - 10

1 Sections 14 - 23
 2 Sections 25 - 36
 3 (16) Township 3 North, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 4 Section 24: S1/2
 5 Section 25
 6 Sections 33 - 36
 7 (17) Township 3 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 8 Sections 34 - 35
 9 (18) Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 10 Sections 2 - 9
 11 Sections 16 - 21
 12 (19) Township 4 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 13 Sections 1 - 4
 14 Section 5: S1/2
 15 Section 6: S1/2
 16 Sections 7 - 24
 17 Sections 30 - 31
 18 (20) Township 4 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 19 Sections 10 - 15
 20 Sections 22 - 27
 21 Sections 30 - 31
 22 Sections 35 - 36
 23 (21) Township 5 North, Range 5 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 24 Section 6: W1/2
 25 Section 7: W1/2
 26 Section 18: W1/2
 27 (22) Township 5 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 28 Sections 1 - 3
 29 Section 4: SE1/4

1 Section 9: E1/2
 2 Sections 10 - 15
 3 Section 16: E1/2, SW1/4
 4 Section 20: S1/2
 5 Sections 21 - 29
 6 Sections 31 - 36
 7 (23) Township 5 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 8 Section 35: SE1/4
 9 Section 36: S1/2
 10 (24) Township 1 South, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 11 Sections 5 - 8
 12 Sections 17 - 20
 13 Sections 29 - 31
 14 (25) Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 15 Sections 1 - 36
 16 (26) Township 1 South, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 17 Sections 1 - 2
 18 Sections 11 - 14
 19 Sections 23 - 26
 20 Sections 35 - 36
 21 (27) Township 1 South, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 22 Sections 1 - 36
 23 (28) Township 1 South, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 24 Sections 7 - 36
 25 (29) Township 1 South, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 26 Sections 25 - 26
 27 Sections 35 - 36
 28 (30) Township 2 South, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 29 Section 6: S1/2NW1/4, S1/2

1 Section 7: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad
2 right-of-way
3 Section 18: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad
4 right-of-way
5 Section 19: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad
6 right-of-way
7 (31) Township 2 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
8 Sections 1 - 12
9 Section 13: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4,
10 SE1/4
11 Section 14: W1/2
12 Sections 15 - 22
13 Section 23: W1/2
14 Section 24: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad
15 right-of-way
16 Section 27: NW1/4
17 Sections 28 - 32
18 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4
19 (32) Township 2 South, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
20 Section 1
21 Sections 12 - 13
22 Sections 24 - 25
23 Section 36
24 (33) Township 2 South, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian
25 Sections 1 - 12
26 Section 17: W1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
27 Section 18
28 Section 19: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
29 (34) Township 2 South, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian

1 Sections 1 - 20
 2 Section 21: NE1/4, W1/2
 3 Section 22: NW1/4
 4 Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
 5 Sections 29 - 31
 6 (35) Township 2 South, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 7 Sections 1 - 5
 8 Sections 7 - 36
 9 (36) Township 2 South, Range 12 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 10 Sections 25 - 26
 11 Sections 35 - 36
 12 (37) Township 3 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 13 Section 5: N1/2NE1/4, W1/2
 14 Sections 6 - 7
 15 Section 18: NE1/4, W1/2, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4
 16 (38) Township 3 South, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 17 Section 1
 18 Section 12
 19 Section 13
 20 Section 22: NE1/4 (that portion above the ordinary
 21 high water mark right bank Tanana River)
 22 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4
 23 Section 24: N1/2, SW1/4
 24 Section 25: NW1/4
 25 (39) Township 3 South, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian
 26 Sections 2 - 10
 27 Section 11: N1/2
 28 Section 14: SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4
 29 Sections 15 - 21

1 Section 22: NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4
2 Section 23: NW1/4
3 Section 27: W1/2NE1/4, NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4
4 Sections 28 - 31
5 Section 32: NE1/4, NW1/4, SE1/4
6 Section 33: W1/2
7 (40) Township 3 South, Range 12 West, Fairbanks Meridian
8 Sections 1 - 2
9 Sections 11 - 14
10 Sections 23 - 26
11 Sections 35 - 36
12 (b) The Minto Flats State Game Refuge is established to guaran-
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14 (1) the protection and enhancement of habitat;
15 (2) the conservation of fish and wildlife; and
16 (3) the continuation of hunting, fishing, trapping and
17 other uses compatible with the protection of habitat and the conserva-
18 tion of fish and wildlife.
19 (c) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned
20 land within the Minto Flats State Game Refuge, but may acquire pri-
21 vately owned land by purchase, exchange, or otherwise for inclusion in
22 the Minto Flats State Game Refuge.
23 (d) Public access to the Minto Flats State Game Refuge by means
24 of horse, boat, aircraft, dog team, snowmachine, or other means con-
25 sistent with (b) of this section may not be prohibited.
26 (e) Reasonable ingress to and egress from private property
27 within the Minto Flats State Game Refuge shall be guaranteed through
28 access corridors established through agreement between the Department
29 of Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, and the private

1 property owners involved.

2 (f) The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of
3 Natural Resources shall exercise their respective authorities over the
4 Minto Flats State Game Refuge consistent with a management plan pre-
5 pared by the Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the
6 Department of Natural Resources.

7 (g) In the Minto Flats State Game Refuge management plan the
8 commissioner of fish and game shall recognize the existence of his-
9 toric trails and shall provide access across the refuge to the extent
10 consistent with (b) of this section.

11 (h) Land and water within the Minto Flats State Game Refuge that
12 is closed to mineral entry by the commissioner of natural resources
13 under the Tanana Basin management plan is closed to mineral entry
14 under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275. In the Minto Flats State Game Refuge
15 management plan, the commissioner of fish and game shall recommend to
16 the commissioner of natural resources which other portions of the
17 refuge, if any, should be closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185
18 38.05.275.

19 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).